

South Chicago Heights

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First Village Wide Clean Up Day Was a Huge Success!

On Saturday, May 12th, a large group of volunteers and residents gathered at the Senior Center to beautify our town! Some planted flowers in various locations and others picked up bags of trash in different areas. We are grateful to **everyone** who helped, especially to the athletic director, coaches, and students from Bloom High School and the SWAP team who came to help as well as members of Transformation Church and Fellowship Baptist Church.



Desiderio Landscaping donated their services and our Public Works Department was on hand as well as our Mayor, Trustees, and village staff. Together we accomplished much! We plan for this to be an annual event so, if you are able, plan to attend next year!



Resident Courtesy Van Reminder

Please don't forget that we have a **FREE** courtesy van service available for residents of South Chicago Heights who are 65 years or older or riders with disabilities. The van is available on Mondays,

Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and can take riders to area medical facilities as well as in town shopping. To sign up, come to the Village Hall with photo id and complete an application

The Village Hall will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day and Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day.

Village Wide Neighborhood Meetings

Mayor Terry L. Matthews wants to hear from you!



Mayor Terry L. Matthews

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.:

- **Wednesday, September 19th**
- **Wednesday, December 5th**

Hope to see you there!



Thank you to our Police Department!

Our police participated in two fund raising events to raise money for the special Olympics: "Cop on Top" and the "Torch Run". Kudos to them!



**SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS
VETERANS
MEMORIAL**

Gardeners take note!



The 24th Annual Pride of South Chicago Heights Summer Yard Contest judging will take place in mid-July!

The First prize (\$200.00), second prize (\$150.00), and third prize (\$100.00) awards will be presented to the winners by Mayor Matthews at the August 6th Board Meeting.

Did You Know?

There is a FREE mobile app for your phone where you can get important Village information? Go to the app store and search for Civic Mobile. You can sign up for our message system Code Red, report potholes and other items on the Fix It form, get agendas for board meetings, and keep current on all the events in town through Notify Me and News Flash.

You can also sign up for Notify Me and News Flash on the website if you don't use a smart phone.



FREE EVENT

Popcorn

MOVIE night

SATURDAY JULY 14TH

SENIOR CENTER PAVILION

MOVIE STARTING AT 8:00 P.M. (DUSK)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
(IF IT RAINS, MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN INSIDE)

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Memorial Day Ceremony

Approximately 100 people gathered on a very warm morning to honor our military. This year the event included a special dedication of "The Fallen Soldier Cross" by Mayor Matthews.



Several South Chicago Heights residents who lost a family member in previous wars were in attendance and Mayor Matthews paid tribute to them in his speech as well as to all our military who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Another feature on the program was the second annual "Showcase of Patriots" featuring 14 students of Steger Primary who wore period costumes of each war



in our history. Bloom Township NJ ROTC also posted colors and played "Taps." In addition, we had a bagpipe player and soloist as other program highlights.

New Concerts this Summer!

Mayor Matthews and the Board of Trustees are sponsoring two more concerts this summer!

On Saturday, July 21st, there will be a classic rock concert beginning at 7:00 p.m. Come beforehand from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and enjoy hanging out with neighbors and enjoying concession stand snacks and drinks which will be available for

purchase ranging in price from \$1.00 - \$3.00.

On Saturday, August 18th, there will be a rhythm and blues concert beginning at 7:00 p.m. Again, there will be beer and food sales beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Both concerts will be held at the Pavilion behind the Senior Center. Hope to see you there!

We wish to thank our sponsors for their help in providing for these events!



R&B NIGHT

Saturday, August 18th

Live Performance By

Return 2 Soul

Platinum Sponsors

- Desiderio Landscaping
- Dozeli Pizzeria
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- PWJ Nails and Spa Inc.
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Thank You for the Donations

- Dean Auto Bus and Truck Inc.
- Dunkin Donuts and Baskin Robbin

2018 Shredding Event #2

Sponsored by the Village of South Chicago Heights for its Residents (No Business Please)



Saturday, September 22, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Senior Center Parking Lot
3140 Enterprise Park Avenue

Shredding 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.

Never allow your confidential documents fall into the wrong hands!

Mayor Matthews And The Board of Trustees' Annual Senior Picnic



Saturday, August 4, 2018
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Raindate: Saturday, August 11, 2018
Senior Center Pavilion
3140 Enterprise Park Avenue



This FREE event is open only to South Chicago Heights residents age 50 and over. Enjoy a picnic lunch, Bingo games, FREE gift and an ice cream sundae bar!

Call the Village Hall at (708) 755-1880 by August 1 to register.

Two Fond Farewells and a Warm Welcome

After serving the Village for the past 20 years as Department of Public Works Director, Rick Wehrle has retired as of May 1st. He has no problem turning in the key to his work truck in exchange for a boat on the water! No longer will he have to dread snow and plowing through the night! We wish you well, Rick, as you "chart a new course!"

Sylvia Perez retired as of April 13th. Sylvia served the Village in various capacities over the years, including being the Courtesy Van driver prior to working in the Village Hall as the Building Department clerk for the past 8 years. With her attention to detail, she kept great records on the properties here in town. She will no longer have to think about building permits, annual rental inspections and other tasks as she enjoys spending time with her husband and their beloved dog, Boots.

Welcome to our new Public Works Director, Mark Martin!



Mark Martin, Public Works Director

The Mayor and Village Board's Annual

BACK to SCHOOL PICNIC

Sunday, August 5, 2018
12:00 Noon to 3:00 P.M.

SCH Senior Center Pavillion
3140 Enterprise Park Avenue
South Chicago Heights

This is a free event open exclusively to South Chicago Heights children and their parents.

- Pony Rides • Huge Slide
- Hot Dogs and Hamburgers
- Cotton Candy • Free Gift

The event is free, but you must call and pre-register to be eligible for the free gift. The last day to pre-register is Friday, July 27, 2018. Please call the Village Hall at (708) 755-1880 to pre-register.

Fireworks are Illegal in the State of Illinois

The Police and Fire Departments are reminding citizens as the 4th of July approaches that fireworks are illegal and violators will face a punishment.

The South Chicago Heights Police, Fire and Village Officials say; "No Fireworks On July Fourth, New Year's Eve, Or Ever." Fireworks are illegal. Our Police Department plans to increase patrols in areas of the village that have the highest amount of fireworks activity. "If you have to light the wick of a firework and it either explodes or shoots in the air, it is illegal to use in South Chicago Heights."

Both the use and possession of fireworks are illegal in South Chicago Heights. Offenders can be fined up to \$500. Save your money and don't buy fireworks in the first place. If fireworks injure someone or start a fire, the firework owner can be charged with assault and or arson, both felonies. "It is absolutely imperative that families keep their children safe by obeying Illinois Laws. The concept of safe fireworks is nonexistent."

We anticipate that calls about possible shootings will increase as we approach the Fourth of July weekend when people may actually be hearing fireworks. Anyone caught firing a gun or lighting fireworks will be arrested or cited. "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 aware of people firing guns as a means of celebrating is asked to call 911.

Pursuant to the Illinois Fireworks Use Act (425 ILCS 35), any consumer firework distributor, company, association, group or retailer, must be registered and licensed with the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). In Illinois, it is illegal to possess, purchase, or use consumer fireworks without a consumer display permit obtained from local authorities. Individuals caught with controlled consumer fireworks in Illinois, who lack the necessary consumer display permit, could be subject to arrest.

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.



South Chicago Heights Police Department Police Blotter

MARCH 23, 2018

Leo Collins, 1027 Drexel Avenue, Ford Heights, was arrested at 26th and Chicago Road and charged with driving while license suspended and improper left turn.

MARCH 26, 2018

Jowann Hill, 1002 E. 153rd Place, Glenwood was arrested at Sank Trail and Willow and charged with driving while license suspended and speeding.

MARCH 30, 2018

Kamryn Hardy, 570 Saratoga, Chicago Heights was arrested and charged with fleeing and eluding, disregarding a stop sign, disobeying a traffic control device and reckless driving.

APRIL 1, 2018

Jayvon Russell, 33 S Arbor Trail, Park Forest was charged with local ordinance possession of drug paraphernalia and local ordinance unlawful possession of cannabis.

APRIL 8, 2018

Sotero Lopez III, 3309 Lawrence, South Chicago Heights was arrested and charged with assault.

Alicia Daniels, 1005 E Eaton Street, Hammond was arrested at 26th and East End Avenue and charged with driving while license suspended, disobeying traffic control and driving in wrong lane.

APRIL 29, 2018

Ramiro Rodriguez, 189 W 13th Street, Chicago Heights was arrested at 26th and Chicago Road and charged with DUI-alcohol, driving while license revoked, reckless driving, improper lane usage and a warrant out of Chicago Heights.

MAY 5, 2018

Roger Hutchinson, 3353 Commercial Avenue, South Chicago Heights and Valorie Peeples, 749 Burnham, University Park were both arrested at 3230 Chicago Road, Jewel Food Store and charged with retail theft.

MAY 6, 2018

George Winsted, 3032 Enterprise Park, South Chicago Heights was arrested and charged with battery.

Marcus Cooper, 3231 Commercial Avenue, South Chicago Heights was arrested at his residence and charged with disorderly conduct.

MAY 22, 2018

Jayne Taylor, 416 W 34th Street, Steger was arrested and charged with resisting a peace officer, driving while license suspended, no insurance and disobeying a stop sign.

MAY 25, 2018

Anthony Tomas, 77 W 25th Street, Chicago Heights was arrested at 3220 Chicago Road, Jewel Food Store and charged with criminal trespass to property.

MAY 27, 2018

Travis Perry, 3530 Wallace, Steger was arrested at Sauk Trail and Chicago Road and charged with driving while license suspended and no insurance.

Jeremy Wright, 1632 Euclid Avenue, Chicago Heights was arrested at Sauk Trail and Chicago Road and charged with driving while license suspended, no insurance and using a cell phone while driving.

MAY 28, 2018

Issac Miller, 3333 Commercial Avenue, South Chicago Heights was arrested and charged with criminal sexual abuse.

MAY 31, 2018

Anthony Tomas, 77 W 25th Street, Chicago Heights was arrested at 3220 Chicago Road, Jewel Food Store and charged with criminal trespass to property and retail theft.

Jermaine Jackson, 18906 Jonathan, Homewood was arrested at 3220 Chicago Road, Jewel Food Store and charged with retail theft.

JUNE 6, 2018

Travis Perry, 3530 Wallace, Steger was arrested at Sauk Trail and Helfred and charged with speeding and driving while license suspended.

South Chicago Heights
Firefighters Association &
Southside Cruisers of Chicago Heights

**12th Annual
Car Show**

**Saturday, September 22, 2018
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Raindate: Sunday, September 23, 2018

**SCH Senior Center
Sauk Trail & Enterprise Park Avenue
South Chicago Heights**

Registration 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Entry Fee for Participants: \$15
**10 Coolest Car Trophies, Dash Plaques, Special Award
for Participant's Choice and Firefighter's Choice**

Association Raffle at 5:00 p.m.
1st Prize - \$1,300, 2nd Prize - \$250, 3rd Prize - \$200,
4th Prize - \$150, 5th Prize - \$100



Join Us After the Car Show for
**Music in the Park
Community Outing**
5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Featuring Musical
Entertainment Midlife Crisis
50/50 Raffle
Food by SCHFD
Beer Tent by Paulle's Pub

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for our community event, please contact Chad Vlietstra at (708) 980-2038 or cvlietstra@southchicagoheights.com

MAYOR
Terry L. Matthews

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| Nora Martinez-Gomez..... | Village Administrator |
| John Dolasinski..... | Finance Director |
| Catherine Llanan..... | Village Clerk |
| Ray Hartman..... | Building Department Director |
| Bill Joyce..... | Chief of Police |
| Patrick Gericke..... | Fire Chief |
| Mark Martin..... | Public Works Director |

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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| 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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3317 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, IL 60411

To place an ad in the Community Connection, please contact Andrea Puente at (219) 933-4164, Andrea.Puente@nwi.com | Lee Publications, Inc.

Babysitter Tips from the Fire Department

Having a babysitter can give you peace of mind. It allows you to leave your child with someone you trust. Be sure your babysitter knows about fire safety and that your babysitter knows what to do if there is a fire.



Show the babysitter your home escape plan and make sure the babysitter understands:

- Two ways out of every room.
- Where the outdoor meeting place is located.
- The fire department or emergency phone number.
- How to unlock all doors and windows.

If you allow your babysitter to cook, make sure the babysitter:

- Keeps your child at least 3 feet away from the stove and microwave oven.
- Never leaves the room while cooking.
- Keeps anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.

- Keeps pets off surfaces and countertops.
- If the smoke alarm sounds make sure your babysitter knows to:
 - Get out of the home quickly with your child to safety.
 - Use the second way out if smoke is in the way.
 - Get low and go under the smoke to the exit if an escape must be made through smoke.
 - Store matches and lighters out of your child's reach.
 - Candles should not be used by your babysitter.
 - Make sure your babysitter keeps a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around space heaters.

A Note from the Building Department

Are you thinking of putting up a pool this summer? Any pool over 24 inches high needs a fence that is a minimum of 4 feet high. For further information, call the Building Department.

#startsmart at Prairie State College this FALL



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Classes are offered at convenient times to fit into your busy schedule – including **SATURDAYS!**
Visit prairiestate.edu/courseschedule to see available classes and register now.
Classes are filling quickly, so don't wait!

16- and first 8-week classes begin **August 20**
14-week classes begin **September 4**
12-week classes begin **September 14**
Second 8-week classes begin **October 15**

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