



South Holland **TODAY**

NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016



**Heritage Haul
& Fall Fest
Sat., Sept. 17
See Details Inside**

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South Holland's

Fall Festival

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

**Veterans Memorial Park
520 East 160th Place
South Holland, Illinois**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 11:00 AMHome Plate Grill Opens
- 11:00 AMPaint in the Park (Adults)
- 11:00 AM - 5:00 PMAnnual Car Show
- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PMKid's Inflatables
- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PMClimbing Wall
- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PMCorn Roast
- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PMSouth Holland Garden Club
- 12:00 - 2:00 PMDimples The Clown/Balloons
- 12:30 - 1:30 PMSparky the Fire Dog
- 1:00 - 4:00 PMKid's Garage Sale
- 1:00 - 4:00 PMKid's Craft Corral
- 1:00 - 4:00 PMKid's Taffy Apples
- 2:00 - 4:00 PMPatches The Clown/Face Painting
- 2:00 - 4:00 PMTrain Rides
- 4:30 - 5:15 PMBMX Bike Show
- 5:00 - 8:00 PMPhoto Area/Scarecrows
- 6:00 - 8:00 PMFamily Hay Rides
- 7:00 - 8:00 PMDJ Ed Dancing in the Park
- Sunset.....Movie in the Park



HAPPENINGS

Shop Local, Shop Fresh at TCM

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thru October 1

Northeast corner of 162nd Street and South Park Avenue

Shop local and fresh at Town Center Marketplace (TCM). Market shoppers will find a variety of farm fresh, organic fruits and vegetables along with a wide variety of food products and merchandise available for purchase.

Town Center Marketplace farmers accept the Senior/WIC program coupons.



Paarlberg Fest

Labor Day - September 5th, Paarlberg Park

The South Holland Historical Society will host its annual Paarlberg Festival Monday, Sept. 5th, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at Paarlberg Park. The fest will kick off with the raising of the American flag followed by lively music, magic show, line dancing, a farmer's market, crafters, quilt show raffle, small art gallery, tour of the historic farm house for \$1.00, food vendors, and woodcarvers. Paarlberg Fest concludes with a performance by the South Holland Municipal Band, with new director Roland Rose, from 3 to 4 p.m. Paarlberg Park is located at 172nd St. and Paxton Ave.



Coffee with the Mayor

Tues., September 13th, 7 p.m. Community Center

Residents are invited to the upcoming Mayor's Coffee at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170th Street. This session with Mayor Don De Graff will focus on how the Department of Recreational Services is engaging residents through a diverse slate of programs and activities. There will be a special highlight of the department's partnership with the Arthritis Foundation, as well as programs for disabled residents. Additionally, general questions and comments are always welcome at Mayor's Coffee. The meeting is open to the public.



Calling All Artists

October 6th - 8th, Community Center

The Village of South Holland is currently recruiting artists for the 2016 Artists Gallery Exhibition. The Gallery will be held from Oct. 6-8 at the Community Center. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Interested artists can sign up online at southholland.org or call 708-210-2918 to request a registration form.



Harvest Fest

Thurs., October 27th, 6:30 p.m.

South Holland Community Center

The Harvest Fest is scheduled for Oct. 27, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. There will be costume judging, games, and pumpkin decorating for children ages 3 to 12. This event will be held at the South Holland Community Center and space is limited. Harvest Fest is exclusive to South Holland residents, and registration is required, along with proof of residency. Call 708-331-2940 to learn more.





It's not too early to start thinking about who to honor for the 2017 Mayor's Leadership Awards.

Mayor's Leadership Awards are presented biennially to residents who demonstrate outstanding service to the community and who reflect our South Holland values of Faith, Family and Future.

GUIDELINES

FAITH: Nominee must be a South Holland resident who has demonstrated outstanding service to advance the heritage of Faith in the Village of South Holland.

FAMILY: Nominee must be a South Holland resident who has demonstrated outstanding service as a role model to married couples, families, children, and students within the Village of South Holland.

FUTURE: Nominee must be a South Holland resident who has demonstrated outstanding service to the village of South Holland to ensure its continued vitality.

Nomination forms are available at Village Hall, 16226 Wausau Avenue. The deadline is December 31.

Visit www.southholland.org for more details or call 708.210.2918.



Pictured with Mayor Don De Graff (left) are a few of the past recipients of Mayor's Leadership Awards, including (l-r) John Watson, Jr., Rev. Dr. Carl E. King, Sue and Ron Bordenaro, Frank Knittle, Mary Ann Thornton, Trustee Vickie Perkins, and Richard Zimmerman.

THE ARTS

Artists' Gallery Exhibition

October 6 – 8, 2016

South Holland Community Center
501 East 170th Street

Thursday, October 6, 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 7, 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 8, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Artists' Gallery features a unique collection of oils, watercolors, pastels, graphite and colored pencil, prints, photographs, sculptures, pottery, and miniatures. The gallery is currently recruiting artists – junior high, high school, and adult artists are welcome. To register, please visit South Holland's website at www.southholland.org, or stop by Village Hall (16226 Wausau Avenue) to complete a form.



South Holland Master Chorale 2016-2017 Performance Season

October 9, 2016 • 4:00 PM
St. Irenaeus Church • Park Forest

October 16, 2016 • 4:00 PM
First Reformed Church • South Holland

December 4, 2016 • 4:00 PM
St. Victor Catholic Church • Calumet City

April 30, 2017 • 4:00 PM
Annual Spring Concert
Covenant United Church of Christ • South Holland

May 7, 2017 4:00 PM
St. Andrew Catholic Church • Calumet City

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South Holland Master Chorale,
visit online at www.shchorale.org
or call 708.210.2913

POLICE

Make Your Vehicle A “Tough Target”

The South Holland Police Department wants residents to be mindful that to the opportunistic criminal, a motor vehicle can be an “easy target.” Here are a few simple tips to help make your vehicle a “tough target.”

1. Lock your vehicle doors.
2. Roll up your windows.
3. Keep valuables out of sight.
4. Never leave bags in plain sight.
5. Never leave your vehicle running unattended.

Police also reminds residents to call the department if something or someone looks suspicious or makes you uncomfortable. In case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1. For all other incidents, dial 708-331-3131, option 1.



Send Tips to Police Department

To send an anonymous tip via text message to the South Holland Police Department: Text shpd and your tip to 847411 (tip411).

FIRE

Fire Department Conducting Fire Hydrant Inspections

by Zachary Hughes

The South Holland Fire Department will continue to conduct fire hydrant inspections and testing throughout the remainder of summer. These inspections and tests take place Monday through Friday during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During the testing process, residents may experience discoloration of water due to the disturbance of natural sediments in the pipeline. This does not contaminate your water. Some cloudiness of tap water is normal while conducting hydrant flow testing, and it will quickly subside. The fire department is making every effort to keep this to a minimum.

The fire department appreciates the patience and understanding of residents. If you have any questions, please contact the South Holland Fire Department at 708-331-3123.

Fire Prevention Week

National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 9-15. The week was established in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, a tragic event in 1871 that started on Oct. 8 and continued into Oct. 9. The fire resulted in the death of more than 250, displaced 100,000 people, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres. Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which Oct. 9 falls, and is known to be the longest running public health and safety observation on record.

This year, the prevention campaign promotes “Don’t Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years,” basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.

Prior to Fire Prevention Week, the South Holland Fire Department will host its annual Open House on Sat., Oct. 1, at Fire Station 1, 16230 Wausau Avenue. Residents are invited to take part in firehouse tours and look inside fire apparatus that are dispatched to address local emergencies. Other activities are planned for the day, including the graduation for members of the 2016 Citizens Fire Academy. Open House is expected to run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 11, is the annual silent Parade of Lights, sponsored by the South Holland Fire Department. A remembrance ceremony will be held at Thorn Creek Church, 1875 E. 170th St., followed by the silent Parade of Lights from South Holland to Homewood. Visit southholland.org to receive the parade route. National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 9-15.

New Home For South Holland Police



16330 South Park Avenue

RECREATIONAL SERVICES



Host Elegant Event in South Holland

New Promotions

Book your special event for any Friday or Sunday, from 3 p.m. until closing, during the months of September, October, November or December at \$50 per hour.

Host your event in January 2017 and get the fourth hour free when you pay for three hours at the regular price on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday from 3 p.m. until closing.

Regular Room Rental Hourly Rates:

- Resident \$70 per hour /per event room
- SHRS Member (in good standing) discount \$5
- Active military or veteran (with ID) discount \$5
- Nonresident: \$85 per hour / per event room
- SHRS member (in good standing) discount \$5
- Active military or veteran (with ID) discount \$5

Contact Lorraine Wells-McKee or any rental team manager at the Community Center (708-331-2940) to start planning an event you and your guests won't soon forget.



Watering Restrictions Now In Effect

Now that we have reached the hot summer months, South Holland's Public Works Department wants to remind residents of the village that water sprinkling restrictions are still in effect. Residents in premises with odd numbered street addresses may only water their lawn and garden or wash their car on odd numbered days of the month, Monday-Saturday, and only between the hours of 7 p.m. and 11 a.m. Residents in premises with even numbered street addresses may only water their lawn and garden or wash their car on even numbered days of the month, Monday-Saturday, and only between the hours of 7 p.m. and 11 a.m. For any questions, contact Public Works at 708-339-2323.

EDUCATION

McKinley Student Attends Space Academy Camp

McKinley Junior High student Nyerovwome Omene was selected to attend the Space Academy Camp in Huntsfield, Ala., this summer.

More than 200 students from Illinois, including two others from McKinley, applied for the Space Academy Camp program. Space Academy is designed for seventh-grade to ninth-grade students from 12-14 years old.

Nyerovwome was one of 16 students from Illinois selected to attend the camp between July 30 and Aug. 5.

Space Academy Camp officials said he qualified for the session because of his brilliant essay, his distinguished grades and a well-written recommendation by his science teacher, Deanna Staley.

Nyerovwome's accomplishments at McKinley include:

- Member of the National Junior Honor Society;
- Member of the track team;
- Member of the Symphonic Band;
- Distinguished Honor Roll Student;
- Ranked 4th in the class of 2017.

At Space Academy Camp, he engaged in the ultimate adventure that enabled him to experience simulated space missions, rocket launches, and use realistic astronaut simulators.

Space Academy Camp is a five-night camp that is both educational and exhilarating. The program incorporates real-world applications of science, technology, engineering and math education.

All trainees prepare to become the new generation of lunar explorers, with hands-on activities that place them in the role of spacecraft designers/mission controllers and astronauts.



South Suburban College

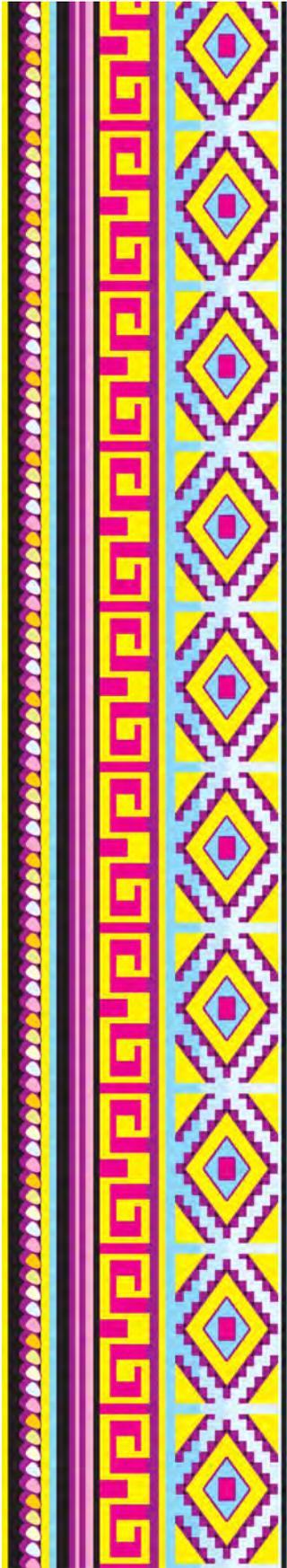
Music Department Expanding to Full Symphony

The Music Department of South Suburban College announced that the SSC String Orchestra is expanding to a full symphonic orchestra, beginning in August.

SSC Director of Instrumental Music, Rob Calhoon, has long felt the need for a community symphony in our area. "Up until now," he says "there really hasn't been anywhere for the amateur musicians of our region to play in a full orchestra unless they are willing to travel to the northern or western suburbs."

Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 6-8:50 p.m. beginning Aug. 22 at South Suburban College. Any instrumentalists who would like more information about the South Suburban Community Symphony Orchestra, or who would like to schedule an audition, should call Calhoon at 708-596-2000, ext. 2299, or email him at rcalhoon@ssc.edu.





Spanish Resources and Events Are Growing at the Library

By Ronda Williams

South Holland is growing in diversity and culture, and the South Holland library is leading the way in offering programs and resources for Spanish speaking residents.

Through the Latino Americans: 500 Years of History grant provided by the American Library Assoc. and National Endowment for the Humanities, the library has been able to host several events focused on the Hispanic culture.

Two exhibits were displayed, Voces Americanas and Mexico: Splendors of Thirty Centuries. In addition, two guest speakers spoke on the topic of Latinos overcoming diversity and equality. The library also hosted a series of Mexican folkloric dance lessons for Cinco de Mayo and a Day of the Dead event.

The South Holland Library has a wide variety of materials and resources available in Spanish including books, music, and Hispanic television and movies in the DVD collection.

New programs, including monthly Spanish computer classes for adults and Spanish Youth Club, are available for anyone interested in becoming familiar with the Spanish language.

The library will also launch new activities that include a Hispanic book discussion, a conversational Spanish program for both English and Spanish speaking patrons who want to learn conversational Spanish and more programming centered on traditional Spanish holidays.

To support the Spanish speaking community, the Public Services Department has hired a Spanish speaking information specialist, Alejandra Nieto, who is responsible for giving input on Spanish materials to order and is in charge of adult Hispanic programming. The Youth Services Department also has a new Spanish speaking team member, Jessica Mireles.

As the Hispanic Latino community continues to grow in South Holland and surrounding communities, the library is ready to provide support and educational resources for children and adults.



The South Holland Public Library is located at 16250 Wausau Ave. To learn more about current and upcoming programs, call 708-331-5262 or visit online at shlibrary.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Less Talk and More Action About Trash

By Ronda Williams

Residents can be assured that when it comes to Clean, Bright and Beautiful, South Holland is putting trash right where it belongs.

This village-wide initiative to keep public areas vibrant has been brought to life with a program that beautifies public areas through detailed landscaping, stunning gateway signs and lush green areas. With a new beautification plan and full-time commitment, the village will have even more landscaped areas, greener lands and new gateway signs at the entranceways by the end of summer.

This summer, the Department of Public Works is looking forward to even greener pastures for the village. With a new beautification plan and full-time commitment, by the end of the summer the village will have even more landscaped areas, greener lands and new gateway signs at entranceways.

First impressions are lasting impressions, and Sean Faulkner, Community Beautification Coordinator and Parks Superintendent, wants residents and those who travel through the village to have a lasting positive impression.

“The Clean, Bright and Beautiful initiative gives our residents and those who drive through our town a sense of pride knowing that our village is well kept,” said Faulkner. “It is so important that we keep our community clean. It makes it a place that people want to come, to live and do business.”

Faulkner and his team take to the streets daily to pick up what others have left behind. It is not an easy job, but the positive resident comments about the improvements keep them motivated to continue.

George Gunkel, Director Public Works, encourages everyone to take part in keeping the village litter free.

Public Works gets assistance from programs such as SWAP to help with cleaning up the community. Residents are also encouraged to get involved. Faulkner and his team welcome students looking to fulfill community service hours or other service organizations looking for ways to share in the collective responsibility.

“From community service organizations to block clubs, we are open for everyone to get involved,” said Faulkner. “We would certainly appreciate assistance from local groups. There is always a lot of work to do, and getting residents involved can help build relationships, teach landscaping skills and inspire others to do the same.”

New Clean, Bright and Beautiful projects in South Holland include:

- Route 6 (159th Street): New landscaping at the four corners of the railroad overpass;
- Park Avenue (south of Route 6): More green areas along the business area;
- Three new gateway signs: 170th and Luella, 173rd and South Park, 173rd and State;
- 700 fire hydrants are being sandblasted, primed and painted this year;
- Street improvements will take place from Church Drive and Gouwens Lane to Mutual Terrace, King Drive from Woodlawn east to 156th Street. Streets will be resurfaced and curbs and sidewalks updated as needed.

Contact Sean Faulkner at Public Works to discuss your ideas for making South Holland Clean, Bright and Beautiful.



“All residents can be active participants in this initiative. Keeping areas around your home clean and teaching children the importance of putting trash in cans is a big help to the community.”

SALUTES

South Holland Student Receives Scholarship

LeRone Branch, of South Holland, a student at Dominican University, was one of the recipients of the Illinois CPA Society and the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois academic scholarships given to accounting students of diverse backgrounds and common professional goals at colleges around the state. Students earning scholarships are on track to complete their studies in accounting and pursue the CPA credential.

“It was another great year for our scholarship program, and on behalf of the Illinois CPA Society, I am proud to honor these impressive students,” said Todd Shapiro, president and CEO of the Illinois CPA Society. “As leaders on campus and in their communities, these students have a great potential for success in the accounting profession. We are truly grateful to the many donors who make it possible for us to recognize their achievements.”

SPORTS

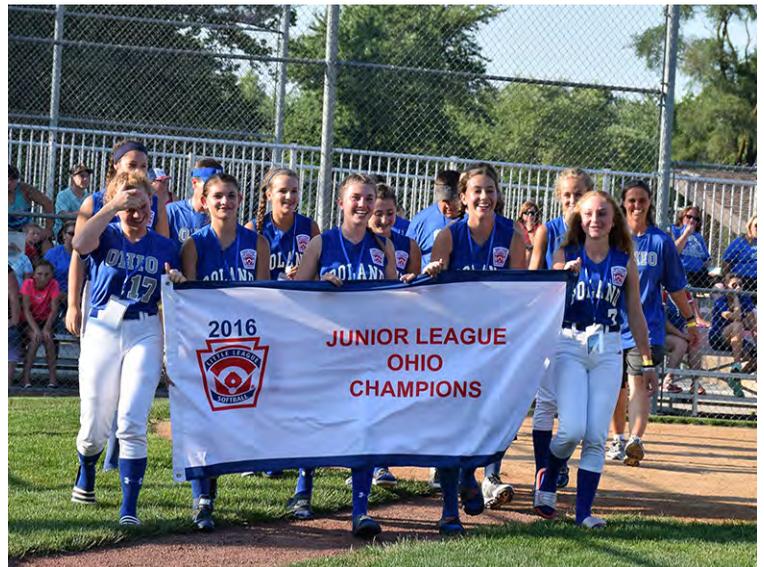
Poland Ohio is the 2016 Central Region Junior League Champion

On Thursday, July 28th, the 2016 Girls Central Region Junior League Softball Tournament wrapped up following a week of intense play. The championship game delivered a thrilling and nail-biting experience as the Ohio State Champions (pictured right) came from behind to win over Michigan’s Delta County, 4-3 in 6.5 innings.

Earlier in the day, in the consolation game, the State Champions of Indiana, Yorktown JAA Little League, defeated the State Champions of Illinois, Melrose Park Little League, 2-1 and took 3rd and 4th place, respectively.

The Ohio team attended the Junior League Softball World Series in Kirkland, WA, which commenced Sunday, July 31st.

Congratulation to Poland, Ohio Little League on advancing to the Junior League World Series!



Thornwood Grad Signs to Play Basketball at West Texas A&M



West Texas A&M men’s basketball coach Tom Brown has added 6-foot-3 shooting guard Drew Evans from South Holland to the Buffs 2016 recruiting class.

Evans graduated from Thornwood High School in June after averaging 15 points, five rebounds and three assists his senior season.

“Drew is a very talented young man on both ends of the court,” Brown said. “He can be a lock down defender for us. However, what makes Drew really tough is he can lead a fast break as well as finish on the break.”

COMMUNITY NEWS

New Look For Water Bills

This fall, the Village of South Holland will roll out its new water bill, a full 8 ½ x 11 double-sided sheet, with a stub to mail with the payment.

The former billing system included a postcard size bill, which oftentimes was difficult to read, as expressed by many South Holland water customers. With the new full page bill, water customers will be pleased with the large, easy-to-read text.

The front side of the new bill will provide current billing information. The back side of the bill will provide helpful information related to water billing in general. Customers should expect to receive inserts in the water bill envelope, providing announcements of upcoming community events, community alerts, and other related news.

For the convenience of customers, a return envelope will be provided with the bill. Simply review the bill, tear off the payment stub, insert the payment and stub in the return envelope, place a stamp on it, and drop it in a mailbox.

For customers who enjoy the convenience of either direct withdrawal or online payment options, the new billing system will not impact these processes.

South Holland water customers will continue to receive their bill at the start of every month, with payment due by the 20th of every month.

This project is another example of the village demonstrating responsive and progressive leadership in this era of VISION 2022. This transition will maximize the village's ability to further enhance the level of communication with stakeholders.

For questions regarding the new water bill or to learn more about convenient payment options, contact the Village of South Holland Collector's Office at 708-210-2900 or visit online at southholland.org.

ComEd's Smart Grid Investments Improve Reliability in South Holland

Reflecting the impact of Smart Grid and system improvement work across northern Illinois since 2012, ComEd released data showing that residents and businesses in South Holland saw a 43 percent decrease in outage frequency and a 53 percent decrease in outage duration in 2015.

More than 6,300 customer interruptions were avoided in South Holland since 2012 thanks to distribution automation, or smart switches, which reroutes power around trouble spots. In addition, 61 percent of South Holland residents experienced zero or one interruption, while 17 percent had no outage at all in 2015. The residents of South Holland experienced a 99.98 percent reliability rate in 2015.

"When we began our smart grid work, we promised our customers that they would see an improvement in the reliability in their electric service, and we are delivering on that promise in South Holland and throughout our service territory," said Terrence R. Donnelly, executive vice president and chief operating officer. "ComEd has achieved record levels of reliability the last three years - ranking us in the top 10 percent of utilities nationally - and has one of the nation's leading smart grid programs, leading our region to economic prowess in the digital economy."

Thanks to passage of the Smart Grid law by the Illinois General Assembly in 2011, ComEd embarked on a \$2.6 billion program to modernize the power system in northern Illinois. Through investments in smart switches that reroute power around potential problem areas, new storm hardening and vegetation management solutions, and cable replacement, as well as other system improvement programs, more than five million customer interruptions have been avoided since 2012. Last year alone, more than 1.5 million interruptions did not occur because of these improvements.

"We are extremely grateful for the impact that the Smart Grid system has provided for our residents and businesses, and we know that we are a stronger and better serviced community as a result of Com Ed's work," said South Holland Mayor Don A. De Graff. "We're very fortunate to have formed a strong partnership with our External Affairs Manager, Bonita Parker, and the Com Ed team, and we look forward to strengthening this relationship for years to come."

As ComEd continues to implement its smart grid, the utility is looking to the future to improve grid resiliency and bring cleaner, greener energy to its customers. At no net cost to customers over the next ten years, ComEd's Future Energy Plan builds on the foundation of the smart grid to help create a clean, fair, affordable energy future while adding important security and resilience enhancements to the grid.

ComEd will continue to focus on delivering reliable service to customers. In 2015 that focus resulted in record reliability, more than \$1 billion in energy savings from one of the largest and most effective energy efficiency programs in the country, a record improvement on customer satisfaction scores, and an unprecedented \$50 million delivery rate decrease for our customers.



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WISDOM FROM OUR CHURCHES

Why Are You Surprised

Dr. Preston R. Winfrey
Pastor of Pioneer MB Church

On occasions I think back to an awful experience I had as a child. For some strange reason I had a fascination with playing with matches at the age of five. Thinking to myself in an episode of a few cartoons and of one of my super heroes, Superman, I thought that I could set a fire and just blow it out. One afternoon in the apartment while my mother was taking her nap, I thought that I would play with a box of matches. I struck that match, put the lit match against the couch, allowed it to catch fire and blew it out quickly. Repeating this insanity over and over again until, OMG! I can't blow this one out.

Being a child, I didn't know what to do. All I could remember was, "my goose is cooked when my mother finds out what I did." The apartment filled with smoke and this got my mother's immediate attention. She called for the fire department, and attempted to put the fire out as best she could. The fire department arrived to extinguish the remainder of the fire and gave my mother and me a good lecture. I stood there with this surprised look on my face as to ask, "what happened." With the truth being told, I should not have been surprised because it was bound to happen.

With all of the many fires that we are experiencing today, why are we looking so surprised at the outcome? I am not speaking of fires as an end result of smoking, which is the leading cause of civilian home fires, or heating equipment gone bad, or intentional fires set by arsonists. I am speaking of fires as the end result of careless people. People who have gone to sleep in hope of some magical and futuristic miracle to happen.

Believe it or not, IT ALL BEGINS IN THE HOME. In the Bible, Proverbs 13:24 is where the rubber meets the road. Parents, if you spare the rod you will spoil or damage the child. However, loving and training your child, setting good and positive examples in the home, teaching your child to respect others, good grooming and hygiene, and promoting education, exposes them to Jesus Christ at an early age.



"Believe it or not, IT ALL BEGINS IN THE HOME."

— Preston R. Winfrey

Flood Proofing **SERIES**

"Water flows downhill." This basic truth is the basis for the Village's drainage system. This system consists of storm sewers, channels, culverts and storage basins. All of these work to carry water away from buildings, such as your house, that can be damaged if flooded.

However, water can't flow if there is a dam in the way. South Holland's drainage system can be blocked or altered when people dump in the channels, plug storm sewer inlets, or build improperly in the floodplain. Therefore, there are Village regulations to prevent these problems.

Every lot was built so water would flow away from the building and along property lines to the street, storm sewer, or ditch. Fences, railroad ties, landscaping and regrading block this flow. So do construction projects in the ditches or the floodplain. All such projects require a permit from the Village.

Some things to remember:

- Floodplain Permit Requirements: All development within the 100-year floodplain (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) is required to obtain a Village Permit. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in the floodplain area.
- Substantial Improvement/Damage: The NFIP requires that if the cost of improvements to a building or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) to a building exceeds 50% of the market value of the building (excluding land value), the entire building must be brought up to current floodplain management standards.
- Dumping in ditches and storage basins is a violation of Village Code, Sections 14.51 – 14.53. If you see dumping or debris in ditches or basins, contact the Code Enforcement Office at 210-2915. The debris may cause flooding on your property.
- Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels.
- Always check with the Code Enforcement Office before you build on, alter, regrade, or put fill on your property. A permit is needed to ensure that such projects do not cause problems on other properties.

If you see building or filling without a Village permit sign posted, contact the Code Enforcement Office at 210-2915. The project may increase flooding on your property.

These regulations are designed to protect you and your neighbors. By keeping the drainage system clear and getting the proper permits before you build, we can prevent flooding and other drainage problems.

FLOOD PREVENTION

Local Prevention Resources Available

By Mary Ann Thornton

In the wake of massive rainfall on Friday, July 29, village streets experienced unanticipated flooding that disabled vehicles, damaged property, and displaced families. According to the National Weather Service (weather.gov), four to six inches of rainfall engulfed streets and lower levels of residential and business properties. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) reported that the deep tunnel reservoir, which includes the Deep Tunnel and Thornton Composite Reservoir system, captured nearly 1.4 billion gallons of water during the downpour, which minimize the potential of massive overbank flooding. This rain event was the biggest test of the Calumet TARP system since going online in the fall of 2015.

The South Holland Fire Department reported a higher than normal call volume. Deputy Fire Chief Bryant Krizik said, "the fire department experienced a 300 percent increase to the normal activity level for a 24-hour shift."

In light of the volume of calls in a short period of time, neighboring municipal fire departments assisted in rapid response to calls of help, including Country Club Hills, Dolton, Oak Forest, Posen, and Thornton.

Property damage from the extraordinary downpour was widespread across the Village of South Holland. Some areas of town were considerably impacted, resulting in loss of property and major clean-up of homes and businesses. American Red Cross assisted with clean-up efforts by donating clean up kits, which were distributed at the Public Works Department (16226 Wausau, behind Village Hall). The organization's Disaster Assessment Team conducted flood damage evaluations of residential properties for possible financial assistance. Republic Services donated three 30-yard dumpsters, and the Public Works team has a special crew designated to run a special pick-up of water damaged items from the curb.

Team Rubicon also joined flood recovery efforts by providing their "muck and gut" assistance. This team of volunteers is in town for a limited time to help residents clean and sanitize their flooded homes.

As we look to the future, now is a good time to remind residents of local flood prevention programs.



Flood Assistance Rebate Program Details

This program is designed to offer residents a 25% rebate on flood control projects, with a maximum rebate of \$2,500.00 per home.

Qualifying Projects:

- Repair of foundation cracks
- Waterproofing of foundation walls
- Installation of drain tiles
- Diversion of downspouts
- Construction of flood walls
- Removal of sump pump and downspout connectors from sanitary sewers
- Installation of backflow devices and lift stations
- Additional projects may qualify

Requirements:

- All projects must be pre-approved by the Village
- Property must be owner occupied
- An application must be completed prior to approval
- Two bid proposals are required

Sewer Backup Prevention Pilot Program

Eligible homeowners must have the sump pump and downspout connections separated from the sanitary sewers, which qualifies for reimbursement under the village's current flood rebate program (see Flood Assistance Rebate Program booklet for details). They may then qualify for a 50% cost sharing, up to a maximum of \$5,000 for installing an overhead sewer system, check valve or an outside sewage ejector pump, which can protect their basements from sewer backup.

The participating homeowner provides the Village with half of the money for the approved project. After the work has been completed, the Village pays the contractor 100%, up to \$10,000. Please note that this is different from the current flood assistance rebate program that requires the homeowner to pay 100% of the project cost directly to the licensed contractor doing the work, then applying for reimbursement from the Village.

As funds for this program are limited, applications must be accompanied by the homeowners' portion of the project. If the village receives more applications than funds available, a waiting list shall be created and maintained on a first-come, first-served basis by the Flood Assistance Coordinator.

Program Brochures

Residents who desire to apply for the Flood Rebate Program or the Sewer Backup Prevention Program are encouraged to call for details. If you have any questions regarding these programs, please call 708-210-2915 or review programs information online at southholland.org.

Heritage Haul

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

**Veterans Memorial Park
520 East 160th Place
South Holland, Illinois**

HAUL SCHEDULE

7:00 AM Opening ceremony and warm-up
7:30 AM 15 Mile Bike start
7:45 AM Half Marathon start
8:00 AM 10k Run start
8:15 AM 5k Run/Walk start
8:30 AM Kids Dash & other activities
11:00 AM Fall Fest

HAUL EVENT PARTNERS



HAUL EVENT SUPPORTERS

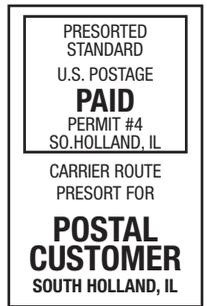
- Abbott's Printing
- Bravo Paving, Inc.
- Dental Care 4 U, P.C.
- Fritz Cartage & Asphalt, Inc.
- Gibraltar Chemical Works, Inc.
- Illiana Financial
- Meekhof Tire Sales & Service, Inc.
- Niagara LaSalle Corporation
- Sandrick Law Firm, LLC
- Standard Wire & Steel Works Co.
- Superior Towing
- The Shopper
- Van Drunen Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.
- Walt's Food Center



**REGISTER TO RUN, WALK, BIKE OR
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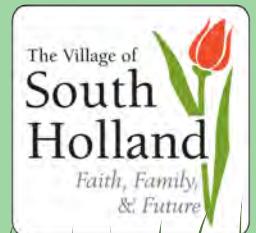
POSTAL PATRON
South Holland, IL 60473

Town Center Marketplace

Saturdays Thru October 1
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Northeast corner of 162nd Street and South Park Avenue

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