

Village of St Anne

President's Report

October 10, 2011

1. **Park Fun Raisers** – This group has two competitive bids for the rubber mulch. Another thing they are doing is replacing the PVC piping around the playground equipment. They will be replacing it with a plastic wooden timber like material. The group will be making a decision soon. The one issue is the freight and they are working on ways to reduce this cost. The color of the mulch will be black. Once they place the order we're going to need to help the group with the removal of the old PVC, installing the new timbers and then spreading the new rubber mulch. I'm sure they will need volunteers. They would like to get this completed very soon. I'll keep you posted.
2. **Rep Lisa Dugan** – I attended this Open House that was hosted by Rep Dugan and Senator Hutchinson last month. The event was to cover the financial short falls of the State of Illinois. Basically, it comes down to the Democrats want to refinance the debt to in order to pay off all the outstanding debt and to get a better interest rate on the monies that the State owes. The Republicans don't want to spend any more money than what they already have on the books. So they are not going along with this plan. They feel that the Democrats will get this refinancing done and keep on spending. So that is the stalemate. I'm not sure how this is going to play out. After the presentation was over, a lot of people where asking questions about why their particular program funding was cut back or eliminated. The meeting sort of broke down at that point.
3. **Pumpkin Fest** – I would like to publicly thank the Pumpkin Fest Committee and all who worked to pull off another great event. I know these people worked very hard on the Festival and it seemed to be a great success. I had a lot of positive comments about our town and the welcome feeling that these out of town people felt. Again, great job to all who helped out this year. Thank You