

SOUTHERN VIEW BULLETIN

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

FEBRUARY – MARCH 2008

COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2008

April 26-Safe Family Saturday
Sponsored by American Red Cross and Fit
Club at Southern View Community Park
May 9 & 10 Spring Garage Sales
May 12 Spring Cleanup Begins
July 4 Celebration
October 3 & 4 Fall Garage Sales

NEW VILLAGE ORDINANCE

**Ordinance 08-01-01 Amending Ch. 51 of the
Village Code – “Garbage Disposal”
51.02 REMOVAL REQUIRED**

The owner of any premises in the village shall remove from such premises or otherwise dispose of all garbage, ashes, refuse and rubbish of every description whatsoever at least once every week and shall keep such premises at all time free and clear of any accumulation of garbage, ashes, refuse and rubbish of every description whatsoever.

51.10 BRUSH AND WEEDS.

(B.) Removal of brush and weeds required.
The owner of land within the corporate limits of the village is required to remove or cause to be removed from such land any brush, weeds, dead and dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growth, filth, garbage, ashes, refuse, rubbish, trash and debris

within ten days after receipt by such owner or tenant of written notice from the Board of Trustees.

RECYCLING GRANT

Recently the Village of Southern View received a small grant to be used for different projects in the village. The grant pays \$3500 and the village must match funds of 20% (\$700.00). The grant money must be spent on recycled or partially recycled material wherever possible. With these funds, we have been able to purchase copy paper which should last the office most of the year, three park benches, 3 smoker’s cigarette receptacle stands for cigarette butts, replacement tops for trash barrels, notice boards for the exterior of the office, and payment for 10 loads of leaves hauled after December 1, 2007. This grant came from the SWAMP Committee through the Sangamon County Department of Public Health.

We wish to thank the Department of Public Health for this opportunity.

GUMBALLS, WALNUTS AND ACORNS

Spring will be here before we know it (yes, it will, even though winter seems awfully long.) Remember when you are cleaning up your yard that gumballs, walnuts and acorns are considered garbage and, hence, can be placed in your regular garbage can. No sticker is needed as long as other yard waste is not included.

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Margaret M. Lee recently celebrated her 90th birthday with a surprise reception at South Side Christian Church. Margaret has been a long time resident of the Village and many old-timers remember her as working at Jansen’s Grocery. Congratulations Margaret, we are proud of you and wish you many more anniversaries.

**THE VILLAGE OF SOUTHERN VIEW
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS THE
SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT
6:30 P.M. AT THE ROUTE 66 MOTEL AND
CONFERENCE CENTER.**

**SOUTHERN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER 2007 STATISTICS
17 Criminal Arrests
74 other calls for Service
Total Citations written 120
Total Written Warnings issued 89
DUI arrests 6,**

DOGS LOOSE IN THE PARK

We are again having complaints of dogs running loose in the park. Because of this there are some people who are afraid to walk there. Park rules definitely prohibit any dogs running loose in the park. If you see unleashed dogs in the park, feel free to call the police department at 529-0255. They will be glad to warn, or if necessary to expel, an owner from the park. If the dog is loose with no owner present the dogs will end up in the pound.

**SPRINGFIELD BUDGET MOTEL
IS GONE!!!!**

The new owners of the property formerly known as Springfield Budget Motel and Sneaky Pete's have demolished the unsightly property. Future plans for the property are incomplete but we cannot imagine whatever is done not being an improvement.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Although most of us are anxiously waiting for Spring, there is still several weeks that could bring snow and/or ice. Please park your cars off the street in such weather conditions in order to expedite the removal of these nuisances. If your car is left on the street during snow plowing you can be sure you will have a dig out problem when you are ready to move the car.

FLOWER BEDS IN THE PARK

We want to take this opportunity to thank the folks who assumed responsibility for the care of one or more flower beds in the park. There are flower beds available should anyone be willing to adopt one. Please contact the village office or Ernie Kurtz.

HOUSE NUMBERS

It is really dangerous not to have house numbers that are easily readable from the street. In case of an emergency the time element can be crucial to the person in need. While we hope none of our residents ever have this need, it is certainly important to make house numbers readable. The next time you are out, especially after dark, it might be well to check just how readable the numbers on your house are.

THANK YOU

Thank you from the family of Robert E. Hott Sr. To all of our friends in the Village of Southern View, thank you for the beautiful flowers and for all of your expressions of love and generosity during this difficult time. It means so much to our family knowing your thoughts are with us.

The Hott Family

THANK YOU

Mrs. Louise Seaver wants to "thank" everyone that supported the military mailings to (4) four Southern View residents in "Harms Way." Boxes were mailed on 1/10/08.

Special thanks to Hilda Mangiaracina for the homemade cookies and to Jim Foster for paying the postage fees.

If you know of anyone from the Village or have family in "Harms Way" please get their name and APO AE address to the Southern View Office and we'll include them in our next mailing.

TELEMARKETING CALLS-CELLPHONES

If you are experiencing these calls here is a number you can call to have them discontinued, at least partly. Sign on to the FTC's Do not call Registry at www.donotcall.gov or call 1-888-382-1222.

TRUTHS ADULTS HAVE LEARNED

Raising teenagers is like trying to nail Jello to a tree.

Middle age is when you choose cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

If you can remain calm, you don't have all the facts.

You're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoes and wonder what else you can do while you're down there.

You appreciate the facts that wrinkles don't hurt.

Taken from "Good Stuff"

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, March 11, 2008 – 6:30 pm
Springfield Church of Christ
Tuesday, May 13, 2008 – 6:30 TBA

Want to know the best crime prevention device ever invented? A good neighbor. The police can't be everywhere at once, but you and your neighbors can. You're the ones who really know what's going on in the neighborhood.

Put that neighborhood know-how to work. It's simple: just use your eyes and your ears – and then your telephone. If you spot something suspicious, call your police or sheriff immediately. Don't try to stop a criminal yourself – it can be dangerous.

In cities and towns across the country, people are joining with their neighbors to fight crime. Take the initiative. Don't wait until a crime happens.

JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

DO YOU NEED A NOTARY? THE VILLAGE CLERK IS A NOTARY AND IS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY—9 TO 5

TO MAKE PARK RESERVATIONS CALL THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 529-3352 MONDAY –FRIDAY 9 AM-5PM

SPRING IS COMING, THE "R.O.S.E., Inc." had bloomed!!

March 3, 2008 at 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Springfield Church of Christ on St. Joseph Street between 3rd and 4th Street for the opening meeting of the "R.O.S.E. INC."—A new organization of the Village. Meeting will be held in the Church Sanctuary. Guest speaker: Kay Meneghetti from "Third Age Living" will speak to us about services that are available to many people. She will have a very informative and educational talk. She was excited to be able to speak with Southern View Residents. Please make a special effort to attend this event. Refreshments will be served

R.O.S.E COOKBOOK

R.O.S.E. is in the process of compiling a Southern View Cookbook. We are needing residents to please contribute. Our goal is 500 recipes which will make a good size cookbook. They will sell for \$10.00 each. We are wanting to get this done ASAP as people are already wanting them. You can submit 5 recipes per person. Pick up forms at the Watkins Store at 5th & St. Joseph.

SOUTHERN VIEW SCHOOL NEWS:

SCHOOL NEWS:

The spring program is February 26 at 7:00 p.m. for our 3-5 graders. They will be performing in the cafeteria/gym. Seating is limited, so get here early.

Do you know any incoming kindergarteners? We will be holding our K-night on Thursday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria/gym. If you have or know an incoming kindergarten family—please make plans to attend. We look forward to providing you and your little one information for a great start to a long educational career.

The snow day on February 1st means an early return from spring break—that's right, we will now return from spring break on Friday April 11.

All school registration is May 14-15. We will hold the evening registration on Thursday, May 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There is talk of an all school fine arts fair, half price book fair, classroom read-in, and dinner—Wow, a big night is in the works!

DIBELS ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED!

Our overall totals are as follows:

K-84% Green 16% Red

1 -75% Green, 25% Red

2 -58% Green, 42% Red

3 -48% Green, 52% Red

4 -62% Green, 38% Red

5 -43% Green, 57% Red

Green are students meeting grade level standards, and Red are students below grade level standards.

Our building total is 63% Green and 37% Red. As you can see, we are moving in a positive direction.

Principal's News:

As many have read or heard through the “grapevine”, I will be leaving Southern View at the end of this school year to become the Director of Title I programs. This is a great honor and opportunity for me to make a difference in many schools over time. Title I is a Federal grant that the District gets for low income students and schools—we are a Title I school, and I will be the Director of this grant over all Title I schools. So, again, a great opportunity. Mrs. Jonnell Baskett will be replacing me for next school year—she is a very positive and upbeat person who will step in and continue the good work that has been happening at Southern View. It was with bittersweet feelings that I came to my decision. I have enjoyed taking a group of Kindergartners and growing them into 5th grade STARS. I will miss everything about what is good at Southern View—the children, the staff, the grandparents, the parents, and the community. I look forward to my new challenge as I step out of the shining light of the SV STARS—you will forever be a shining part of my past, and I hope to take this brightness into my new adventure for the future.

IMPORTANT DATES:

February:

19-ISAT night at SE high school

26-Spring Musical grades 3-5

28-K-Night 6:00 p.m.

29-Spring Pictures

March:

3-NO SCHOOL

4-14 ISAT Testing

4-JR Blues Hockey team assembly

7-Southern View JR Blues Hockey Night @ 7:30 p.m. Nelson Center

20-2:30 dismissal

21-April 10 Spring Break

April:

11-First day from break

30-Noon Dismissal

May:

14-15 All School registration

15-Noon dismissal

26-No school

June 1st PTC Picnic in the Park

