

# **SOUTHERN VIEW BULLETIN**

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

**March, April, & May 2010**

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### **Special Events:**

**Village Garage Sales** May 7 & 8, 2010  
**Spring Cleanup** May 10, 2010  
**Flag Ceremony** July 4, 2010  
**Fall Garage Sales** Oct. 1 & 2, 2010  
**Fall Cleanup** Oct. 4, 2010  
**Village Weiner Roast** Oct. 9, 2010

### **Meetings:**

**At Village Hall, 3410 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St.**

#### **Board Meetings:**

**March 9, 2010** 6 p.m.  
**March 23, 2010** 6 p.m.  
**April 13, 2010** 6 p.m.  
**April 27, 2010** 6 p.m.  
**May 11, 2010** 6 p.m.  
**May 25, 2010** 6 p.m.

#### **Neighborhood Watch Meetings:**

**March 16, 2010** 6:30 pm  
**May 18, 2010** 6:30 pm

## **DEATH OF MARGIE MAZZINI**

The village of Southern View sadly notes the death of Margie Mazzini on January 12, 2010. Margie was Village Clerk for many years, retiring in 1997. She and her husband Aldo were staunch supporters of this village. We will miss them.

**IF YOU NEED A POLICE OFFICER CALL 753-6666 (SHERIFF'S DISPATCH) AND ASK FOR THE SOUTHERN VIEW OFFICER.**

## **LIMB PICKUP**

The Public Works Department Limb Pickup Program runs from April through October. The pickup starts on the first Monday of the month. Should this be a holiday the pickup begins on Tuesday following the holiday. We ask that you wait until the weekend before pickup to put out limbs. A perpetual pile of limbs in front of your house does nothing to enhance the looks of your property as well as poses a danger, should a cigarette or other source of fire be dropped into the dry pile.

The limb pickup program does not mean the crew will carry away logs, etc. when you have a tree cut down. When you make arrangements with a tree trimmer you should also make arrangements to get rid of the debris.

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY:**

The village WILL collect:

Limbs or branches that have fallen from trees.  
Limbs or branches that have been trimmed from trees and bushes as part of tree maintenance only.

Branches can be no longer than six (6) feet in length; and no wider than four (4) inches in diameter. Place branches (no twigs, leaves, or lawn rakings) in a neat orderly pile adjacent to the road (not in the ditch).

**DO NOT** fill the ditch with limbs or anything else. We have enough problems with drainage without additional materials being placed in the ditches.

The village WILL NOT collect:

Limbs, branches, logs, or excessive trimming resulting from tree removal

Anything longer than six (6) feet.

Stumps, shrubs, flowers, vines, garden waste, and grass clippings are definitely not limbs or branches. You must make other arrangements to dispose of these items.

A pile of leaves or other debris mixed in with the limbs will result in the limbs not being picked up.

**PLEASE GIVE OUR CHILDREN A BRAKE!!!!**

**SPRING GARAGE SALES  
MAY 7 AND 8, 2010**

Southern View Village Wide Garage Sale dates have been set for May 7 and 8, 2010.

Now is the time to go through your items and decide which “treasures” you can part with.

The Village will have an ad in the State Journal Register regarding the sale. The official time of the sale is 8 to 3 but, of course, individual households are free to open or close their sale at their convenience.

**SPRING CLEANUP  
BEGINS MAY 10, 2010**

The Southern View Village Wide Garage Sale is always closely followed by Spring Cleanup. This makes it more convenient for residents to get rid of unsold and unwanted items.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING  
THE PICKUP:**

1. All items should be placed at the curb for pickup.
2. All appliance doors must be removed.
3. All small items, such as tools, nuts, bolts, etc., should be in stable containers, not in loose piles. It is unfortunate that scavengers tend to dump these out but it still falls to the resident to be sure they are contained as written above.
4. All barrels, should be empty and crushed.
5. Empty cartons should be broken down, bundled together and tied.
6. Objects such as gutter, pipe, etc. cannot exceed 8 to 10 feet.
7. All objects must be reduced to handling size.
8. There will be one pickup per residence, and all collections are final. Please do not call for a special pickup if you fail to get the items to the curb.
9. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP: GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES, TREE LIMBS, SHRUBS AND GARBAGE.  
\*\*\*\*\*ALSO-----
10. NEW RULE THIS YEAR—NO COMPUTER ITEMS OF ANY KIND ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PICKUP. SEE THE SEPARATE ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE REGARDING THE WAY TO GET RID OF COMPUTERS, ETC.

Failure to comply with these rules can result in your items being left behind.

**IT IS AGAINST VILLAGE ORDINANCE TO BRING ANYTHING INTO THE VILLAGE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PICKUP. THIS CAN RESULT IN A HEFTY FINE.**

**SNOW PLOWING**

Spring is coming! But----we are not necessarily out of the woods regarding snow and ice. Please remember to park off the street when snow and/or ice are predicted, to better expedite snow plowing and salting.

We appreciate your help in regard to this problem.

**GARBAGE ACCUMULATION**

Just like barking dogs, the problem just won't go away. Village Ordinance requires that garbage be kept in containers with lids! Plastic and/or paper bags are simply not acceptable.

Also—garbage cans are to be stored at the back of your property, not the front yard or front porch.

**THE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 3410 SOUTH 5<sup>TH</sup>. ST. AT 6 P.M.**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

Daylight Saving Time begins on March 14, 2010. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour. Daylight Saving Time begins officially at 2 a.m. on Sunday.

**BUILDING PERMITS**

3350 S. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Privacy Fence
3205 S. 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Room Addition
3317 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Fence

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## GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE

### FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:

You can have your income tax figured at no cost at the Senior Center which is located at 701 West Mason Street. Their phone number to make an appointment is 528-4035.

### FOR LOW INCOME HELP:

The center for Economic Progress has various locations where they will provide this service. These services are free to:  
Families with income of less than \$50,000 and to  
Individuals with income of less than \$25,000.

The closest site for Economic Progress aide is Southside Christian Church on Saturdays from 9 to 3. This service is given on a first come, first served basis with no appointments made.

Be sure to bring the following documents with you to either tax site:

- All W-2s and 1099s (if any)
- Social Security Cards or Individual Tax-Payer ID Number (ITIN) for all family members
- Valid photo ID
- Copy of last year's tax return, if available
- Bank account number and routing number to direct deposit your refund.
- Property tax bill
- Amount spent on college expenses.

## SOUTHERN VIEW'S OLDEST CITIZEN CELEBRATES HER 101<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 15, 2010

February 15, 2010 marked the 101<sup>st</sup> birthday for Southern View's oldest citizen, Ethel L. Hayden. Mrs. Hayden has lived in Springfield since 1987, presently residing with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Solomon, at 3345 South Second Street.

## THERE IS A -----

**\$10,000 FINE**

## FOR DUMPING ELECTRONIC WASTE INTO LAND FILLS

Because of this new state ordinance the village has entered into an agreement with BLH Computers, Inc. in Laketown Shopping Center on Stevenson Drive. Residents can take items that cannot go to the land fill to their facility. Elsewhere in this bulletin is a flyer giving information regarding what they do recycle and what they will not accept. This is at no cost to the resident of Southern View, simply take the items to the BLH Facility.

## 2010 CENSUS

### 10 Questions/10 Minutes to Complete

March, 2010 marks the time that residents should receive Census Forms through the mail. These questionnaires are one of the shortest the census bureau has ever sent out. It asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about ten minutes for the average household to complete.

Please be sure to fill out your form and return it. The results of this census affect so many issues, such as roads, welfare, etc.

Plans are being made by the Census Dept. to have a representative at the village office to help anyone with questions or needing help with their form. These plans are incomplete as we go to press so it might save you some trouble if you call the office before coming down, just to know what is needed, etc.

A copy of the form you will receive in the mail is included in this bulletin.

## **KOPS KORNER**

This edition of KOPS KORNER is a very important one due to the fact we have been receiving a number of complaints from Village residents falling victim to scams whereby the victim enters into the false belief they will 'claim their winnings' of a large sum of money by 'merely' sending in a 'processing fee' to the entity offering the winnings. These scams can come in the form of very nicely done "Sweepstakes" like mailings or they can come by telephone, or they can be Internet centered. Sadly, people in this Village are sending sums of money, sometimes large, to these con artists in the hope they are going to get millions of dollars they have been told is there only for the asking and the payment of a small 'fee'.

Here is the long and the short of all of this that we need to tuck away in the corner of our minds: The idea of receiving millions of dollars by only sending 25, 50, 100 or several thousands of dollars to these people as a 'processing fee' is as bogus as the word bogus can get. Feeding into these scams is going to leave the hapless victim with a lot less money in their check book, because NO money is coming back. Once the victim sends the money by wire, check, or money order, it is gone forever. Most of these scams have their genesis out of this country and there is no way for the victim to ever have a chance at financial recovery. Even a complaint to the police will more often than not go nowhere.

The Neighborhood Watch Committee held an informational meeting on this topic about a year ago. Sadly, it was sparsely attended. We hope to put together another program of Scam Awareness that will be on our meeting docket in the very near future. I encourage everyone in the Village to attend. If you think you are savvy enough not to be taken for a ride, think again. These scams have become so sophisticated that even the 'financially enlightened' get taken in. Do we know how to say Bernie Madoff???? As soon as the Neighborhood Watch Committee organizes the presentation of this topic, it will be posted on their new website that is linked from the Village of Southern View's website.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other scam topic, feel free to contact me and I will try to find an answer for you.

**REMEMBER, IF IT SEEMS TO BE TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT IS.**

**Kurt**

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

**-Adam Palaii**

The Southern View Neighborhood Watch program continues to grow. In times of law enforcement budget cuts it is more important than ever that we look out for our neighbors. We still have blocks with no block captains. If you would like to become involved please contact Kay Van Fossan at 899-6364 or call the Village Office at 529-3351. If you are not interested in being a block captain, we still encourage you to attend the programs at our bimonthly meetings to learn how to make yourself and your neighborhood safer.

**Southern View Neighborhood Watch, Neighbors watching out for neighbors!**

Please do not provide any personal information to someone over the phone. Many of these calls originate outside the U. S. Once money or information is given, it is gone and nearly impossible to investigate. Just say no thank-you and hang-up. When the weather gets warmer we encourage you to not open your door to strangers. Many times peddlers are only looking for an invitation into your home to look around, steal from you, or sell you something that does not exist. All persons selling must have a permit from the village office. If someone comes to your door and does not have a permit, contact Sangamon County dispatch at 753-6666. Be sure to put away bicycles, lawnmowers and items lying around your yard. The old adage of "out of sight, out of mind" can help protect your hard earned property. Remember to lock your car, sheds, and homes when you are gone or in another part of your residence.

Call 753-6666 (non-emergency) or 911 (emergency) at the first sign of something suspicious. Seconds can make a difference.

Please visit our new webpage on the Village of Southern View website. This will allow us to post crime alerts, events and provide a place for you to contact us with questions.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings. Look for a reminder at your door or check out the website for details.

## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE/COMMENTS

The most important item for the Village is the "2010 Census". It is at the top of my agenda for the Village of Southern View. Myself, along with the Clerk have been working on the "2010 Census" for 18 months. We have added 31 addresses to the count that had been omitted. The way we receive some of the Village's Revenue from the State of Illinois is through a population count. A dollar amount is placed on a tax. That dollar amount times our population is an estimated amount the village will receive for that tax. Somehow, Southern View lost an estimated 300 people in the 2000 Census. So for the last 10 years, the Village of Southern View has come up short of receiving its fair share of the tax revenue that is generated in the State of Illinois. The government needs an accurate count of our population to disperse all the money that you as residents pay into. So, let Southern View get its fair share. In the Bulletin you will find a sample form of the "2010 Census". "In Southern View Everybody Counts"

Thank you all for being so patient in the transition into the your New Village Hall. With the help from Brian Young has his crew, the move into the new hall went very smooth. I was fortunate to find a 4 piece almond desk set, 13 black leather conference chairs, and 6 inter-locking conference tables for \$845.00. Thanks to Brian the village received a tabletop podium free. Tom Day Business donated a paper shredder, Crowder Corp. donated a refrigerator, and Trustee Jim Foster donated a stove. The Village did have to purchase 10 new banquet tables and 85 chairs for the meeting room. So for about \$2000.00, I furnished our whole building.

The Open House on December 22, 2009 was a huge success. After a short business meeting, residents toured the new facilities and enjoyed homemade cookies, coffee and punch. A special thanks to Joyce Hashman, Kay Van Fossan, Leroy Solomon, Dawn Foster, Jim Foster and Gary Petrosky for putting in so many hours getting everything set up for this event. The leftover cookies and Poinsettias were taken to St. Joseph's Home by resident Jim Campbell. Greg and Joyce Hashman donated the Poinsettias. Cookies were made by Louise Seaver, Deb Poani, Trustee Dave Fox, Trustee Gail Rister,

Kay Van Fossan, Connie Bourland, Martha Kurtz and myself. Thank you all for your time and generosity.

I was informed in December 2009 by Congressman John Shimkus office, through a "**Congressional Ear-Mark Funding**" the Village of Southern View will receive \$100,000.00 for Police Equipment and Training. An application form will be sent to the village to request the equipment and training needed. Once reviewed and processed by the proper agency, the Village will receive a check to purchase these items. This process should be completed by late summer 2010. What a great start to the New Year!!

Thank You, Congressman John Shimkus for all your hard work and support for the residents and the Village of Southern View.

The sidewalk in the 2800 Block of 4th Street were completed in December. Grading and seeding will be done weather permitting in the Spring. This project was redone at no extra cost to the village.

A Letter from the Sangamon County Department of Public Health was received in late December. Southern View will again be the recipient of Free Disposal Coupons. These coupons are used to dispose of our residents unwanted items during our Spring and Fall Village Wide Cleanup Days. This save the Village about \$4,000.00.

I am working with Sangamon County on updating our Commercial Building Codes and Permit.

Mike Ashenfelter attended our January board meeting to discuss different options for the village.

Hopefully, by late summer the village will have an agreement set in place with Sangamon County.

The Neighborhood Watch chairpersons Kay Van Fossan, Adam Pallai and Anna Berkley, along with Chief Kurt Taraba has been working diligently developing this program. I appreciate all the time they have spent on this program. Still Block Captains are needed for several blocks in the village. Being a block captain is an important part of this program. **Please consider being a Block Captain.**

For several months I have been working on rental agreements for board approval. At the first meeting in February the agreements were approved. If you have any occasion that you need a hall for, consider renting the Village Meeting Room. Rental Fees are:

	Residents	Non Residents
Day Rental 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.	\$50.00	\$100.00
Evening Rental 5:00p.m. - Midnight	\$50.00	\$100.00
All Day Rental 8:00a.m. - Midnight	\$100.00	\$200.00

Plus a: \$50.00 Refundable cleanup fee – once cleanup is done and key returned.

Also, agreements were approved for Non-Residents who would like to reserve the Village Pavilions or Gazebo. Fees for these are:

Martin Pavilion	\$35.00 for 5 hours
East Pavilion	\$25.00 for 5 hours
West Pavilion	\$25.00 for 5 hours
Gazebo in Old Park	\$25.00 for 5 hours

**For the Residents of Southern View, you can reserve a pavilion at No Charge!!!**

The Village has entered into an agreement with BLH Computer, Inc. on Stevenson Drive to accept unwanted computers and electronic equipment. The cost of this service to the Village is \$339.00 per year. Village residents and businesses are able to take their unwanted items to BLH for **FREE**.

**Items Accepted:** Desktop and Laptop Computers, CRT and LCD Monitors, Printers, Computer Peripherals (keyboards, mice, etc.), Satellite and Cable Equipment, Projectors, VCR s & DVD Players, Video Game Consoles, Radios, Cell Phones, Telephones(including PBX equipment), Networking Equipment and Cables, Mail room Equipment, POS Equipment, Pagers, Cameras, Camcorders, Power Tools(including batteries), Fax Machines, Answering Machines, Battery Backups and Uninterruptable Power Supplies(UPS), Surge Suppressors and Power Strips, Audio and Video Cassettes, CDs and DVDs, Power and Accessory Cables, Walkie-talkies, and if its not on the list call BLH Springfield at 217-585-1580.

Judy Gordon was appointed Treasurer in January.

Walgreen's has inquired about a liquor license.

If you cannot make the Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Southern View Board and you would like to be more informed on the activity and issues the Board is handling. You can come by the Village Office and pick up a copy of the approved minutes. There is no charge and no FOIA to fill out.

One last comment: Understanding the process, for a newly elected official is sometimes difficult to understand. Most of the time misinformed information is passed on to residents. If any resident ever has a concern, question or issue about the governing of the village, please do not hesitate to contact me at 380-3690.

I hope this update has been informative for you. Lots of good things are happening in Southern View -

A New Village Hall – with a New and Positive Direction.

Your President,

Nora Petrosky