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MEMORIAL DAY
WE WILL NOT FORGET

Village Memorial Day Service

You are invited to attend a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 28th, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the South Chicago Heights' Veteran's Memorial located at the corner of Enterprise Park Avenue and Sauk Trail. Join us for a tribute to three Village of South Chicago Heights residents who lost their lives in World War II and the Vietnam Conflict and a special

presentation of our new military statue. Come and let's honor our military heroes together! I am looking forward to seeing you and your families there!

Mayor Terry L. Matthews

The Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

Operation Pride Day 2018

Friday, April 20th has been designated Spring Clean-Up, "Operation Pride Day."

On this day only you may put out an unlimited amount of trash and large items (i.e. sofas) for pick up. You may use your own 32 gallon can (weighing no more than 50 pounds when full) for additional trash if needed. This is a cooperative effort between Homewood Disposal and the Village of South Chicago Heights.

Excluded items: TV's, con-

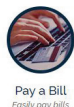


struction materials, automobile tires, and batteries.

Please note: small electronics and monitors (no TV's) can be brought to the Fire Department for recycling from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. as part of the ongoing recycling program.

Announcing: ePAY is now available!

Now you can pay your water bill online! Simply go to the village website, www.southchicagoheights.com, and click on the "Pay a Bill" button.



Village Wide Neighborhood Meetings

Mayor Terry L. Matthews wants to hear from you!



Come to a neighborhood meeting and let's discuss upcoming events, questions, or concerns.

YOUR voice will help your elected officials and management staff address your thoughts, suggestions or concerns.

Meetings will be held on the following dates at the Senior Center and begin at 7:00 p.m.:

- Tuesday, June 19th
- Tuesday, September 18th
- Tuesday, December 11th

Hope to see you there!





Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony

Thursday, June 14th, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Senior Center Pavilion

Dispose of your old, worn flags properly! Flags may be brought to the Public Safety Building prior to June 14th. (Raindate: June 21st)

Selling Your Home?

A message from the Building Department

Per Village Ordinance 14-4, a For Sale Inspection is required before a home can be sold. To schedule an inspection, the owner must bring proof of ownership (i.e. recorded deed) to the Village Hall where they will complete the For Sale Inspection application. A \$175.00 fee (for a single-family home) is also required. If you need further information, you may call the Building Department at the Village Hall, extension 112, or visit our website: www.southchicagoheights.com.

A Note from the Water Department

Water bills are due on the 15th of the month. The penalties (late fees) are applied on the 16th and the shut off letters are also sent out on the 16th. If you paid your bill on the 16th there's a chance that your payment and the shut off letter could cross in the mail. This means that you will still receive the letter even though your bill is paid. Red door hangers indicating the date of shut off will be hung on the 22nd. On the 23rd of the month water will be shut off.

MEETUP SPOT Internet Purchase Exchange Location

South Chicago Heights
Police Department
185 West Sauk Trail
South Chicago Heights, IL
Main Parking Lot

Illegal Fireworks and 4th of July Safety Reminder

For the Safety of our Community illegal fireworks will not be tolerated. Possession of fireworks, which are defined by state statute as explosives, qualifies as an offense for Article 36 Seizure and Forfeiture under IL CS Section 20-2. In short, if you are in possession of explosives or fireworks, your vehicle will be seized!

As the 4th of July approaches, the Police and Fire Departments are reminding citizens that fireworks are illegal in Village limits and violators will be cited. Fireworks are extremely dangerous and a noise nuisance to our residents, their children, visiting family members, seniors, veterans, and pets. Fireworks can cause serious property damage too. *Our elected and public safety officials care about the well-being of our community.* Our Police Department will

increase patrols throughout the Village monitoring fireworks activity. **A firework that explodes or shoots in the air, is illegal in South Chicago Heights.**

We encourage you to celebrate and in lieu of purchasing illegal fireworks, consider donating to a local charity. Offenders can be fined up to \$500.00. If fireworks injure someone or start a fire, the firework owner can be charged with assault or arson, both felonies. It is absolutely imperative that families keep their children safe by obeying Illinois laws. Please be mindful that the concept of safe fireworks is nonexistent. Anyone aware of people firing guns as a means of celebrating is asked to call 911. Celebratory gunfire remains a problem throughout all neighboring communities, particularly during the July 4th holiday season, and sadly, it can often have tragic

results when innocent people are hit by the bullets and injured or killed. The reality is that any bullet discharged from a gun, even into the sky, must land at some location, and the risks are significant for injury or death. Anyone caught firing a gun or lighting fireworks will be arrested or cited.

The following objects are not classified as common fireworks and may be used: sparklers, smoke bombs, glow worms and snakes, poppers, trick noisemakers, and snappers.

To continue with our ban on illegal fireworks, our police officers will aggressively enforce the "No Fireworks Laws." If you were issued a citation last year, you can expect the fine to double this year if you use or possess illegal fireworks. We are serious and want a safe, quiet, and respectful July 4th holiday week.

Tornado Safety Tips from Fire Chief Gericke

Before:

- Know a safe place: know the safe places at home, work and at school.
- Practice tornado drills at home and school
- Have a plan on how family members will contact one another during an emergency. Establish an out-of-area contact.
- Prepare a family disaster supplies kit.
- Remain inside and be alert during tornado and severe thunderstorm watches.
- Listen to the radio or TV. Keep a battery-operated radio or a NOAA Weather Radio.

During a tornado warning:

Listen to the radio or TV for weather updates and instructions from local officials. Quick action and planning ahead can save

your life! If you get caught in a tornado, know what to do: take shelter immediately; stay away from windows, corners, doors and outside walls; be aware of flying debris. Crouch on the floor near an interior wall or under a heavy object, such as a table. Bend over and place your arms on the back of your head and neck.

After:

Continue to listen to the news and weather updates. Stay away from power lines and broken glass. Be aware of the possibility of broken gas lines and chemical spills. If you smell gas or chemical fumes, immediately evacuate the area and contact authorities. Stay out of damaged buildings and return home only after authorities have issued an all-clear signal. Source: FEMA, NWS

Village Services

Blue yard waste container collection begins on Friday, April 6th, and will continue on every trash collection day until November 30th.

Branch collection will start on Wednesday, April 4th. Branches will be collected every Wednesday (except holidays) until November 21st. Branches must be shorter than four feet in length and no larger than four inches in diameter. Please place branches on the curb for pick up.

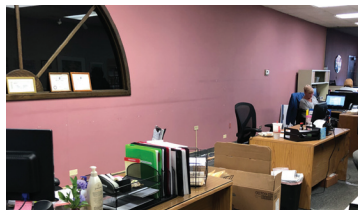
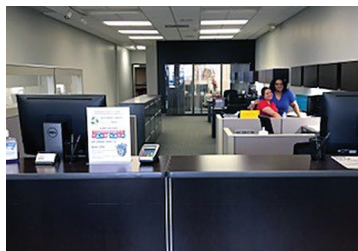
Hydrant flushing will begin on Tuesday, May 1st, and continue on Tuesdays until September 25th. Please refrain from washing clothes on these days as the flushing process may cause discoloration.

Street sweeping will be done Tuesday-Thursday, April 17th-19th. **Please do not park on the street during those days from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Thank you for your cooperation!

**25th Annual
Yard Beautification Contest**
Cash prizes! Judging takes place in mid-July.



Newly Renovated Village Office



Please stop by the newly renovated Village Hall!

The new office layout provides a friendly over-the-counter service to pay your water bill or to ask a general question. When additional questions require one-on-one communication with office staff, the new design ensures privacy to personal information.

We welcome you to stop by and visit our Office Staff: Cyndi, Daisy, Sylvia and Vickie.

Book Your Event!

Having a baby shower or large family gathering and need extra space? Consider renting the Senior Center and the Pavilion (tables and chairs are included in the rental price). For pricing and availability, call Cyndi at the Village Hall: 708-755-1880.

Animal Tags

Animal tags are required by the Village Hall for all cats and dogs. Tags are available to residents for \$5 and must be purchased after animals receive their yearly rabies vaccination.

When purchasing your animal's license, please bring your proof of rabies vaccination along with you.



New Software

As we move forward into innovative methods of servicing our residents in an efficient and cost-effective manner, we are transitioning from handwritten receipts and manual accountability to a software-based solution. A complete review of our current methods has been assessed. We are in the designing phase of this project, engineering the best business practices with YOU, our residents, in mind!

The new software will manage and handle day-to-day operations, from our utility billing to our finance department, working with our water billing system and new website. This will drastically reduce time consuming hand-written receipts and reporting, allowing us to better service our residents.

In addition, our new software will drastically reduce the use of paper allowing us to do our part for an eco-friendly environment!

Beware of Scam Solicitors

Anyone going door-to-door must have a Solicitor's License and an ID. The license serves as proof that the individual is approved to solicit here in South Chicago Heights. *You should not let any solicitor enter your home! Please do not hesitate to call our Police Department at 708-755-3520 if you are uncertain or feel unsafe.*

If you would like to register to the Village's "No Knock Registry", call the Village Hall at 708-755-1880. Having your address on the registry will prevent solicitors from coming to your door.



Report Elder Abuse

To report abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person living in the community, please contact the 24-hour Illinois Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-866-800-1409 or 1-888-206-0466 (TTY). Online, visit www.idph.state.il.us. Additionally, our Police Department has an officer who is trained in handling these situations. Call the Police Department at 708-755-3521 and ask for Officer John Dewan.

Village Sponsored Shredding Events

**Saturdays, June 2nd
& September 22nd**
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Senior Center Parking Lot
3140 Enterprise Park
Residents Only

Shredding will be performed by Beaver Shredding, Inc. an owner operated, trustworthy business. You will be able to stand and watch while your confidential documents are being shredded.

Village Wide Yard Sales

**Friday, June 8th
& Saturday, June 9th**
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(no permit required)

Call the Village Hall if you would like your yard sale to be placed on a list of sale locations (must call by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 6th.) Lists can be picked up Thursday afternoon at Village Hall, Jewel and Walgreens.

Summer Concert

Saturday, June 16th
5:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Senior Center Pavilion
Food, Drinks, Entertainment
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Summer Concert

with Replay
(classic rock band)
Saturday, July 21st • 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.
at the Senior Center Pavilion

Senior Picnic

Saturday, August 4th
Noon to 3:00 p.m.
at the Senior Center Pavilion

Back to School Picnic

Sunday, August 5th
Noon to 3:00 p.m.
at the Senior Center Pavilion

Summer Concert

with Return 2 Soul
(Rhythm and Blues band)
Saturday, August 18th
5:00 to 10:00 p.m.
at the Senior Center Pavilion

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spring cleanup

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday, May 12th is South Chicago Heights Clean Up Day and we need YOU!

From 9 a.m. until noon we will be planting flowers in various locations as well as other "beautification" projects such as painting and cleaning up debris and litter in town. If you can donate some time on this day, please call Cyndi or Daisy at the Village Hall - 708.755.1880.



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Rick Wehrle..... Public Works Director

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency..... 911
Village Hall..... 708/755-1880
Police Department (Non-Emergency)..... 708/755-3520
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)..... 708/755-9589
Public Works..... 708/755-1880
Star Disposal..... 708/798-1004
Commonwealth Edison Power Outage..... 800/EDISON1
Nicor Gas..... 888/NICOR4U
Bloom Township..... 708/754-9400

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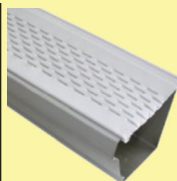
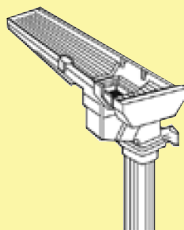


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