

SOUTHERN VIEW BULLETIN

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

DECEMBER 2008/JANUARY 2009

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meeting Schedules for the President and Board of Trustees for 2009

January 12, 2009	July 13, 2009
February 9, 2009	August 10, 2009
March 9, 2009	September 14, 2009
April 13, 2009	October 12, 2009
May 11, 2009	November 9, 2009
June 8, 2009	December 14, 2009

VILLAGE HOLIDAY CLOSING 2009

The Village Office and Garage will be closed on the following days:

January 1, 2009	New Year's Day
January 19, 2009	Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
February 16, 2009	President's Day
May 25, 2009	Memorial Day
July 6, 2009	Independence Day
September 7, 2009	Labor Day
November 11, 2009	Veteran's Day
November 26, 2009	Thanksgiving Day
November 27, 2009	Day After Thanksgiving Day
December 25, 2009	Christmas Day

THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 P.M. AT ROUTE 66 HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER.

SNOW REMOVAL

Snow season is approaching fast. As we all know the weather in Illinois can change quickly. In order to keep our streets in the best condition possible during snowy weather, the Public Works Department asks that you remove vehicles from the street during snow removal. The snow plow can do a better job clearing streets when cars are not there to obstruct the plow. If vehicles are left on the streets do not be surprised to find a snow buildup around them, once the plow goes by.

FALL LEAF VACUUMING PROJECT

We appreciate the residents of the Village who take advantage of the annual leaf vacuuming program. The Public Works Department spent several weeks vacuuming leaves. Thanks to their hard work and dedication, a great many leaves have been disposed of without the menace of smoke. We encourage all residents to take advantage of this yearly project rather than burning, to save the environment.

The burning of yard waste is a privilege allowed by Ordinance No. 97-04-01. If you have questions, refer to the yellow burn card which was included with the October-November Bulletin or call the village office from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday. This ordinance allows only yard waste to be burned. Violations of this ordinance can result in a fine of not less than \$250.00 or more than \$500.00. Burning barrels are illegal. Also, as always, a few people put their leaves in bags rather than raked to the curve. If they are in bags, you will need to place a sticker on them so your waste hauler can dispose of them.

PLEASE NOTE: BE SURE THERE ARE NO STICKS OR LOGS MIXED WITH THE LEAVES. THESE DAMAGE THE VACUUM AND CAN PUT IT OUT OF COMMISSION FOR A WEEK OR TWO AT A MOST CRUCIAL TIME.

CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

Limb Pickup is suspended until next Spring, but there will be a Christmas Tree Pickup. After you have removed all the tinsel and other finery from your tree, place it at the edge of the road. The Public Works crew will pickup trees after Christmas through January 15, 2009.

\$\$\$\$ DOGS RUNNING LOOSE \$\$\$\$

The issue of residents allowing their dogs to run loose seems to be increasing. Please be advised this is not an inexpensive incident. Should your dog be impounded by the County, you must first come to the village office to get a receipt before the county releases them. The cost at the village office for impoundment is \$100.00 for the first time, \$150.00 for the second offense, and \$200.00 for each offense thereafter. This is in addition to any charges at the Sangamon County Pound.

ALSO-----Clean up after your dog.

This is an ordinance, not only in the park but throughout the village. It's your animal and other residents should not have to clean up after it.

LIGHTS ON BIKES

Illinois State Law requires that a bicycle ridden at night must have lights. Due to an incident recently, the Southern View Police Department is making a concerted effort to see that this ordinance is enforced. Should your youngster or yourself be riding at night without proper lights, do not be surprised to find the police officer on duty stopping you.

BULLETIN ADDRESSES

We have been endeavoring to update and streamline our mailing address system for the bulletin. If you know of anyone who is not receiving the bulletin, we would greatly appreciate a call or a note so we can correct our mailing list.

**THE VILLAGE OFFICE AND GARAGE
WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2008 TO
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS DAY**

HOLIDAY CRIME ALERT

Sadly, the Holidays are a prime time for home burglaries and thefts. Lock your house and your car when you are not in attendance. Anything left outside, even for a few minutes, can be taken. Christmas shopping can be an especially vulnerable time. Put any purchases in your trunk or, at the very least, cover with a blanket or such.

IMPORTANT DATE INFORMATION FOR CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

Three positions for Trustee are up for election in the Consolidated Election to be held April 7, 2009.

Candidate packets are available at the village office to those interested in running for these positions.

Filing for placement on the ballot will begin on December 8, 2008 and end on December 15, 2008. .

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

-Martha Kurtz

I keep a book of memories of Christmas Times, I've known.

And every year at Christmas Time, I see how much it's grown.

I see us gathered all around with piano and guitar,

With family, friends, and other guests we sing
About the Star.

The wondrous star of Bethlehem is always hovering there;

The vision of that holy birth brings joy beyond compare.

I dream of decorations, trees, and such and yes, a joy they are.

But none of them can take the place of that precious guiding Star.

1970-1980 REUNION

Did you or someone you know live in Southern View during the 1970-1980's? If so, you will want to attend the first annual reunion at the Southern View Park on September 19, 2009; this will be a family event. If you are still in contact with anyone from that era and they do not live here please tell them about this. We think it is going to be fun to see all the people from then.

We are still formulating the details but have picked a date and want to get the word out. We have set up an e-mail account for us to help communicate. If you want to be put on the distribution list, send an e-mail to southernview@ymail.com. We will be sending out more information as it becomes available. If anyone is interested in helping please make note of it on your e-mail. If you do not have e-mail you can call 217-313-5588 in the evening.

(Sent to the editor by Jay Hardy)

CHRISTMAS AT UNITY CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD IN SOUTHERN VIEW

Everyone is invited to join Unity Church of Springfield for their celebration of this very special time of the year. On Saturday, December 6 at 7 p.m. U4ia, a well-loved Unity quartet, will be sharing their talent for harmony in an evening of music and friendship. Linda Schneider, Gaye Kick and Veronica Denzer will sing together, accompanied by Dwight Denzer on keyboards. Refreshments provided after the concert. On December 21 at Unity's 10 a.m. service, there will be a special performance by the Christmas band. In the evening of December 21 at 6:30 p.m. everyone is welcome to Unity's annual Candle Lighting Service where we celebrate the story of Christmas with special performances by the Unity Choir, Don Schneider, and Unity soloists. Reception following service. Unity is located at 417 Cordelia, Springfield, IL 62703. For more information, call 217-523-5897 or go to www.unityofspringfield.com.

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

The community is welcome to join us for these special Christmas events being held at Berean Baptist Church:

Christmas Cantata

Sunday Evening, December 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for our choir's special holiday presentation! Refreshments will be served in the downstairs Fellowship Hall following the concert.

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday Evening, December 24, 2008 at 6:00

The shopping, wrapping, baking and stressing is over! Take time with your family and join us as we refocus on the Reason for the Season. We'll have caroling by candlelight, special musical presentations, and the reading of the Christmas story from Luke 2.

For further info, you can reach the church office at 529-4224, or go to www.Berean.biz. Berean is located on the 6th Street frontage road, one block south of Route 66 Hotel

THE VILLAGE OFFICE AND GARAGE
WILL BE CLOSED JAN. 1, 2009, TO
OBSERVE NEW YEARS DAY

MEDITATION AND MEMORIAL GARDEN

Work will begin soon on the newest addition to our park-an area set aside for reflection, meditation, and to memorialize loved ones. Our new Meditation & Memorial Garden will include benches, memorial urns, memorial trees, and engraved memorial bricks paving the walkway. If you would like to donate funds toward the development of the Garden, there are three levels of involvement available:

- Memorial Tree (with plaque) - \$100
- Memorial Urn (with plaque) - \$300
- Memorial Bricks (engraved) - \$50

If you would like to participate, please call or drop by the Village office. Together as a community, we want to make this a beautiful, special place for all to enjoy for years to come!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE STAFF & MANAGEMENT OF ROUTE 66 HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CTR. -YOUR HOSPITALITY HEADQUARTERS.

THE 66 RESTAURANT IS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT & WELCOME YOU TO STOP IN TO ENJOY NEW FEATURED ITEMS:

MON. & TUES: ½ BROASTED CHICKEN WITH MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY, VEGETABLE, ROLLS & BUTTER @ \$4.95

ENJOY THE DAILY SPECIAL OR THE SOUP, SALAD, & FRUIT BAR.

WALLEYE, EVERY FRIDAY, ALL YOU CAN EAT. BUY THREE @ \$6.95 GET ONE FREE

SAT. & SUN BREAKFAST BUFFET INCLUDES: EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE, BISCUITS & GRAVY, FRESH FRUIT, PANCAKES AND GRITS @ \$5.99

COFFEE IS FREE WITH MEALS! BREAKFAST IS SERVED ALL DAY.

TELEPHONE ORDERS ARE TAKEN @ 529-6626 EXT. 773. HOURS:7AM – 9PM MON – SAT. SUNDAYS 7AM – 2 PM.

Hi Neighbor,

Your Southern View Police Department is working as hard as we can to keep Southern View a safe and peaceful community in which to live. Nonetheless, despite our best efforts on your behalf, we cannot do the job entirely on our own. We need your eyes and ears as our ‘Neighborhood Watch’ to notify us when you notice anything that is ‘out of the ordinary’; and we need you to call us right away. We welcome the opportunity to answer any call, regardless of how trivial it may seem, to address your concerns. You would be surprised how often a timely notification of ‘something strange is going on’ or ‘I just heard a noise outside my bedroom window’, can lead to the apprehension of a bad person doing bad things.

So please pick up the phone and call 911 for an emergency or 753-6666, the non emergency number, and ask to speak with the Southern View Officer on duty. We are only a few minutes away from your call wherever in the Village you may be. Please do not call the Police Department number as we are normally in the car and not in the office.

Help us ‘take a bite out of crime’ and report anything to us that is a concern to you. We will be glad you did call and give us a chance to serve you and perhaps thwart criminal activity. Together we can make a difference and keep our community safe and serene.

Thanks, Kurt

ONE DAY FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE

If any of you residents are interested in a Firearms Safety Course, the police are attempting to co-ordinate a training session.

Some individual costs would be required.

If you are interested, call the village office at 529-3352. We will pass the information on to Chief Taraba.