



May 2012 Update

An open meeting of the Sauganash Community Association was held at the Sauganash School on May 22nd, 2012.

Sauganash School Principal, Christine Munns welcomed the group to the newly renovated school.

Alderman Margaret Laurino addressed the group. She spoke about a number of topics affecting our community. Among them -- the new Park Supervisor, the beautiful school addition, planned extensions to the bike trail, the new ward representative to the O'Hare Noise Commission and the new recycling grid system for the blue cart program. She stated that applications for block parties and garage sales are available at her ward office. She said that there will be special use cameras around the city to protect our children from speeders.

A guest presentation was done by the Sauganash Mural Project. Paula Fitzgerald, the president of the group explained that the project will be a community based mural at the bike trail underpass on Peterson. The theme will highlight the fact that Sauganash is a wonderful place to live, work, and play. It will be similar to the ones done by the Chicago Public Art Group under Lake Shore Drive at Bryn Mawr and also at Foster. She then introduced Jon Pounds, Director of the CPAG who gave a presentation about the process used to create these murals. The SMP plans to contract with the CPAG for the project. After Pound's presentation, Fitzgerald presented a prize to Erin Choi, a sixth grader at Sauganash School who won the mural slogan contest. Persons at the meeting were encouraged to sign up to work on the project in several categories. An audience member offered matching funds for any donations collected after the meeting.

Commander Staples of the Chicago Police Department discussed auto thefts and burglaries. Burglaries usually take place when no one is home during the day. Call the police for any suspicious activities. Take pictures of jewelry and valuables. There are 39 pawn shops in our district. Cancel newspapers and have neighbors pick up mail when you are out of town. Remind children to be wary of strangers and not to accept rides in cars.

Tony LaPash, Superintendent, Department of Streets and Sanitation addressed the group. All service requests go to him. People can call him at 312 744 8163 between 6 and 2:30 or call 311,

Andy Ginocchio, SCA Director and 39th Ward Rep. to the O'Hare Compatibility Commission reported that the FAA wants to direct night traffic over Sauganash. They plan to increase these night flights from the current 20 to 80 to 90 planes a night.

A motion was made by a member of the SCA Board of Directors to accept the new slate of officers and directors for the 2012/2013 fiscal year. The motion passed.

The Communications Committee reported that they are now on twitter.

Mosquito Abatement Committee stated that the first spraying will take place the weekend before the 4th of July. West Nile Virus has been found in Cook County.

The 4th of July committee reported that 9 AM will be the line up and 9:30 will be the kick off for the parade. Activities in the Park will take place from 10 until 2. Volunteers are needed for the event.

The Membership Committee reminded the group that membership runs from June 1st to May 31st.

A drawing for the \$50 door prize took place.