

SOUTHERN VIEW BULLETIN

**TO BETTER INFORM THE
CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY**

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2008

COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2008

September 27, 2008 Southern View Fall
Picnic in Park
October 3 and 4, 2008 Fall Garage Sales
October 15, 2008 Picnic With the Sheriff

SOUTHERN VIEW FALL PICNIC IN THE PARK

The Annual Village Fall Picnic will be held on September 27, 2008. See the insert in this bulletin for further details.

FLU SHOTS

Sangamon County Health Department tells us that no date has been set for Flu Shots, although they will probably be some time in October. Since there is a chance the next bulletin will not be mailed before the shots are given, people interested in the date should watch the newspaper and/or contact the Sangamon County Dept. of Public Health.

FALL GARAGE SALES

Southern View Fall Village Garage Sales Dates have been set for Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4, 2008. An ad will be placed in the State Journal-Register announcing the event. The time in the ad will be beginning at 8 a.m. but of course individual residents can set their own time to start or end their sales. Now is the time to clear out unwanted items that could be just what another individual would like to have.

FALL CLEAN UP

The Fall Garage Sales Event will be followed by Fall Cleanup. Free pickup of discarded items begins on October 6, 2008.

Please read and heed the following rules and regulations regarding the pickup.

PICKUP RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All items should be placed at the curb for pickup.
 2. All appliance doors must be removed.
 3. All small items, such as tools, nuts, bolts, etc., should be in stable containers, definitely NOT in loose piles. We are aware that scavengers tend to dump these items out but it is still the resident who must be sure they are as required.
 4. All barrels, should be empty and crushed.
 5. Empty cartons should be broken down, bundled together and tied. Better yet, take them to the recycling depot over behind Kicks.
 6. Objects such as gutter, pipe, etc. cannot exceed 8 to 10 feet.
 7. All objects must be reduced to handling size.
 8. There will be one pickup per residence, and all collections are final. Please do not call for a special pickup if you are late getting the items to the curb. It is your responsibility to have them there at pickup time.
 9. THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP: GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES, TREE LIMBS, SHRUBS AND GARBAGE.
- Failure to comply with these rules can result in your items being left behind

NOTICE

IT IS AGAINST VILLAGE ORDINANCE TO BRING ANYTHING INTO THE VILLAGE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PICKUP. TO DO SO CAN RESULT IN A HEFTY FINE.

**THE VILLAGE OFFICE
AND GARAGE
WILL BE CLOSED ON**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2008
TO
CELEBRATE
LABOR DAY.**

**PLEASE NOTE:
THE VILLAGE DOES NOT:**

Pickup after you have a tree cut down. When you make arrangements with a tree trimmer you should also make arrangements to get rid of the debris.

BRANCH AND LIMB PICKUP

The Public Works Department Limb Pickup Program runs from April to October. The pickup starts on the first Monday of the month. We ask that you wait until the weekend before to put out limbs. A perpetual pile of limbs in front of your house does nothing for the looks of your property or the neighborhood.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

The village WILL collect:

Limbs or branches that have fallen from trees.

Limbs or branches that have been trimmed from trees and bushes as part of tree maintenance only.

Branches are to be no longer than six (6) feet in length; and no wider than four (4) inches in diameter.

Place branches (no twigs or lawn rakings) in a neat and orderly pile adjacent to the road (not in the ditch).

DO NOT fill the ditch with branches or anything else.

Have your branches, etc. out on time. Return trips are not made.

Failure to follow these rules can result in your material being left.

POOP AND SCOOP LAW

Ordinance 97-10-02, enacted in October of 1997, requires that pet owners be responsible for cleaning up the "droppings" left by their animals. This applies to all of the village, not just the park. If you walk your dog, you are to carry cleanup material to take care of the problem.

IF YOU NEED A POLICE OFFICER CALL 753-6666 (SHERIFF'S DISPATCH) AND ASK FOR THE SOUTHERN VIEW OFFICER TO CONTACT YOU.

FOOD PANTRY

The Springfield Church of Christ at 4th and St. Joseph Street has a food pantry for the needy. Please remember to donate to this needed project. Either food or money is accepted.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following permits have been issued:

Mike Knauer 3240 S. Second St Fence
Bill Coffinbarger 420 E. Cordelia
Room addition, patio cover & dormer
John Rodems 3160 S. Third St.
Addition to house, 2 car garage & deck
Joyce Cox 3206 S. Spring St.
Privacy Fence
Sam Montalbano 3228 S. Fifth St.
New steps and porch railing
St. Joseph Home 3306 S. 6th St. Road
Addition to home
Pansy Smith 3142 S. 2nd.
Demolition of Shed
Brian Young 3241 Carman
Asphalt Driveway
Ron DeLong 3360 S. 2nd St.
Demolition of House
Al Tribuzzi 3216 S. 3rd St.
Outside Door
Joe Anderson 2833 S. 3rd St.
Pool, Deck Fence, Hot Tub
Kevin Elmore 2925 S. 3rd. St.
Add-on to existing garage
Roy Brown 3118 Carman
Fence and Gates
Steve Martin 3424 S. 4th Fence
Virgil Bryan 115 Aarup St.
Rail Fence & Awnings

KEEP YOUR DITCHES CLEAR OF ALL DEBRIS

Drainage is a real problem in the village. If you allow your ditches to accumulate leaves or other debris it is going to inhibit drainage. Please take care of your ditches for the good of everyone.

WHO IS AT YOUR DOOR?

A recent incident here in the village has made us all realize that caution should be used when you allow strangers to enter your home.

An elderly couple was enjoying an afternoon of TV recently when the door bell rang. The gentleman of the house answered the door to find a man there who said he was from CWLP and he needed to check the water for quality since they had been working down the street. He was allowed to enter. He asked that they turn on all the water in the bathroom. While the owner was distracted by the first man, another man slipped in the back door. He was thwarted by the fact the lady of the house was sitting in the living room. When a check to CWLP was done, it was learned that these men were not from CWLP and had used that excuse for entry into the house. This emphasizes to all of us to be careful. When a utility company asks for entrance, always ask for identification and/or call the company to verify their need for entrance.

Always take time to check before allowing any stranger into your home.

IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft is a serious modern day crime. This happens when your personal information is stolen and used without your knowledge to commit fraud or other crimes. It can cost you time and money. It can destroy your credit and ruin your reputation.

Safeguard your information:

--Shred all financial documents and paperwork with personal information.

--Protect your Social Security number. Don't carry your SS Card in your wallet. Don't have it printed on checks. Do not give it out unless it is absolutely necessary. Use another identification.

--Do not give personal information on the phone, through the mail or over Internet unless you are sure who you are dealing with and then with caution.

--Never click on unsolicited email. Use firewalls, anti-spyware, and anti-virus software to protect your computer.

Visit OnGuardOnline.gov for more information.

--Don't use obvious passwords, be more inventive in order to thwart a thief.

--Keep personal information in a secure place at home.

Be alert to signs that require your attention:

--Bills that do not arrive on time

--Unexpected credit card or account statements.

--Denials of credit for no apparent reason

--Calls or letter regarding purchases you did not make.

Check your credit report.

A free copy of your credit report can be obtained each year if you ask for it.

Visit www.AnnualCreditReport.com or call 1-877-322-8228 to order your free report. You can also write to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

BE THANKFUL FOR GOOD NEIGHBORS

Quite often we have incidents occur that should make the rest of us sit up and give thanks that we have nice thoughtful neighbors.

Everyone should be considerate of the needs and feelings of their neighbors. Please do not do vindictive acts that encroach upon the rights or property of other people.

We would ask that every one consider those who live around them. Life would be easier for everyone.

And, to think, I gripe some times when I have to go out to the edge of the road to pick up a soda can thrown from a passing car.

SHOEBOXES FOR SOLDIERS

If you have empty shoeboxes you can spare, a group of people who send boxes of supplies to soldiers in Iraq use them for that purposes.

We will accept the boxes here at the village office, should you be willing to give.

If you have questions, please feel free to call the village office at 529-3352.

FOR SALE: K9 SHIRTS \$10.00 EACH

**JULY 4, 2008
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**

Once again, weather did not deter the residents of Southern View from attending and participating in our Fourth Annual Flag Raising Ceremony. Approximately one hundred residents braved rain, wind, and cold temperatures to show appreciation for our nation's Independence Day. Trustee Janie Stanley introduced this year's speaker Wes Barr, a sergeant with the Sangamon County Sheriff's Department, Springfield's 2007 First Citizen of the Year recipient, and coordinator of the annual Toys for Tots Christmas program. Wes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and then gave an eloquent rendition of I Am The Flag. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Northenders Post 10302 Color Guard led by Commander Ken Crotchett performed the flag ceremony with dignity and respect. Trustee Stanley acknowledged the presence of Veterans from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and our country's current oversea battle. Thank you to the Mangiaracina family for their annual flag and flower donation, to the village park crew Ernie Kurtz and Mark Claycomb for all their hard work getting the park ready and to volunteers Brady Dhom, Jan Gray, Mary McClintock, Gail Rister, Louise Seaver, Jacob Stanley, Kan Van Fossan and Matthew Weaver.

**VILLAGE OF SOUTHERN VIEW
DEDICATES PAVILION**

Although many people participated in the building of the park—from Jack McDonald, former village president, who was instrumental in obtaining the land; to the village employees who built the shelters; the ladies in the office who spent many hours on accounting for the grant; the park employees who continue to work diligently to maintain the park and the many volunteers who have lovingly given of their time, it was Howard Martin, former village president who expended the most time and effort over several years to bring the park to completion. The results of his spearheading the entire project and his efforts abide with all of us. On July 4, 2008, Trustee Janie Stanley officially dedicated

the center park pavilion the Martin Pavilion in honor of Howard's endeavors and thanked him for the gift of his time and efforts. A plaque was presented to Howard simulating the permanent plaque to show our sincere gratitude. The dedication was attended by many residents and family and friends of the Martin family.

POOL PARTY

The Southern View Police Department is sponsoring a Pool Party for the children of Southern View on Sunday, August 24, 2008, at Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center Pool.

**Date: Sunday, August 24, 2008
Time: 1 to 5 P.M. (No Rain Date)
Location: Route 66 Hotel Pool
625 East St. Joseph. St.**

Hot Dogs, Chips, and Drinks will be provided. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend and have fun with their children.

**Chief Taraba will be Chef
(Does that make him Chief Chef
Or Chef Chief?)**



BREAKFAST BUFFET SPECIAL

**WHEN: SUNDAY – AUGUST 24, 2008
WHERE: FILLING STATION RESTAURANT
ROUTE 66 HOTEL
TIME: 7 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
PAY FOR THREE @ \$6.95, THE FOURTH
BREAKFAST IS FREE**

your block captain or the Neighborhood Watch Committee.

October 15, 2008, Neighborhood Watch is hosting Picnic With The Sheriff in the Southern View Community Park. Sheriff Neil Williamson will serve hot dogs and soda; covered dishes are welcome. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Additional upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, September 16, 2008 – At Southern View Community Park

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 - At Springfield Church of Christ

If you have an idea for future programs, would like more information about past programs, or would like to become involved in Neighborhood Watch, feel free to contact the Neighborhood Watch Committee. Please help us show all who enter our village, we are watching out for our friends and neighbors.

Neighborhood Watch Committee:

**Adam Pallai Jim Sullivan Kay Van Fossan
529-45540 890-4657 899-636**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

On Tuesday, July 22, Neighborhood Watch sponsored a Disaster Preparedness Program in the Community Park. The event was presented by the American Red Cross and included tips to endure various disasters from earthquakes and tornados to home fires and thunderstorms. Three basic steps given in the program to prepare for all disaster are:

- Get a disaster kit**
- Make a Plan**
- Be Informed**

To find more information on these three steps or what to do in the event of an emergency, contact your block captain or the Southern View Neighborhood Watch Committee for a copy of the handouts. We would like to thank the more than fifty people who attended and to encourage everyone to attend future events. Possible future topics are identity theft and home security.

Additional Neighborhood Watch window stickers were distributed at the July 22 meeting. If you do not have a window sticker and would like one, please contact your block captain or Adam Pallai at 529-4554.

Neighborhood Watch signs have been purchased and are being put up around the village. The first priority is the entrances to the Village as well as replacing the existing worn Neighborhood Watch signs that were already up throughout the village. If you have a location for the placement of these signs, feel free to contact