

SOUTH HOLLAND

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Honoring our South Holland Teachers

Memorial Day Parade

The background of the poster features a photograph of a Memorial Day parade. In the foreground, three young boys are seen from the back and side, wearing light blue t-shirts and white sailor hats. They are holding small American flags on sticks. Behind them, a woman in a dark blue t-shirt with a compass rose graphic is also holding a flag. The scene is set outdoors with a brick building and a large American flag in the background. The entire image is decorated with red and blue stars and wavy stripes.

Monday, May 31, 2021
11:00 am

**South Park Ave from 170th St
to Veterans Memorial Park**

Take time to remember and honor military personnel
who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces
at South Holland's Annual Memorial Day Parade!

To enter the parade,
email cmarshall@southholland.org or call 708.210.2904.

FROM YOUR MAYOR



Dear South Holland Residents and Friends,

We are embarking on a summer of renewal. South Holland is coming alive again, with more and more in-person events on the calendar and businesses opening and re-opening. From the Memorial Day Parade to July 4 fireworks to drive-in movies and cruise nights, this summer will feel a lot more like years past... but even better!

Our events are still modified for safety, but even so they are opportunities to reconnect with each other and recover what we've lost over the past year. We were unable to enjoy the benefits of a fruitful summer last year, which makes us appreciate this summer all the more. In addition to our standard summertime festivities, we are also adding new and exciting attractions such as the Heritage House—the former American Legion/VFW Hall that has been newly renovated, the Pitch Hit & Run and Home Run Derby put on by Major League Baseball, and a brand-new ice cream shop in Town Center! (See page 4 for a sneak peek.)

Lastly, I'd like to offer my gratitude to the hard-working teachers of South Holland, whom we are honoring in this issue. They have endured many challenges while teaching through a pandemic, and yet they've remained steadfast and loyal to their students. We salute them and wish them a fun and relaxing summer!

Don A. De Graff
Mayor

ON THE COVER: In honor of Teacher Appreciation Month and a special feature on teachers in this issue, we photographed some South Holland teachers who are past recipients of the Red Tulip Award: [l to r] Judy Liebner, Danny Gray, Susan Hudson, Bryon Ritzema.

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VILLAGE NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND SOUTH HOLLAND



NEW ICE CREAM SHOP

The historic home at 16129 South Park Avenue is now being converted into SoHo Sweets Ice Cream & Coffee! The charming shop, opening this summer, will be the go-to place to gather with friends and family for delicious ice cream, premium coffee, and good conversation.

In the warm weather months, patrons can enjoy the lighted outdoor patio with a game of cornhole or a gathering around the fire pit. The shop's interior features attractive modern décor and a cozy upper level fitted with couches, lounge chairs and a fireplace. We are thrilled about this exciting new addition to our Town Center, which will certainly be a fun new destination for our residents and friends!



COMMUNITY CENTER REOPENING

On April 12, the South Holland Community Center reopened to members, as Phase 1 of the overall reopening plan. As COVID-19 cases have continued to decline and the vaccination rate increases, subsequent reopening phases will occur. Please visit southholland.org for the latest updates.



VEHICLE STICKERS

Any vehicle registered to a South Holland address is required to have a South Holland vehicle sticker. This applies whether the vehicle is parked on the street, in a driveway, or garage. The 2021-22 vehicle stickers are now available and must be displayed before July 1.

Sticker Prices

Passenger Car: \$40	Truck and motor home: \$55
Truck C and higher: \$95	Motorcycle: \$20

Those 65 years and older receive a 50 percent discount. Late fees are incurred beginning on July 1.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MAY 6

VIRTUAL MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

8am

Join South Holland pastors and Mayor De Graff virtually as they pray for our Village, State and Nation. Hosted by the South Holland Ministerial Association. Watch at southholland.org and the Village of South Holland Facebook page.

MAY 22

PITCH HIT & RUN / JR. HOME RUN DERBY

1pm and 3:30pm, Veterans Memorial Park, 500 E 160th Pl

Kids ages 14 and under are invited to participate in two free competitions presented by Major League Baseball! The Pitch Hit & Run and Jr. Home Run Derby are fun and exciting youth competitions for kids of all abilities to showcase their baseball and softball skills. Register at southholland.org.

MAY 31

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

11am, South Park Ave from 170th St to Veterans Memorial Park

South Holland will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade, which kicks off at 11am from 170th Street and South Park Avenue. We strongly encourage social distancing and mask wearing among spectators. There will be no closing ceremony this year. Those interested in participating in the parade should email cmarshall@southholland.org or call 708.339.8753.

June 5

DOG MICROCHIPPING EVENT

9am-12pm, South Holland Police Department, 16330 South Park Ave

The South Holland Police Department and the Humane Society are partnering to microchip residents' dogs, which helps to identify the dog's owner if the pet goes missing.

July 5

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

9pm, South Suburban College, 15800 South State St

This year we will host a spectacular, drive-in style fireworks show at South Suburban College. The fireworks show will take place Monday, July 5, beginning at 9pm. Visit southholland.org for more information.

AT THE LIBRARY

**VISIT THE SOUTH HOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY (16250 WAUSAU AVE)
FOR THESE FUN SPRINGTIME EVENTS!**

MAY 8

PAPER SHREDDING

10am, East Parking Lot

Bring your paper items to be shredded. Limit two boxes.

MAY 10

TAKE A MEDITATION VACATION

7pm, Zoom Meeting

Learn techniques to revive yourself just like a relaxing vacation.
There will even be a short meditation.

MAY 12

BEACH PARTY CONCERT

7pm, Virtual Event

We're bringing the beach to you! Put on your flip-flops and unwind with the music of Dave Rudolf. This recorded event will be available for viewing until May 26.

MAY 24

FINDING LASTING HAPPINESS THROUGH MEDITATION

7pm, Zoom Meeting

Learn a simple yet highly effective method to help still your restless mind and achieve a state of lasting happiness. Registration required.

MAY 28

OUTDOOR MOVIE

7pm

Enjoy a socially distanced outdoor showing of *Soul* on the big screen.
Popcorn will be provided. Bring your blanket and pillows!

OUT AND ABOUT

FACES FROM EVENTS AROUND THE VILLAGE

STARBUCKS RIBBON CUTTING

The Village Board of Trustees, along with Mayor De Graff, other Village leaders, and Starbucks staff, celebrated the grand opening of Starbucks on a sunny day this spring. The brand-new store, located at 425 E 162nd St, is large and beautifully designed, with ample seating both indoors and out, along with a drive-thru.



OUT AND ABOUT

FACES FROM EVENTS AROUND THE VILLAGE

MORNING OF GRATITUDE

Mayor De Graff joined Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, local elected officials and community members in thanking hardworking National Guard members manning the vaccination site at South Suburban College. Cook County representatives packed and distributed “pick-me-up” bags containing a variety of nourishing items donated through Frontline Impact Project.



STAR SOULS DESIGNS RIBBON CUTTING

Star Souls Designs is a new boutique that specializes in customized apparel and retail clothing. Located on 162nd Street, the store offers a variety of trendy and inspirational apparel, plus a T-shirt Bar where patrons can have their own customized t-shirts made. Mayor De Graff, along with other Village and business leaders, celebrated the opening of Star Souls Designs with a ribbon cutting in April.



BACK HOME AGAIN

SOUTH HOLLAND RESIDENT DEDICATED TO LIFE OF SERVICE

By Carrie Steinweg
Photos by Michelle Hamstra

Geni Cutler has fond memories of her childhood in South Holland, growing up with an older brother in a family where faith and service were emphasized and on display by their parents. Her parents were small business owners who ran DeYoung Furniture store.

Cutler moved from her hometown in adulthood, spending 23 years living in Lansing before moving to Dyer—and then back to South Holland six years ago. “We wanted to move to suburban Cook County because that’s where my work is,” Cutler says. “I asked my husband if he’d mind taking me





Geni Cutler lives in a historic home on South Park Avenue.

back home and we found a historic home on South Park Avenue that I always loved as a kid that had a 'for sale' sign on it." She learned that she and her husband, Colin, are the fifth owners of the home, which was built in 1924.

The work that moved her back home is a non-profit that she is extremely passionate about. She has been with Suburban Access, Inc., based in Homewood, for 28 years, the last 18 as the executive director.

"Suburban Access is a system point of entry for individuals with intellectual disabilities. So if individuals need a service—residential, community programs, or in-home assistance—we do screening and link them up with a provider and we monitor the services they receive," Cutler explains. The agency covers all of the south and west suburban communities and also has an office in Hillside.

Cutler's responsibilities include directing and planning the financial functions of its \$6 million budget, leading a staff of nearly 100, and directing projects and programs that serve about 5,000 families with life-enhancing services and support.

About six years ago Suburban Access grew to include a second non-profit organization called Open Access. "I saw a huge disparity between wealthy and underserved communities and didn't want to duplicate services, but fill in the gap," says Cutler.

Among the projects of Open Access are a weekly backpack program that supplies kids with food to bring home on the weekends, and an annual Thanksgiving event that supplies about 1,200 families with turkey and food distribution in addition to other needed household items and toys, voter registration and information on additional resources.

"I know we're not solving the problem of hunger, but we're certainly helping," she says.

Getting into such a service-minded profession seemed a natural progression for Cutler, who was raised in a family that placed a priority

on giving back and reaching out. "My parents set the example for me about service and the need to be a servant to our community and a servant, in general," Cutler says. "In Suburban Access, we are seeing individuals with disabilities who never had an opportunity to be integrated into the community, working and living like you and I do, and that's what I love about working with Suburban Access."

That service mindset extends beyond her place of employment, as she has donated her time on several boards and committees, including Seton Academy, Homewood Rotary, ECHO Family Enrichment Program, Unity Christian Academy League of Women Voters, and the Heritage Community Party. She currently serves as a commissioner on the Village of South Holland Planning and Zoning Board and was recently appointed to the regional advisory board of First Merchants Bank.

"I feel an obligation to give back to my community because I have had a privileged life," Cutler says. "I think it's what I've been called to do."

Being back in the village that was her first home has brought her life of service full circle. She's also returned to First Reformed Church in South Holland where she was baptized. "It's really been a joy to be back," she says. The couple's son and daughter-in-law also reside in South Holland and their daughter and her family live in Plainfield. Cutler has a nine-year-old grandson that she calls the light of her life. She also loves music and has played piano since her youth.

"I have always appreciated the leadership in South Holland. I appreciate their values and sense of inclusion and position regarding diversity," she says. "My husband and I are delighted to be in a diverse community where there are village officials who promote inclusion. I feel very safe. I live on a premier park and I have wonderful neighbors. It has the same small town feel that it did when I was growing up." 🔥

Thank You, TEACHERS!

May is National Teacher Appreciation Month, designated to recognize educators for their hard work throughout the school year. This year in particular brought unprecedented challenges to educators due to the pandemic. Many teachers had to teach virtually for most or all of the school year. Those who taught in person had a new set of circumstances to worry about: masks, social distancing, quarantining of exposed students, to name a few. Teaching can be challenging in ordinary times, and teaching in a pandemic adds a whole new layer of adversity.

Yet, the following South Holland educators embraced the challenge and did everything they could to keep their students engaged, educated and safe. We wanted to take this opportunity to recognize them by name and thank them for their service and unwavering devotion to our kids, in a year of all years!

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Heritage House

LEGION HALL GETS A NEW LOOK

By Julia Perla Huisman
Photos by Michelle Hamstra



The American Legion/VFW Hall, located at Van'O Park, has long been a facility that South Holland residents could rent out for smaller functions. This spring, the Village completely renovated the hall, transforming it into a bright, beautiful space nearly unrecognizable from what it was before. With its charming new look, the hall will now be a premier spot for intimate events such as baby/bridal showers, small weddings, birthday and anniversary parties, and business gatherings.

Crisp white walls have taken the place of the building's dark wood paneling, and a decorative ceiling treatment has replaced outdated foam ceiling tiles. Large windows were added to the space, bringing in lots of natural light, and warm farmhouse doors add character to walls with storage





spaces. The kitchen and restrooms have also been revamped, and the building's exterior received a makeover as well, with brand new siding and signage.

The name has changed along with the look. While the American Legion/VFW Hall remains a part of its identity because of its ties to South Holland's history, the rental hall will now be referred to as Heritage House. This moniker harkens the building's historical nature while also matching the warmth and sophistication of its interior.

This beautiful facility will be highly desired and therefore is available for South Holland residents only, on a first come-first served basis. It is best used for smaller functions of 50-60 people.

RATES

Monday-Thursday: \$60 per hour
 Friday-Sunday: \$300 for 3 hours,
 \$75 per additional hour
 For use of kitchen: \$50

To reserve your reservation, fill out a rental form at southholland.org or call the South Holland Community Center at 708.331.2940. 🔥

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Sign up now to receive an earlybird discount!

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**South
Holland**
Faith, Family,
& Future

SOUTH HOLLAND

FUN RUN



5K

JOIN US FOR A FUN AND ENTERTAINING 5K RUN
THROUGH THE STREETS OF SOUTH HOLLAND!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Veterans Memorial Park - 520 E 160th Place

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- CASH PRIZES
- GOODIE BAGS

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FAITH IN

Motion

TRUSTING GOD IN TROUBLED TIMES

By Evangelist Joyce Walker

We can all attest to the fact that we are living in troubled times. In these troubled times, however, the Christian has safety in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalms 37 has good spiritual medicine for almost any problem a person might face. When experiencing major stress and problems, Psalms 37 provides God-given wisdom and a plan of action for experiencing the peace of God that surpasses all understanding, a supernatural peace that transcends circumstances.

Christians have nothing to fear if we trust in God and know that He is in control. We are admonished not to fret or worry. Fretting and worrying is a choice. Since we cannot control the conditions, our job is to trust God and wait patiently on Him. The best weapon against worry is prayer. We can cast all our cares on the Lord and he will see us through any situation.

We must trust God's word, His Love and His divine plan for our lives. Proverbs 3:4-5 also confirms this: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not to your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." God is for us and God is on our side. Let's trust Him!



Joyce Walker

Congratulations
to all
graduates!

**WE WISH ALL STUDENTS
A SAFE AND HAPPY
SUMMER!**





VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND

Cruise Night

+ DRIVE-IN MOVIE

July 24 + August 28

Car Cruise:

4-8pm | South Park Ave and E 161st St

Drive-In Movie:

9pm | First Reformed Church



- * Live Music
- * Food Vendors
- * Yard Games

CRUISE NIGHT

Open to classic, antique, custom and exotic cars, trucks and motorcycles. Limited specialty car space available. FREE to all cruisers and spectators!

Visit southholland.org for more info.

DID YOU KNOW?

LEARN ABOUT WAYS TO HELP KEEP SOUTH HOLLAND A CLEAN, BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY.

A message from your Urban Forestry Commission:

Now that spring is here, we wanted share the importance of planting trees and the benefits that they provide our neighborhoods.

1. Trees help to control ground water and prevent flooding.
2. Trees reduce storm water runoff by capturing and storing rainfall in their canopy and releasing water into the atmosphere.
3. Tree roots and leaf litter create soil conditions that promote the infiltration of rainwater into the soil.
4. Trees help slow down and temporarily store runoff, and reduce pollutants by taking up nutrients and other pollutants from soils and water through their roots.
5. Trees transform pollutants into less harmful substances.

In the Midwest, the trees that are most popular are: American Basswood, American Elm, Common Hackberry, Eastern White Pine, Honey Locust, Redbud, Shagbark Hickory, and Sugar Maple.

Find more information on trees and storm water runoff at epa.gov.



SUMMER DAY CAMPS

AT THE SOUTH HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

DAY CAMP

Enroll your child in our Summer Day Camp! In this 9-week camp, kids can form new friendships and experience many different activities—both indoor and outdoor—and special events..

AGES:	3-14 years old as of June 14, 2021
WHERE:	South Holland Community Center
WHEN:	June 14-August 13 (9 weeks) - No camp July 5
DAYS:	Monday thru Friday
TIME:	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
FEES:	\$925 SH Resident / \$975 Non-Resident

DAY CAMP EXTENSION

Campers participating in Day Camp and Junior Day Camp have the opportunity to sign up for extended hours. During this time, campers will participate in “quiet” activities such as enjoying a movie, board games, puzzles, or arts and crafts.

AGES:	3-14 years old as of June 14, 2021
WHERE:	South Holland Community Center
WHEN:	June 14-August 13 (9 weeks) - No camp July 5
DAYS:	Monday thru Friday
TIME:	7:00-9:00 AM and/or 3:00-6:00 PM
FEES:	\$540 SH Resident / \$590 Non-Resident

A payment plan is available. Half is due at registration and the balance due July 15.

To register, visit the Community Center, 501 E 170th St.



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The Village of South Holland is hosting two FREE competitions presented by Major League Baseball!

Saturday, May 22
Veterans Memorial Park • 500 East 160th Place

PITCH HIT & RUN - 1PM

Baseball and Softball divisions for players ages 7-14

Pitch Hit & Run provides kids with an opportunity to participate in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball/softball skills.

JR. HOME RUN DERBY - 3:30PM

Open to players 14 years and under

The Jr. Home Run Derby is a fun and exciting youth competition for talented kids to showcase their hitting abilities.

Register at
southholland.org

Participants in both competitions have a chance to advance to the Finals in conjunction with the MLB World Series!

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4TH OF JULY

Independence Day Celebration

Monday, July 5, 2021

SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE
15800 SOUTH STATE ST

This year we are hosting a spectacular,
drive-in style fireworks show at South Suburban College!
Park your car, bring some snacks, and enjoy the show!

Visit southholland.org for more information.



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