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Mayor Terry L. Matthews

Welcome to our Spring/Summer newsletter!

I am excited to share information regarding the Village's Crime-Free Housing Ordinance and Flood Brothers Disposal, our new residential waste contractor. In this edition, you will find important information regarding upcoming events, services and promotions.

The Board of Trustees adopted Crime Free Housing ordinance #2019-ORD-14 on December 2, 2019. Crime-Free Housing will allow landlords and the Village of South Chicago Heights the opportunity to band together to create a safer environment, increase property values and help create a positive tenant – landlord relationship. The crime free program gives rental property owners and their management companies a powerful tool to help reduce the chances of criminal activity in rented units.

All landlords will now be required to gain a Residential Rental License (RRL). This license will be gained by attending our crime free seminar, adopting the crime free lease addendum, and participate in the rental inspections for each property. The landlord must participate in the seminar hosted by the Village every three years.

Problem properties around the country have seen dramatic decreases in calls for police service after crime-free housing programs were implemented. Not only will this ordinance help us with crime related issues, but also with the upkeep of properties in making sure that all living spaces are sanitary and safe for tenants.

On another note, Flood Brothers disposal services began their regular garbage pick-ups on Tuesday, January 7th. Now residents can place both their garbage and recycle carts out the same day! As a reminder, should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Flood Bros at 630-261-0400 or visit their website www.floodbrothersdisposal.com. Flood Brothers Disposal is a family-owned business with over 80 years of disposal and recycling service experience. Flood Brothers was awarded the contract with a bid that was 17% lower than their nearest competitor, saving the Village more than \$204,000 over the 4 year agreement.

I am looking forward to another great Spring/Summer season and hope to see you at our upcoming events and services.

On December 2, 2019, The South Chicago Heights Board of Police and Fire Commissioners submitted the names of John Darge and Alexander Eisen for full time employment as Police Officers. Both officers come from the ranks of part time employment and met the qualifications of full time employment under the recent Lateral Hire Ordinance. This brings the staff of full time officers up to full capacity for the first time in several years.

John Darge's law enforcement career includes serving as a Cook County Sheriff's Deputy in several capacities. He is certified in Crisis Intervention Negotiation and Homicide Investigation to name a few. John is also a decorated officer with several commendations including a Life Saving Award.

Alexander Eisen's Law Enforcement career includes serving as a Police Officer for the Village of Crestwood, Illinois, South Suburban College, and the Social Security Administration. Officer Eisen brings multiple skills to our department including, Emergency response training. Alexander is a certified SWAT officer and possesses multiple levels of Martial Arts training.

We look forward to both officers serving the Village of South Chicago Heights with honor and distinction.



Left to Right: Police Chief Bill Joyce, Officer Eisen, Officer Darge, Trustee Fazzini, Mayor Matthews

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FIRE DEPARTMENT



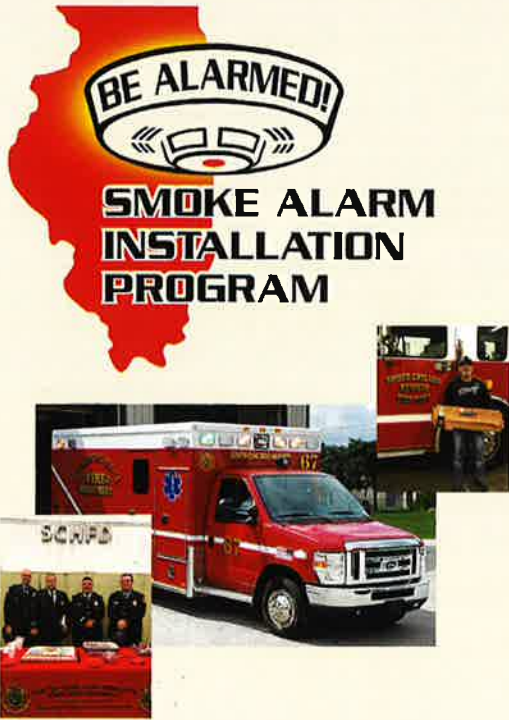
Message from Chief Viletstra:

The South Chicago Heights Fire Department is excited to announce the promotions of four officers. Mike Stokoski and Jeremy McCool have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Daniel Price and Daniel Fleming have been promoted to the rank of Engineer. (Pictured from left to right Engineer Daniel Price, Lt. Jeremy McCool, Lt. Michael Stokoski and Engineer Daniel Fleming). Congratulations to all of our promoted members and their families. We wish you the best in your new assignments. This past year we also celebrated Firefighter Steve Ruffolo's retirement after 27 years of dedication. We wish him the best in his retirement.

What's New in the FD?

In 2019, the Fire Department received a new ambulance that replaced our 2001 ambulance. 85% (\$200,000) of the ambulance cost was funded through the Franciscan St. James Comprehensive Community Re-Development Plan as a result of the hospital closure in Chicago Heights. This past year, we also received an \$128,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant that was funded through the Department of Homeland Security that allowed us to replace our fifteen-year-old self-contained breathing apparatus (air packs) that have reached their end of life useful lifespan.

We are happy to announce a new smoke alarm installation program for the community called "Be Alarmed". This program is administered cooperatively between the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM). This new program was developed to educate our residents on the dangers of fire in the home and provide residents with 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms at no charge. Contact the Fire Department or visit the Village's Fire Department webpage for additional details.



2019 FALL/WINTER



2020 EVENTS AND VILLAGE SERVICES

| ACTIVITY | DATE | TIME | EVENT OPEN TO | COST | REQ. REG |
|--|--|--------------------|---------------------|--------|-------------------|
| VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th | 7:00 PM | EVERYONE | NONE | NO |
| BRANCH PICK UP BEGINS | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st | END NOV. 24th | RESIDENTIAL SERVICE | NONE | NO |
| YARD WASTE CONTAINER PICK UP BEGINS | TUESDAY, APRIL 7th | END NOV. 24th | RESIDENTIAL SERVICE | NONE | NO |
| OPERATION PRIDE | TUESDAY, APRIL 1st and 28th | TRASH PICK TIMES | RESIDENTIAL SERVICE | NONE | NO |
| HYDRANT FLUSHING BEGINS | TUESDAY, APRIL 28th | ENDS 9/29 | RESIDENTIAL SERVICE | NONE | NO |
| STREET SWEEPING | WED, THUR, FRI - MAY 6th, 7th and 8th | VILLAGE WIDE | SERVICE | NONE | NO |
| SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS CLEAN UP DAY | SATURDAY, MAY 9th | 9:00 AM - NOON | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | NONE | CALL VILLAGE HALL |
| E-WASTE RECYCLING | MAY 11th - 17th | 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM | RESIDENTS ONLY | NONE | NO |
| MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE | MONDAY, MAY 25th | 10:00 AM | EVERYONE | NONE | NO |
| SHREDDING EVENT | SATURDAY, JUNE 6th | 10:00 AM - NOON | RESIDENTS ONLY | NONE | NO |
| FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY W/ BOY SCOUTS | FRIDAY, JUNE 12th (RAIN DATE: JUNE 19th) | 6:00 PM | EVEYONE | NONE | NO |
| SUMMER CONCERT #1 CONJUNTO DEZIBEL | SATURDAY, JUNE 13th | 6:00 - 10:00 PM | EVERYONE | NONE** | NO |
| VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17th | 7:00 PM | EVERYONE | NONE | NO |
| VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE | THUR, FRI, SAT - JULY 9th, 10th and 11th | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | EVERYONE | NONE | YES |
| MOVIE NIGHT! | SATURDAY, JULY 11th | DUSK - 8:00 PM | EVERYONE | NONE | NO |
| SUMMER CONCERT #2 REPLAY | SATURDAY, JULY 18th | 6:00 - 10:00 PM | EVERYONE | NONE** | NO |
| SENIOR PICNIC | SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st | NOON - 3:00 PM | SCH RESIDENTS 50+ | NONE | YES |
| BACK 2 SCHOOL PICNIC | SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd | NOON - 3:00 PM | SCH KIDS & PARENTS | NONE | YES |
| SUMMER CONCERT #3 RETURN 2 SOUL | SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th | 6:00 - 10:00 PM | EVERYONE | NONE** | NO |
| FIRE DEPT CAR SHOW AND RAFFLE | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th | 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM | EVERYONE | NONE | NO |
| SUMMER CONCERT #4 MEMPHIS HONEY | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th | 6:00 - 10:00 PM | EVERYONE | NONE** | NO |

** SUMMER CONCERTS PAID BY SPONSORS AND MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH VOLUNTEERS HELP



census facts:

- The Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. Code to keep your information confidential
- 2020 Census data will help inform how billions of dollars are distributed to states and communities for the next 10 years



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If you would like to register for the Village's No Knock Registry please call or stop-by village hall. You will receive a sticker to post on your door informing solicitor's you registered. All solicitor's must register at village hall. The Clerk will issue a permit once the village Board of Trustees approves the application

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- Terry L. Matthews** Mayor
- Nora Gomez** Village Administrator
- John Dolasinski** Finance Director
- Catherine Linan** Village Clerk
- Nick Goncher** Building Department Director
- Bill Joyce II** Chief of Police
- Chad Vlietstra** Fire Chief
- Mark Martin** Public Works Director

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- EMERGENCY** 911
- VILLAGE HALL** 708/755-1880
- POLICE DEPT. (Non-Emergency)** 708/755-3520
- FIRE DEPT. (Non-Emergency)** 708/755-9589
- PUBLIC WORKS** 708/755-7888
- FLOOD BROTHERS** 630/261-0400
- ComEd POWER OUTAGE** 800/EDISON1
- BLOOM TOWNSHIP** 708/754-9400

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