

SOUTHERN VIEW BULLETIN

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

FEB/MARCH 2009

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Spring Garage Sale	May 8 & 9, 2009
Safe Family Saturday	May 2, 2009
Fourth of July Flag Raising	July 4, 2009
Village Weiner Roast	September 26, 2009
Fall Garage Sale	Oct. 2 & 3, 2009

ELECTION UPDATE

The Consolidated Election will be held on April 7, 2009. At the Consolidated Election three Trustees for the village will be elected. This election will be held at Unity Church.

WINTER STILL REIGNS

January is behind us with some very cold days but who knows what February and March will bring. The Public Works Crew needs you to continue to move your vehicles off the street when snow is predicted. They can do a much better job of clearing the streets and you can avoid having to dig out where the plow has put snow around your vehicle. No, they cannot lift their blade at every driveway and vehicle.

LIMB PICKUP IS OVER UNTIL SPRING

It is true that in case of a severe storm and many branches down the crew will make a pickup but this does not mean if a small branch comes down a special pickup will be made. Also it doesn't mean they will pick up branches you trim. If you decide to do this work now, store them somewhere until regular pickup.

Time taken to do these pickups is time away from keeping streets etc. safe in winter weather. The fellows in the garage spend an inordinate amount of time out on the streets and a good deal of time keeping their equipment (some of it aging) in repair so they are ready for emergencies.

TATTERED FLAGS

The winter wind is especially destructive to flags. If you have a flag that needs to be disposed of you may drop it off at the village office. We accumulate a few and then they are taken to be disposed of legally.

IN HARM'S WAY

If you have family members or even a friend who is currently "in harm's way" (i.e. serving in Iraq or Afghanistan) be sure to drop by the office with their name and complete address including the APO AE #.

Mrs. Louise Seaver is currently compiling boxes of good things to be sent to soldiers. Her project is extensive and ongoing. She has been involved in this mission for several years. This is a time consuming and expensive endeavor. Kudos to Mrs. Seaver for this admirable project.

**THE VILLAGE OFFICE AND GARAGE
WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 16, 2009
TO OBSERVE PRESIDENT'S DAY.**

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

MEDITATION AND MEMORIAL GARDEN

Plans continue for the new Meditation and Memorial Garden area which will be set aside for reflection, meditation and a place to memorialize loved one. This area will include benches, memorial urns, memorial trees, and engraved memorial bricks (see the sample brick at the top of the page. These bricks will pave the walkway.

If you are interested in donating funds toward the development of this 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 honor someone in this way, or even have your name or a beloved pets name on an item, please drop by the Village office.

We hope to make this a special place of beauty and serenity for everyone to enjoy for many years to come.

SNOW SHOVELING

Snow shoveling can be dangerous; proceed with caution.

1. Stretch and warm up before beginning the task.
2. If you have heart problems, get you Doctor's permission before you consider shoveling snow.
3. Shovel while the snow is fresh. Freshly fallen, powdery snow is much more easily shoveled.

4. Take a break if you run out of breath. Do not work until you are exhausted.

5. Dress warmly. Pay special attention to the extremities, nose, ears, feet, and hands.

6. Wear something on your head. Half your body heat can escape, if you neglect to wear a hat.

ONE DAY FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE

Last minute chance!! This course is scheduled for early February. Should you be interested, do not delay calling the village office at 529-3352. We will pass the information on to Chief Taraba. Some individual costs would be required.

GUMBALLS

This is the time of the year when these little nuisances come tumbling down. They can be treacherous when stepped on. Be sure they are at least off the sidewalk and drive. Remember that Gumballs, Walnuts and Acorns are considered garbage. They can be put in with your regular garbage for disposal rather than having to put them in a landscape waste bag and putting a sticker on them.

GARBAGE CANS ARE NOT LAWN DECORATIONS.

Village ordinance requires that garbage cans be taken to the rear of the residence as soon as possible after pickup.

FLAG ETIQUETTE

An incident happened at the January Board Meeting that prompts this item:

- Always stand and respectfully keep quiet
- If you are holding anything in your hands, please set it down
- Always face the flag
- If you are in military uniform, render a salute
- If in other attire, place your right hand over your heart
- Any persons wearing Disabled American Veterans head-gear, are expected to salute
- Men are expected to remove their head-gear, but women and military members should/can leave their head gear on.

VALENTINE'S DAY

I find it sad that this tradition is no longer allowed in schools. Remember the beautiful box we decorated and the excitement when you had a valentine brought to your desk on that fateful day? That is, unless it was one of the hated comic valentines that were funny if someone else got one but devastating if you did?

Take a little time to remember your loved ones!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ETHEL L. HAYDEN !!!!

**OLDEST KNOWN RESIDENT OF
SOUTHERN VIEW**

On February 15, 2009, Ethel L. Hayden will turn 100 years old. Ethel was born in Glasgow, Missouri. She is the mother of five. In 1987, she moved to Springfield, IL. Since 2005, she has been a resident of Southern View, residing with her daughter Mary Lou Solomon and son-in-law, Leroy T. Solomon at 3345 South Second Street. A celebration with family and friends is being planned to honor Ethel's 100th birthday.

DOGS!!!!

No matter how often we write in the Bulletin regarding dogs running loose, the problem still persists.

The cost for retrieving your dog if it is impounded is sizable. The reason we charge as much as we do is because the pound charges us that amount.

In order to retrieve your pet you must first pay the amount required by the village and get a release form. That is over and above whatever the pound charges.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD IS RECYCLABLE

Southern View is fortunate to be so close to the Lake Area Recycling Center. Although corrugated cardboard is not among the items listed for curbside pickup, the center welcomes it. All you have to do is pull in and deposit the material, saving another item from the landfill.

KOPS KORNER

Greetings Neighbors:

The Southern View Police Department continues to pursue methods and procedures that will make us better in our quest to provide high quality Law Enforcement Services for the Community of Southern View. To that end, the Southern View Police Department, The Village Board Police Committee, and the Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee are conducting an aggressive Neighborhood Watch Recruiting Drive. A recruitment flyer is enclosed with this months Bulletin. Please join with us in our efforts to take a significant bite out of crime. We can't do it without you. We need your eyes, ears, and lively reporting of suspicions/criminal activity. Join us in our efforts to keep Southern View a safe, quiet, clean, and pleasant place to live and raise families.

I am looking forward to working with you, contact information for you to 'enlist' is included on the Recruitment Flyer.

Thanks, Kurt