



**Village of Southern View**

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# Village of Southern View

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## SOUTHERN VIEW NEWS



### 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 remainder meetings for 2026 are as follows:

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



### 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 1st & 2nd, 2026 starting at 8:00 am.

### NO CURBSIDE JUNK PICKUP THIS YEAR

The Village will be making an important change to our annual cleanup process. Instead of the traditional curbside junk pickup, we will be providing large dumpsters for residents to use during a designated Spring Drop Off Weekend. This update follows the example of several neighboring municipalities that have already switched to a drop off model.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we transition to this improved system.

### Drop Off Dates & Times

Location: Public Works Area

- Saturday, May 2, 2026 - 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- Sunday, May 3, 2026 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Please remember to bring proof of residency. This service is for Village residents only.

### What to Bring

Residents may bring unwanted items and place them directly into the provided dumpsters. All items must be contained in one of the following:

- Bag
- Box
- Carton
- Any other suitable container

### Items Not Accepted

Per guidelines from the Sangamon Valley Landfill, the dumpsters cannot accept:

- Household garbage
- Yard or landscape waste
- Radioactive materials
- Electronics, televisions, and appliances
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Hazardous waste
- Paint, bulk liquids, waste oil
- Medical or hospital waste
- Materials containing PCBs
- Tires and batteries
- Flammable, volatile, or explosive materials
- Septic tank waste
- Ammunition

If you have any of these restricted items, you will need to arrange separate disposal.

### Special Note: Mattresses & Box Springs

The Village will accept mattresses and box springs only if sealed in a bag, with one item per bag.

### Questions?

For any concerns or clarification, please contact Janie at the Village Office: 217 529 3352

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### 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  
*Request a Southern View Officer*

City Water Light and Power  
217-789-2121 (electric)  
217-789-2323 ext 2 (water)

Ameren Illinois  
800-755-5000

**Locate our social media presence at**  
www.southernview.us  
facebook.com/villageofsouthernview

## 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!

## 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.

## DANCE IN THE PARK

Join licensed WERQ instructor Cari Piper for a weekly workout in the park! Tentative start date is April 2, 2026, weather permitting (rain cancels).

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.

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 WERQfitness.com or join WERQinthe217 on Facebook.

## 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



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



## 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, 9a.m. – 4p.m. or by scheduling service online at habitatsangamon.vonigo.com/external/.

## SOUTHERN VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE – 2026 EVENTS

The Southern View Neighborhood Watch Committee has scheduled the following 2026 events. For additional information or to inquire about becoming a Block Captain, please email NeighborhoodWatchsv@gmail.com.

- April 11 (Sat), 10 a.m.–4 p.m.: 3rd Annual Spring Fling & Car Cruise-In at the Southern View Park. Vendors, food, face painting, and entertainment. Free event.
- April 16: Texas Roadhouse Dine-to-Donate Fundraiser. Place your receipt in the fundraiser box at the entrance; a portion of proceeds will support SVNW.
- June 10 (Wed), 4–7 p.m.: 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner at the SV Municipal Building. Includes salad, entrée, dessert, and drink for \$5.00. A 50/50 raffle will be held. Carry out and limited delivery available.
- October 17 (Sat), 3:30–5:30 p.m.: 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat at Southern View Park. Free event.
- December 5 (Sat), 11 a.m.–2 p.m.: Christmas Lunch with Santa at the SV Municipal Building. Food and beverages provided. Make sure to come have lunch or cookies with Santa. Free event.

## MOSQUITOS

The more each resident can do to stop the spread of mosquitos 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 mosquitoes by a few simple preventive measures at home. 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.).

## 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.

## 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.

### VILLAGE IMPORTANT DATES

April 18th, 2026	Microchip Clinic
May 1st & 2nd 2026	Village Wide Garage Sales
May 2nd & 3rd, 2026	Spring Drop Off
June 20th, 2026	Cops n Bobbers
August 4th, 2026	National Night Out

## COPS N BOBBERS

**June 20, 2026** - 9:00am until 12:00pm 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. Download the registration form under documents/forms above and send in to the Police Department.

## 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.

## 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!



## 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.



## LAND OF LINCOLN HONOR FLIGHTS

The mission of Land of Lincoln Honor Flight is to celebrate America's World War II, Korean Era and Vietnam Era veterans by inviting them to share a day of honor at our nation's

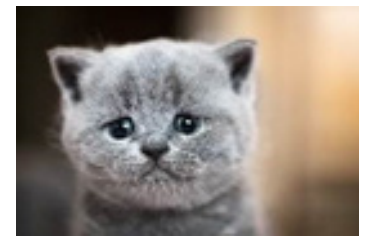
memorials in Washington DC. This day of honor is provided absolutely free of charge to our veterans.

We offer one-day flights departing from Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport (Springfield) to Reagan National Airport in Washington DC. Venues visited include the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, the Lincoln Memorial, the US Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima), the US Air Force Memorial, the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Virginia and Arlington National Cemetery for the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight serves a territory of approximately 25,000 square miles. Included in this area are the key central and southern Illinois cities of Bloomington-Normal, Urbana-Champaign, Decatur, Alton, Carlinville, Clinton, Danville, Effingham, Havana, Jerseyville, Lincoln, Litchfield, Mattoon, Rantoul and Springfield as well as surrounding areas. For information on the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, contact them directly at 1523 S Willemore Ave; Springfield, IL 62704. 217-652-4719; [jmb4604@aol.com](mailto:jmb4604@aol.com)

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Southern View Police Department will be hosting the annual National Night Out on August 4, 2026. The Police Department and the help of the volunteers will work for a successful night out for Village residents. Mark your calendars now for this event, you won't want to miss it!



## MICROCHIP CLINIC

The Southern View Police Department, Village of Southern View, Capital Illini Veterinary Services and Sangamon County Animal Control want to provide your pet with a free microchip and register them for you so if your pet does get out, the police department, who received a donated microchip reader, can scan your pet and return them to you at no charge.

If you are needing your pet microchipped this is a perfect opportunity to bring your pet to the event and have a microchip implanted by an approved technician. If your pets are not microchipped and they get out, unless you find them, they may be picked up by Sangamon County Animal Control where they will charge fees including a microchip for your pet.

**The event will take place at the West Pavilion 400 Cruikshank Drive on Saturday April 18th, 2026, from 9 am to Noon or until all pets are chipped. Dogs and Cats welcome. You MUST register each Pet and show proof of residency, or you will be charged a fee of \$25 per pet. You can pick up the registration form at the Village Hall or on the Village website. [www.southernview.us](http://www.southernview.us).**

**All registration forms are Due Monday April 13th, 2026, You can drop them off at the Village Hall (9am-1pm) or the Police Department anytime (call the number on the front door to meet an officer), Give them the registration form and show proof of your residency. Driver's License or any picture ID of your current address.**

## NOTARY SERVICES

If you are in need of a notary for any of your important documents, contact the Village Office at 217-529-3352 for arrangements.



## 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!