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Mayor Matthews and Board of Trustees' Annual Senior Picnic 2018 Recap

Despite temperature being in the upper 90's, seniors had a great time at the picnic held on Saturday, August 4th. Mayor Matthews and Trustees served a delicious lunch catered by Scrementi's and then enjoyed delicious ice cream for dessert. Steve and Tricia of "Memories in Song," performed fun musical selections including a tribute to



the branches of our military. The seniors played six games of Bingo for cash. A good time was had by all.

Mayor Matthews and Board of Trustees' Annual Back 2 School Picnic

It was another warm day, but that did not deter our biggest crowd from gathering at the pavilion for the annual Back 2 School picnic, which was held on Sunday, August 5th. Pony rides, bounce houses, face painting, a 40-foot slide, hamburgers, hot dogs, snow-cones, and cotton candy were enjoyed by close to 200 school age children and their parents and guardians. The Police and Kids Together (P.A.K.T.) Karate group, led by

Juan Hernandez, gave a fantastic demonstration of karate skills! The Village provided school supplies inside each backpack.



The backpacks were donated by Transformation Church. What a great way to start another school year!

Village Wide Neighborhood Meeting

Mayor Terry L. Matthews wants to hear from you! Join



us for our last neighborhood meeting of the year on **Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Senior Center. Come out 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. Hope to see you there.

New Lights in Town

As you drive around our beautiful town at night, notice the new LED lights installed on both Chicago Road from 26th Street to 34th Street and Sauk Trail from Rosiclare to Jackson Ave. The Village of South Chicago Heights applied for the ComEd Energy Efficiency Incentive program to replace street lights with energy-efficient LED lighting. LED lights delivers reduced operating cost, longer fixture life and enhanced light control.

The Village Hall will be closed in observance of the following days:

Monday, November 12th (Observed Veteran's Day), Thursday, November 22nd and Friday November 23rd, Saturday, December 8th, Monday, December 24th (closing at noon) and Tuesday, December 25th, Monday, December 31st (closing at noon) and Tuesday, January 1st, 2019

Department of Public Works

Dates to Know

Leaf collection begins October 19th and ends November 21st. If bagging your leaves, brown paper bags carry the ability to be recycled. They are indeed considered to be one of the best options to make earth a better place to live. Although not required please consider using brown bags.

- Branch Pick-up ends November 21st
- Last Day for blue yard waste containers pick-up is November 30th.
- Street Sweeping Begins November 27th thru 29th
- Reminder: Where signs are posted, there is no parking on the street when there is over 2 inches of snow.

Halloween Hours

The Village of South Chicago Heights wishes you a happy and safe Halloween! This year's official trick-or-treating hours take place on Wednesday, October 31st, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., residents can elect to pass out treats during this time.

The Village of South Chicago Heights Public Safety building will be open to trick-or-treaters as well. Our police officers will be riding throughout town ensuring everyone's safety.



Halloween Party
South Chicago Heights Residents
(Children ages 11 and under and their parents)
October 26, 2018
from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
at the Senior Center
3140 Enterprise Park

Please join us for some ghoulish games and puppets, spooky fun, and frightening food!
Cost: \$2 per child / \$4 per adult

Deadline to register is Friday, October 19th.
Fee must be paid at time of registration.
Register at the Village Hall.

Summer Concerts a Big Hit!

Mayor Matthews is committed to bring our residents together! That commitment was fulfilled this summer. Mayor Matthews and the Board of Trustees proudly introduced 3 wonderful free Summer Concert Nights with live performances. Performances by Ley de Norte in June, Replay in July, and Return 2 Soul in August. Each performance band played from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. The weather challenged a couple of the events but, through rain or sunshine we had a great time! Our patrons were able to enjoy a variety of concession stands and beer tent. Concessions included hamburger, hot dogs, walking tacos, nachos, popcorn and candy. Food and beverages cost ranged from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

An informational table was available with upcoming events information and CodeRed sign-up.

Thank you to the South Chicago Heights-Steger Library and the QA Assurance Employment Company for their participation. Thank you to our sponsor and everyone who participated in making all concerts a success. The concerts were well attended and enjoyed by all. Looking forward to next year!

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Beautification Committee's 30th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday, December 6



Join Mayor Terry L. Matthews and the Board of Trustees at the annual tree lighting ceremony with a special visit from Santa on Friday, December 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Ceremony will be held at the Senior Center, 3140 Enterprise Park. For additional information call (708) 755-1880 or visit www.southchicagoheights.com.

Santa invites all good little girls and boys of South Chicago Heights to

Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

South Chicago Heights Senior Center, 3140 Enterprise Park Avenue
Cost: \$2 per child, \$3 per adult



This Village sponsored event is open to South Chicago Heights children age 11 and under and their parents.

- Full Catered Breakfast • Entertainment
- A Gift for Each Child • A Special Visit from Santa

Register at the Village Hall. Last Day to register is Friday, November 30th.
For additional information please call (708) 755-1880



Police Department Welcomes Two New Officers

As our police squads patrol up and down the streets of the village, you may notice some new, unfamiliar faces, driving the vehicles. The South Chicago Heights Police Department is proud to introduce you to the two newest Police Officers to join our department. These officers are a welcomed and valuable addition to our department.

After more than 1,000 hours of intense training from the Chicago Police Academy Metro class, and over 400 hours of field training by the South Chicago Heights Police Department, Officers Skorup and Hamilton are now patrolling the village streets. Please feel free to introduce yourselves to both officers.

Stephannie Skorup Graduated with the distinction of being selected as the "Most Outstanding Recruit" by the members of the Chicago Police Academy Metro classes 18-1A&B. Mitchell Hamilton has earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Campbellsville University

It is, and always been, the goal of the South Chicago Heights Police Department to deliver the finest Police service to the residents of the Village of South Chicago Heights. In the interest of continuing this level of service, the South Chicago Heights Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, Kathleen Dujisik, John Darnell, and Vic Villareal, have recently tested 20 candidates to be placed on a



Stephanie Skorup

Mitchell Hamilton

police eligibility list for potential future hiring.

Speaking on behalf of the Police Department it is our pleasure to serve this community and enjoy a great relationship with all who live, work, and visit the Village of South Chicago Heights. Protecting your safety and wellbeing is our mission.

Safety Tips and Reminders from the Fire Department

October 7 - 13, 2018 is Fire Prevention Week and an important time to look at preventing fires at home and at work. Here are some safety tips for fire prevention.



- ✓ Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- ✓ Make sure everyone can hear the sound of the smoke alarms. Talking smoke alarms have been found to be more effective with sleeping children.
- ✓ Have a home fire escape plan. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible, and a meeting place outside. Practice your escape plan twice a year.
- ✓ When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
- ✓ Keep lamps, light fixtures, and light bulbs away from anything that can burn, such as

Important Note about Animal Tags and Loose Dogs from the Building Department

Animal tags are required by the Village of South Chicago Heights for all cats and dogs. Tags are available at \$5.00 each and must show proof of up-to-date rabies vaccination.

Keep in mind there is a limit of 3 animals per household in a single home, and no pet owner should

permit any dog or cat to be out on private property unless is restrained by a fence or leashed, Ordinance Section 10-50-52. To view the ordinance please visit our website for review and follow the ordinances pertaining to the care of animals here in the Village of South Chicago Heights.



Fire Dept. Open House October 12, 2018 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

lamp shades, bedding, curtains, and clothing.

- ✓ Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords.
- ✓ Use extension cords for temporary wiring only.
- ✓ Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet away from children.

Don't forget "Change your clock, Change our batteries" in the smoke detectors.

South Chicago Heights Police Department Police Blotter

JULY 27, 2018

Serge Amouzou, 301 W 35th Street, Steger was arrested at 3300 Chicago Road and charged with DUI-Alcohol, speeding and driving without headlights.

JULY 31, 2018

Timothy Smith, 17760 Baker Avenue, Country Club Hills was arrested at Sauk Trail and Miller Avenue and charged with driving while license suspended, no insurance.

AUGUST 2, 2018

Donna Bryant, 7930 Eberhart, Chicago was arrested at Sauk Trail and Lawrence Avenue and charged with driving while license suspended, no insurance, improper lane usage and local ordinance unlawful possession of cannabis.

AUGUST 5, 2018

Kyle Hallberg, 1710 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights was arrested at Sauk Trail and Chicago Road and charged with driving while license suspended, no insurance.

AUGUST 6, 2018

Jimmy Hollins, 225 W 110th Street, Chicago was arrested at 3100 block of Commercial and charged with driving while license revoked and improper lane usage.

AUGUST 17, 2018

Charles Warren, 22410 Strassburg, Sauk Village was arrested at 2929 Chicago Road and charged with battery.

AUGUST 19, 2018

Gizelle Rodriguez, 277 Allegheny, Park Forest was arrested at 26th and Chicago Road and charged with driving while license suspended, operating motor vehicle with suspended registration and suspended registration.

AUGUST 21, 2018

Jason Michaels, 3118 Fairview was arrested at 3100 block of Farview and charged with aggravated assault.



Sign up for CodeRED! Go to www.southchicagoheights.com and click the CodeRED icon at the bottom of the page. CodeRED is a FREE communication notification service provided to all residents within the Village of South Chicago Heights. CodeRED will allow you to be notified of emergency and general information via phone calls, text messages, emails, social media and the CodeRED Mobile Alert app.

Please note: CodeRED is also used to distribute information such as upcoming events, scheduled water main repairs and other important information.



Please note: this event is open only to South Chicago Heights residents 50 years of age or older.

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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
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Yard Beautification Contest Winners

The Beautification Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 25th Annual Pride of South Chicago Heights Yard Contest!

- **First Place \$200.00** — Family Alvarado, 3100 Rosiclaire Court
- **Second Place \$150.00** — Family Lopez, 3045 Fairview Avenue
- **Third Place \$100.00** — Family Banicki, 3329 Fairview Avenue.

Resident Courtesy Van Available

FREE courtesy van service available to residents of South Chicago Heights who are 65 years or older or to residents of any age with a disability (documents requested). The van is available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Transportation is provided to and from medical appointments and to in-town retail stores. To sign up, come to the Village Hall with photo ID and/or documents supporting disability.

A Reminder from the Water Department

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to pay your bill online.



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