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MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The Village of Southern View Board meets once per month. The remainder meetings for 2025 are as follows:

September 23rd

October 28th

November 25th

December 16th

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

A NOTE 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.

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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

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.



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. Public Works will not go on private property to collect your limbs, please move them to the easement for disposal.

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!



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.

Public Works will not go on private property to remove your leaves, please move them to the easement for disposal.

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, 2025 to January 12th, 2026. The last day the Public Works Crew will make only one trip on January 12th, 2026, to pick up the remaining real trees, make sure you have yours out by 7 am on that day.



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!

REMEMBER TO SHOP THESE LOCAL BUSINESSES :

AUTOMOTIVE

Thorntons
Apple Lube
Accessories Unlimited

BANKS

Heartland Credit Union
INB

BARS

Curve Inn
Jamie’s Route 66
Bald Buddha
Sunset Inn

BUSINESS

Baileys Hardwood
Brezie’s Roasted Beans
Central IL Construction
Blackwell Digital
Blackwell Spirits
RJC Rentals
LCS Langheim Concrete
Stults Scientific Engineering
Anderson Electric

CHURCHES

HOP Church
Unity Church
Grace Church

GAMING PARLORS

Elsa’s Ice Cream Shop
Vegas Lounge
Route 66 Hotel
Gaming Café
Jessie’s Gaming Room
Ruby's Hangout
Miss Kay’s
The Sixth Room

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Dollar General
Prairie House Custom Frames
Walgreen’s
Woodhouse

HAIR STYLISTS

Barber Shop
Hair Dimensions
Sela Rae s Beauty Lounge
Hair N Stuff

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Advantage Home Care
Peachy Nails
Sunless Escapes
Sky Massage
Hydration Spa
New You Body & Soul
Lucky Rabbit Body Art

HOTEL

Route 66 Hotel

PETS

Barkside of the Groom

RADIO

WCVS/WXAJ Radio Group

RESTAURANTS

New China
Cozy Dog
Arby's
Head West Sub Shop
Mother Road Diner

OUTREACH CENTERS

The Outlet

STORAGE UNITS

10 Federal Self Storage
Uhaul



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/.

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 3rd and 4th, 2025 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.



ATTN ALL VETERANS

The Village is planning its annual Veterans Day Meal on Veterans Day November 11, 2025. 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, 2025. 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.



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 18, 2025 Trunk or Treat from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the Southern View Park.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween Trick or Treating on Friday, October 31, 2025, from 4pm to 8pm. 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. They will also be raffling off two reusable, hand carved pumpkins for \$3 a ticket or \$5 for two tickets. Candy will be handed out to all. Mombie’s Madhouse is located at 34.21 S. Spring Street and will be open Halloween night during trick or treat hours.

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, & 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

MOSQUITOS

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 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.*).

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.

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.

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!



A positive path
for spiritual living

The Youth & Family Ministry
invites you to join us!
Spiritual Celebration
Sundays at 10 am

417 E. Cordelia, Southern View



Upcoming Family Fun Events!

Pet Blessing - October 4

Unity Art Show - October 25

Deck the Halls with Blessings - November 23

Advent Adventures begin - November 30



unityofspringfieldil.org

