



August 2013 Update

A meeting of the Sauganash Community Association was held on August 20, 2013 at the North Shore Community Bank.

The annual 4th of July celebration drew a record-breaking crowd to the parade and picnic. Multiple sponsors from neighborhood businesses made contributions enabling the total expenses to be less than the previous two years. Sauganash Park Community Association provided 3000 hot dogs for the picnic. The Partnership Fee that the SCA gives to Sauganash Park for the use of the park on July 4th will purchase three jumbo floor fans that will be used to circulate air year-round in the park buildings. Additionally, a donation has been made to the Sauganash Park Advisory Council to be used to defray expenses of their Halloween party and Dinner with Santa.

There are currently 470 household members of the SCA. Please watch your mail for a second request for membership or visit the SCA website at www.sauganash.org to pay your \$40 dues. Please also “like” the SCA Facebook page and follow us on Twitter @SaugCommAssc. The new SCA hotline number is 773-800-9685.

The O’Hare Noise Committee of the SCA reports there have been over 1400 signatures to the on-line petition. It is estimated that beginning in October there will be five times more night landings over Sauganash than now. Please visit www.sauganash.org for a link to sign petition asking the FAA to adjust planned flight patterns over our community. There are eight neighboring community organizations signed on to FAiR (Fair Allocation in Runways). There will be 5000 informational door hangers distributed. The following elected officials have endorsed FAiR: Congressman Quigley, Congresswoman Schakowsky, State Senators Ira Silverstein and John Mulroe, State Representatives Robert Martwick and John D’Amico, and Aldermen Margaret Laurino and John Arena. FAiR is pursuing a meeting with Mayor Emanuel.

The Bob Perkaus Memorial 5K will be held on Sunday, October 6th at 9:00 AM. Participants can register online at <https://www.regonline.com/bperkaus5k>. Individual registration is \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the event. Family registration is available for \$50 in advance or \$65 the day of the event.

Mark your calendars for the SCA Holiday Party. It will be held at Monastero’s Restaurant on December 6th. More details will follow as the date approaches.

Street reconstruction work continues on Kercheval Ave and Rogers Ave. Roadwork begins at Kercheval and Kerbs and extends to Kercheval and Rogers, then continuing on Rogers Ave to Caldwell. Work includes bringing the street level to grade, new curbs and gutters, storm water catch basins, full resurfacing, new sidewalks and streetlights, and ADA accessible ramps. Unfortunately there was a loss of several mature trees due to their proximity to the roadway. The plan includes the planting of twenty-seven new trees and new sod in parkways.

The work on Forest Glen west of Cicero is being done by the Dept of Water Management to replace a water main at Las Casas. The street should be re-opened by Sept 20, and possibly earlier. The bulk of the water main work was anticipated to be completed before Labor Day but then the street needs to be restored which could take a few more weeks.

Speed cameras will be installed by the end of the year on Peterson just east of Cicero to further insure the safety of the schoolchildren.

The Sauganash Mural Project was installed in July and dedicated on September 8th. The total budget for the project was \$75,000. More than 90% of that total came from area residents. Almost 200 donors made gifts of \$125 to \$500 and in exchange were able to submit a photo that was fired onto a ceramic tile and included in the mural. Residents are encouraged to view the mural up close. Many photos of historical significance to Sauganash are also included.

On August 29 at approximately 2:50 PM a female was jogging on the Sauganash Trail near Bryn Mawr and Lowell when a male offender grabbed her from behind, forced her to the ground and attempted to remove her clothing. The victim yelled for help at which time the offender fled southbound on the path. According to Chicago Police the offender was described as a male white Hispanic, 22 – 26 years old, approximately 5'7", 140 – 150 lbs., with short black hair and wearing a gray short sleeve t-shirt and blue jeans. He may also have several scratches on his face resulting from the victim defending herself.

There have also been recent reported break-ins in the neighborhood as well as vandalism to vehicles. If you see **anything suspicious** in the neighborhood, please **call 911!** The police would rather investigate a false alarm rather than miss a potential crime. Unfamiliar cars, suspicious people, strange sounds in the middle of the night (or day)... follow your gut instinct when something doesn't seem right.