

SOUTHERN VIEW BULLETIN

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

**DECEMBER 2009
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Open House (Community Bldg) Dec. 22, 2009

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Christmas Day	Fri. Dec. 25, 2009
New Years Day	Fri. Jan. 1, 2010
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Mon. Jan.18, 2010
President's Day	Mon. Feb.15, 2010

THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETS THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH. THE MEETING LOCATION WILL CHANGE AFTER THE NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING IS COMPLETE.

CENSUS 2010

We must remind you again just how important the Census is to our community. The federal government uses these statistics to allocate funds that are important to the village as well as to individual residents. Among the programs involved are:

- 1. Title 1 grants for school districts**
- 2. Head Start Programs**
- 3. Woman, Infants, & Children (WIC)**
- 4. Public Transportation**
- 5. Road rehabilitation and construction**
- 6. Programs for the elderly**

And more.

H1N1 FLU AND SEASONAL FLU

Both types of Flu continue to be a concern nationwide. Going to the Hospital unnecessarily seems to be causing excess waits, sometimes for people who really need the service. Listed below are the emergency warning signs. If you or someone in your family exhibits any of these, head for the emergency room. Otherwise, treat your symptoms at home is good advice.

EMERGENCY WARNING SIGNS:

In Children:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing**
- Bluish skin color**
- Not drinking enough fluids**
- Not waking up or not interacting**
- So irritable the child refuses to be held**
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and a worsening cough**
- Fever with a rash**

In Adults:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath**
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen**
- Sudden dizziness**
- Confusion**
- Severe or persistent vomiting**

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

The season is fast approaching. Remember that in the event of snow and ice, we ask you to park off the street in order to expedite snow removal. Failure to do so may result in snow piled up around your automobile when the plow goes by. As in the past, the police department will assess the need and notify the Public Works foreman should the need arise for snow plowing.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Christmas Tree pickup will begin the Monday after New Years. Please place your unadorned tree at the curb for public works employees to remove.

FALL VACUUMING PROGRAM ENDS FOR THIS YEAR

The Leaf Vacuum program ends in early December because by then the salt spreaders, etc. have to replace the vacuum on the trucks. We appreciate the residents who take advantage of the program. The Public Works Department spends several weeks on this program and their effort does much to improve the environment. We wish to thank Brian, Mark, Patrick, and seasonal help Brian Phillips for their efforts.

ARE YOU MISSING A NICE LITTLE JACKET?

After the Fall Picnic a very nice little jacket was turned in at the office. We feel sure some little person is mourning its loss. If you feel like it belongs to your little person, stop by the office and see if it is your lost item.

CHANGE IN BULLETIN SCHEDULE

Beginning with this issue of the bulletin we will go to a quarterly issue. Instead of every other month the bulletin will come out only four times a year.

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantries citywide need donations at this time. Money or food items are welcomed. We want to be sure the residents know that Springfield Church of Christ on the corner of Fourth and St. Joseph has a food pantry and will help the needy. What better present than to help a person who is in need?

SERVICE COLUMN

Odd Jobs—Call Brian Young at 652-1722
Wikoff Home Improvements
--Call Wes at 622- 6280
Computer Services—Call 391-3856
--Discounts for Veterans and Sr. Citizens

POOP AND SCOOP

We realize you probably get tired of this subject!

So do we!!!! Ordinance 97-10-02, passed in 1997, makes it illegal to allow your pet to defecate on any property other than your own and be left there. All owners of pets are to carry necessary supplies to clean up after their own pet. Why should some other person have to pick up your pet's droppings?

YOU MIGHT BE FROM SOUTHERN VIEW OR SPRINGFIELD, IF.....

- You go to Chicago and no one will get you a sody.
- You think the Dick Van Dyke show was about washing machines.
- Someone asks you if you're up for horseshoes and you offer to make the cheese sauce.
- You tell an out-of-towner to meet you on East North Grand and you don't know why he seems confused.
- You have seen a pink elephant and you are sober.
- You are surprised that state laws prohibit fireworks.
- You can't figure out why Homer Simpson would live in Evergreen Terrace when he has a job at the power plant.
- You think other towns are messed up because they put North Street on the north side of town.
- Your kids ask to see Barney so you take them to the furniture store.
- The landscaping in your yard consists of election signs.
- You're a little below Normal (60 miles or so).
- You know how to pronounce and spell "leptospirosis".
- You still categorize people by which high school they attended.
- You dream of synchronized traffic lights.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA
BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH
3401 S. 6TH ST.**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009
6 P.M.**

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

SPRINGFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Services at the Springfield Church of Christ (corner of 4th and St. Joseph) will be Sunday, December 20, 2009 at 10:00 AM and again on Christmas Eve at 10:00 PM. The Christmas Eve service will be a candlelight service and will include a short play.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

KOPS KORNER

It is a proven fact that the concept of Neighborhood Watch is an effective tool to dissuade criminal activities and to catch criminals in the act of committing crimes. It has worked well of us here in Southern View and we would like to see it become more effective than what it has been to this point.

To accomplish that end, we are asking that more of our law-abiding citizens step out of their comfort zones and join with the dozens of already active supporters of Neighborhood Watch in our campaign to keep criminals away from our homes, businesses, schools, and neighborhoods. It doesn't take a whole lot of effort to become part of our Village's crime prevention strategy. All that is required is for you, the Neighborhood Watch member, to keep your eyes and ears open and be willing to call the police whenever something catches your eyes that doesn't look quite right. A simple phone call to 911 or 753-6666 with a short explanation to the call taker regarding who, what, when, where, etc. can, and often does, lead to dramatic, positive crime prevention/criminal apprehension results. No matter how mundane, innocuous, or otherwise normal an activity may seem, if there is something that does not appear right, or the persons involved just seem out of place, call us, and let us check it out. If it proves to be nothing out of the ordinary, no harm, no foul. Our officers are trained to approach situations in a friendly and professional manner to preclude someone's sensibilities from being offended. That's our job and we enjoy doing it for you.

If you would like to join our Neighborhood Watch and be our eyes and ears in the village, please call Kay Van Fossan, the Watkins Lady at 899-6364 and ask her to sign you up for a Tour

of Duty with the Neighborhood Watch. We would love to have you.

Another matter has arisen in recent weeks, which has led us to the discovery of another way of handling an old problem—pets, specifically cats, that have been abandoned, lost or otherwise are homeless in the village. When these creatures take up residence where they are not welcome, we, the police become the point of contact for problem resolution. The usual solution has been for the hapless creatures to be sent to the pound.

Fortunately, an abandoned cat incident here has led to the acquaintance of a wonderful lady and village resident, Sandy Davis. Sandy has been quietly working, mostly on her own and at her own expense, rescuing homeless cats and kittens and hopefully finding good homes for each of them.

The Southern View Police Department has committed to work with her whenever the occasion arises. She is involved with the Feral Cat Program and has consented to have her phone number made available to anyone who would like to help with the program and/or would like to adopt an animal she has rescued. Call her at 622-8026. I am sure she has a cat or kitten that would be just right for you.

Kurt

SOUTHERN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Southern View Elementary School is selling coupon books for a fundraiser. The charge is \$20 per coupon book.

There are more than \$200 worth of savings in each book, including Sonic, Chadito's Grill, International Buffet, Baskin Robbins, Show Me's, Family Video, Knight's Action Park, Starship Billiards, Papa John's Pizza, Skateland South, Yanni's Gyros, and Clay's Popeye's BBQ. You can pick up your coupon book at the school 525-3267 or call Jeanette McDermith at 306-9669.

**SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
SCHOOL**

