

# **SOUTHERN VIEW BULLETIN**

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

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Village Picnic	September 26, 2009
Fall Garage Sales	October 2 & 3, 2009
Fall Trash Pickup	October 5, 2009

### **HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

The Village Office and Garage will be closed on September 7, 2009, to celebrate the Labor Day Holiday.

### **FALL GARAGE SALE**

**Oct. 2 and 3, 2009**

The Southern View Fall Village Garage Sale will be held on Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3, 2009. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A TRASH PICKUP BEGINNING THE MONDAY AFTER THE GARAGE SALE.

Individual households can decide when their sales will open and close. The village will put an ad in the classifieds--advertising the sale. There is no charge for the newspaper advertisement. Gather up all the "stuff" you have been wanting to get rid of. No doubt it is someone else's "treasure".

Baked goods and soft drinks are usually a popular commodity at these sales. As any avid garage sale attendee will confirm—it is a hungry business and we have to keep our strength up.

**VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS ARE FROM  
8 A.M. TO 4 P.M. –MON. THROUGH FRI**

## **2010 CENSUS UPDATE "EVERY BODY COUNTS IN SOUTHERN VIEW"**

"Every Body Counts in Southern View" is the motto chosen for the 2010 Census Campaign. Many people may wonder why the United States Government takes a census every ten years. The U. S. Constitution (Article 1, Section 2) provides that a headcount be taken every ten years, of everyone in the United States, Puerto Rico, and other Island Areas. It includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens, and noncitizens. The first census was conducted in 1790.

The next census will be taken in 2010. The total of the population from the census determines the number of seats a state has in the House of Representatives. The total is used when redrawing legislative districts.

The Census Bureau must submit totals to the United States President by December 31, 2010.

These totals also affect funding in our community and the data collected helps inform decision makers about changes in our village.

### Will the 2010 Census be the same as 2000?

There are some important changes:

The 2010 Census will be short form only with only ten questions.

Addresses will be checked with handheld Global Positioning System computers.

### How are Census Data Used?

This data is used widely and wisely.

Below is an small example of the ways this information is used.

- Title 1 grants to educational agencies
- Head Start programs
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Food grants
- Public transportation
- Road rehabilitation & construction
- Programs for the elderly
- Emergency food and shelter
- Empowerment zones

The data helps the private sector as well as state and federal governments.

## CFL BULB DISPOSAL

CFL bulbs contain mercury, as do all fluorescent bulbs. Mercury in our landfills poses a danger to our environment. Ace Hardware (both stores) in conjunction with Ameren CILCO has offered to be a collecting spot for used bulbs.

An inquiry with Ace Hardware tells us they have a bucket to drop the old bulbs in and Ameren CILCO collects them for proper disposal.

CFL bulbs are a health threat if one is broken so be sure to dispose of them properly.

**THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN VIEW MEET THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ROUTE 66 HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER.**

**SCHOOL IS IN SESSION—WATCH OUT FOR OUR CHILDREN.**

## SERVICE COLUMN

Odd Jobs—Call Brian Young at 652-1722

## LIMB PICKUP POLICY

### PLEASE NOTE!!!

**WE ASK YOU NOT TO PUT YOUR LIMBS OUT AT THE CURB UNTIL THE WEEKEND BEFORE PICKUP!!!!**

1. A pile of dead limbs does not do a thing to enhance the attractiveness of your property.
2. A pile of brown and dead limbs actually can be a fire hazard, either an accidental spark or even a vandalism fire.

## LIMB PICK-UP POLICY

The Limb Pick-up Program runs from April through October. Pickup for limbs begins the first Monday of each month. In the event of severe storms, the crew will provide limb pickup service. In this event you must have your storm damage out no later than 14 days after the storm. If not, you will have to follow the Limb Pickup Policy as follows:

The Village of Southern View Public Works Dept. **WILL** pickup the following:

1. Limbs or branches that have fallen from trees and bushes.
2. Limbs or branches that have been trimmed from trees and bushes as part of tree maintenance only. Please see below for restrictions on this.
3. Limbs or branches must be no larger than 6 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter and cut to a manageable size.

The Village of Southern View will **NOT** pickup the following:

1. Limbs, branches, logs, or excessive trimming resulting from tree removal. If a resident removes a tree or hires a tree removal service, it is the responsibility of the resident and/or tree removal service to dispose of the debris.
2. Limbs, branches, or logs that are larger than six (6) feet in length and larger than four (4) inches in diameter and cut to a manageable size.
3. Stumps, shrubs, flowers, vines, garden waste, and grass clippings. Please contact your waste disposal company to arrange for the pickup of these items.

## DOGS IN THE PARK.

Southern View Ordinances require that every dog in the park must be on a leash. Also, the owner is to carry the necessary supplies to clean up after the dog. Violation of these requirements can result in a fine of up to \$750.00 per incident.

## FUN FACT

At five minutes and six seconds after 4 A.M. and again at the same time in the afternoon on July 8, 2009—the time and date was: 4-5-6-7-8-9.

## KOPS KORNER

Hi Neighbor,

Here's a short story of neighborhood watch in action. You will notice I did not capitalize neighborhood watch in order to differentiate between the organization and the act of neighbors watching for the security of their neighborhood. I think this retelling of what actually happened here in Southern View will warm your hearts.

On Tuesday evening July 14, 2009 around 7:50 P.M., Officer Jason Banister was on patrol and I was preparing my bicycle for a leisurely ride home. My shift was done for the day. I loaded up all my police equipment in my pack, strapped on my helmet, and proceeded north on 5<sup>th</sup> Street toward the Dollar General Store. On my way there, I encountered a male riding his bicycle south on the sidewalk in front of Southern View School. He did not seem to be in any particular hurry, and if I were to have guessed his age, I would have gauged him to be about 40ish. Well, being the friendly fellow that I am, I waved at him and said, "Good Evening". He nodded in acknowledgement and continued south. Bear in mind I was not in my police uniform.

When I arrived at the Dollar Store, I saw Assistant Manager, Elaine Schuster, standing on the sidewalk, talking on the telephone, and looking south. All at once it hit me like a ton of bricks what might be happening. Elaine did not recognize me at first as she has only seen me in uniform. When she finally saw who I was, she pointed toward the male on the bicycle, who by now was beyond Kimble Street.

Elaine exclaimed, "He just stole some underwear from the store and he is on the bicycle."

Needless to say, I turned my bike around and the chase was on. I did not see the suspect again until I reached 4<sup>th</sup> and Kimble. He had just passed through the intersection going north on 4<sup>th</sup>.

I yelled at him, "I am a police officer. Stop right now."

His only response was, "Yes, sir," and he kicked into high gear and off he went.

We went north on 4<sup>th</sup> to St. Joseph, west on St. Joseph to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, and north on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. I was starting to gain on him as we were in the straightaway of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, but my driving was somewhat inhibited by my trying to find my phone in my dinner bucket on the back of the bike. I was in about 100 feet of the suspect, when for some unknown reason, he decided to pull into the driveway of 3148 S. Third Street. I followed. He dropped his bicycle in the backyard and fled into the foliage between the houses. Finally, I had my phone in hand and attempted between breaths to explain to the dispatcher where I was and where the suspect had gone. I had no idea that Officer Banister was also looking for the suspect as he had been alerted by dispatch of the theft from the Dollar Store.

Once I was able to get the information to Dispatch, I made contact with Officer Banister. He coordinated a systematic search of the area with at least four Sangamon County Sheriff's units. Meanwhile, I rode the neighborhood in the 3100 block of South 4<sup>th</sup> and gave the description to everybody who was outside their homes and to anyone else I could find who would listen to me. Village President, Nora Petrosky, called me several times on my phone to inquire why so many police units were in the neighborhood. I gave her as much information as I could while continuing to search the 3100 blocks of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> streets.

To make a long story short, after digging my radio out of my pack, I heard the dispatcher calling all police units to the area of 4<sup>th</sup> and Garrett where the suspect had been seen going east through yards. I observed a lady dressed in white shorts and a white top running from the area of 5<sup>th</sup> and Garrett. Frantically, she explained to me the suspect had fled into her backyard and might possibly be in her garage. The intrepid lady, with no concern for her personal safety, ran to the 3100 block of South 5<sup>th</sup> Street and spoke with residents there if they had seen anyone. Since she received a negative report from these resident, she ran back to proudly tell me the suspect still had to be in the backyard of her home or one of the other yards.

Many neighbors were in the area assisting the police.

Simultaneously with my arrival to get the information from the 'lady in white', several Sangamon County Sheriff's units arrived. They began to scour the backyards for the suspect. The 'lady in white' was convinced the suspect was still in the yards behind her home. I jumped back on my bike to set up a blocking position on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Before I could get there, I heard the Dispatcher close the channel for emergency traffic only. Shortly thereafter, I heard a Deputy call out via radio, "Open the Channel, I am Code 30." The suspect was in custody. By the time I arrived at the location at 3121 S. 5<sup>th</sup>, Officer Banister and several Sangamon County Deputies were bringing the suspect to the Southern View Patrol car for transport to jail. It was the same person who had eluded me on my bicycle at 4<sup>th</sup> and Kimble.

As I looked around, I saw a least a dozen or more Village Residents standing in the street at the area of the apprehension. I was amazed to see so many folks who had actively participated in feeding information to the police via the Dispatch service that led to the arrest. It was a beautiful sight to behold. The chase was over, the suspect was in custody, and none of this would have been possible without the help of neighbors actively participating by providing timely information to the police.

The moral of the story is that Neighborhood Watch works. It is amazing how well this particular apprehension came about through the dedication, courage, and resolve of so many unnamed folks in the 3100 blocks of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. This makes all the work we do as Police Officers worthwhile when we can interface successfully with our village resident in keeping Southern View a safe, quiet, and peaceful community in which to live. Thanks folks for the great job in helping us with this apprehension, and thanks for allowing me the privilege to serve as your Chief of Police. A special thanks to Trustees Greg Bourland and Jim Foster for driving the neighborhood looking for the suspect before his apprehension and a special thanks to the 'lady in white' for her intrepid act of trying to help us locate the suspect.

Join us, won't you, at our next Neighborhood Watch Meeting. Contact Kay Van Fossan at the Watkins Store for details.

By the way we have learned the name of the Intrepid Lady in White from the 3100 block of South Fourth St. Her name is Lori Robertson. If you see Lori, be sure to thank her for her courage and dedication in assisting us to apprehend the thief. Sincerely, Kurt

#### FOURTH OF JULY RECAP

Rain or Shine the Fifth Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Flag Raising Ceremony was a success. There were about seventy-five people who came out to weather the rain. The Northenders V.F.W. Post 10302 Color Guard was on hand, with one of the members to play Taps.

Hilda Mangiaracina presented the flags to the V.F.W. The Korean War Veterans Group was also present.

Guest speaker, Sam Montalbano gave the Fourth of July Address.

I, Nora Petrosky, President of the Village of Southern View was Emcee for the event and also gave a Fourth of July speech.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

I would like to personally thank the residents who ventured out in the rain, and the team of volunteers who helped put the event together: Trustee Jim Foster, Kay Van Fossan, Joyce Hashman, Trustee Greg Hashman, Tammy Carstens, Dawn and James Foster, Trustee Dave Fox, Charlie Striplin, Trustee Greg Bourland and Gary Petrosky.

The event turned out to be a wonderful celebration of Independence Day. We hope to see all of you there next year (Rain or Shine).

President Nora Petrosky

#### MEDITATION GARDEN

Ground Work has begun on the Meditation Garden. It will take a while before real progress Shows. The memorial bricks have been received and are on hand when the work progresses to the point they can be laid.