



South Holland **TODAY**

NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND
JUNE / JULY 2017





**MONDAY,
MAY 29, 2017**

PARADE – 11 A.M.

SOUTH PARK AVENUE
(170TH STREET TO 160TH PLACE)

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

(APPROX.) 12:30 P.M.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
520 EAST 160TH PLACE

**LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
AND SOFTBALL**

ALL-STAR GAMES – 2 P.M.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK BALLFIELD

Refreshments available for
purchase at Home Plate Grill
in Veterans Memorial Park.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION**

4TH OF JULY

Veterans Memorial Park • 520 E. 160th Place

ALL ACTIVITIES FREE!

Full menu of refreshments available for
purchase at Home Plate Grill

Rib Fest

Live Music

Kid's Train Rides & More

Reptile Show

Pie & Wing Eating Contests

South Holland Band

**Spectacular Fireworks
at dusk!**

HAPPENINGS

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Most municipal buildings and administrative offices will be closed Memorial Day, May 29, and Independence Day, July 4. Police and fire departments remain available 24 hours a day.

COFFEE WITH FIREFIGHTERS

Residents can meet and talk with members of the fire department from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on June 3, and the first Saturday of every month, at Fire Station 1, 16230 Wausau Ave.



TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Leg 9 of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois will come through South Holland on Tuesday, June 6, at approximately 10:30 a.m. Police will carry the Flame of Hope along South Park Avenue.

MAYOR'S COFFEE

The next Mayor's Coffee is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. June 20, at the South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170th Street. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) returns to Mayor's Coffee to present a proposed comprehensive plan for the community.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

The first Movie in the Park of the summer will take place Saturday, June 24, at dusk at Veterans Park, 160th Place and South Park Avenue. Check southholland.org for a full schedule of movie titles and dates.

GARDEN WALK

The 19th annual Garden Walk will be Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain or shine). Meet at Veterans Memorial Park to take part in a walk through amazing, creative, and decorative local gardens. You may gain new ideas and inspiration for your own garden. Tickets will be \$5 (available morning of walk).



ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION

This year's second E-Waste Collection Day is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon on July 22 in the rear parking lot of the South Holland Public Library. Electronic waste, or "e-waste," is old electronic devices that are broken, outdated, discarded, or at the end of their useful life. This includes cell phones, laptops, desktop computers, monitors, tablets, PDAs, televisions, printers, fax machines, scanners, and many other electronic devices. The next collection will be the fourth Saturday in October.



Torch Run for Special Olympics

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF THE DOOR-TO-DOOR HOME IMPROVEMENT SCAM

Falling victim to a door-to-door scam can be embarrassing, but it's a sad reality for many trusting senior citizens.

Door-to-door or home improvement scams are rampant and many people find themselves in a bind not understanding how they were fooled into going along with a conman. Home improvement scams are especially prevalent during the spring and summer months when homeowners are eager to make repairs or home improvements.



Looking for assistance or open to the suggestion that someone is available to do home repairs, unsuspecting homeowners engage in conversations with conmen who only mean harm. Here's what police say you need to look out for.

A conman rings your doorbell, dressed neatly in what appears to be legitimate casual business attire. He may indicate that he's done a quick inspection of your home, noticing that your roof is in need of repair. At this point, you're asked to step outside of your home to look at the worn areas of your roof. Without knowing, another person working with him enters your home while you're distracted and steals your valuables.

Unfortunately, this isn't the only way these criminals work. They also pose as utility workers or municipal workers who need to enter your home, with an excuse to get you into your basement. Again, while you're distracted, another person working with them looks for anything he can quickly pick up and carry out of your home without being noticed.

Too often, these conmen target senior citizens who trust them because of their attire, phony business cards or stories about neighbors who have also used their services. They

quickly gain trust with homeowners by showing what looks like a valid identification card and they speak intelligently about home repairs or utility work.

Be aware and on guard. Knowing what to look for and how to validate the legitimacy of anyone coming to your door for sales or utility work is critical to your safety and well-being. **It is also important to know that door-to-door solicitation is not allowed in South Holland without a permit and doing so is a violation of village ordinance.**

Here are five tips on how to avoid being a victim:

1. Never leave or exit your home without locking the front door and bringing the keys with you.
2. Ask for ID. All South Holland employees carry a pictured identification card.
3. Never let anyone in your home that you do not know.
4. Keep your storm door closed and locked. Sometimes these conmen will be so bold as to simply walk into your home once you open it.
5. Call police if someone is suspicious or is asking to enter your home. An actual person trying to do legitimate business with you will talk to police when they arrive.

CURFEW ENFORCED FOR TEENS UNDER 17

The Village of South Holland reminds residents of the curfew for youth under 17 years of age. By village ordinance, an 11 p.m. curfew from Sunday night through Thursday night is set

for residents under 17. The curfew is midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. South Holland police actively enforce the curfew law. Violations could result in a fine not less than \$25.

AN OPEN LINE OF COMMUNICATION WITH POLICE

Community Policing is all about two-way communication between residents and police. The South Holland Police Department is pleased to continue this initiative by hosting two Community Policing Meetings every month for the convenience of residents: one daytime and one evening.

This Community Relations Initiative allows the entire community an opportunity to work with the Police Department. Community participation helps police keep crime down and ultimately improves the quality of life of citizens.

Community Policing meetings are open to all South Holland residents and will address the concerns of the Village of South Holland as a whole.

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month and at 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Meetings are held at the South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170th St.



• VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKERS •

South Holland 2017-18 Vehicle Stickers
CURRENTLY ON SALE! - Must be displayed by July

- Stickers purchased July 1 thru 31 incur a 50 percent late fee.
- Stickers purchased August 1 or later incur a \$100 late fee.

Reminder: Any vehicle registered to a South Holland address is required to have a South Holland vehicle sticker regardless of it being parked on the street, in a driveway, or garage. It is the law.

LATE FEE IN EFFECT BEGINNING JULY 1ST

PRICES:

- Passenger Car: \$40
- Truck & Motor Home: \$55
- Truck C & Higher: \$95
- Motorcycle: \$20



Senior Citizens (65 years & older) receive 50 percent discount.
 For more information, scan QR code or visit the village website –
<http://www.south-holland.org/departments/clerk-collector/vehicle-stickers/>

GARAGE SALE PERMIT: \$5 & DOG TAG/LICENSE: \$10

OFFICER FLORES, LIVING DAILY AS A SERVANT LEADER

Robert K. Greenleaf said, "The servant-leader is servant first ... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first." For South Holland Police Officer Robert Flores, this is exactly how he approaches his duty to the village and to our country.

Officer Flores is a full-time South Holland police officer and an Army Reserve military policeman. He retired from full-time active duty with the Army in 2008 and joined the SHPD in 2012. While on active duty in the Army, he served in South Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan and Hawaii.

Growing up on Chicago's southeast side taught Officer Flores many lessons that he now puts into practice as an officer of the law. What he learned from his own interactions with police as a young person influenced how he represents himself.

"Being a good police officer means knowing how to talk to people on a human level," said Officer Flores. "Showing concern and finding commonality with people helps to make every interaction easier."

"Being a police officer can be hard," said Officer Flores. "So it feels good when someone says they've had a good experience with me. It means I am doing my job."

Having respect for people and listening are two ways that Officer Flores helps to de-escalate intense situations.

"What I've learned about people is that we all have something in common. It may sound funny but when I talk about sports with people, things can quickly calm down. It's all about just having a conversation, showing your concern and listening to all sides."

Officer Flores continues to serve our country in the Army Reserve and is currently back on active duty for nearly one year at Fort Hood, Texas. Just having received a promotion to staff sergeant, he will develop training for other units. He's grateful to his fellow officers who have been very supportive of his military service.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH

1:00 - 4:00PM

SOUTH HOLLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

16330 SOUTH PARK AVE.

(PARKING LOT)

RESIDENT YOU SHOULD KNOW: SERVING IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF FLIGHT

DEBRA SURRETT

By Ronda Williams

You may be surprised to learn that women were not the first airline flight attendants. As a matter of fact, in the 1920s, the first airlines hired "couriers" or sons of businessmen who financed the airlines industry to serve airlines guests. It wasn't until the late 1930s that United Airlines hired the first female flight attendants.

Early flight attendants were registered nurses, as it was widely believed they could offer a level of comfort and care that guests would appreciate. Over time flight attendants were young, single, professionally-minded women who pledged to stay unmarried and without children for the term of their two year contract.

Eventually, those rules were changed too. Yet with every step toward progress it wasn't until the 1960s that commercial airlines would hire African-American flight attendants. This is where we find one of our very own South Holland residents.

As a young woman looking to see the world beyond her hometown of Phoenix, Illinois, Debra Surretts agreed at the urging of a friend to apply for a job as an airline stewardess with Delta Airlines in 1971.

"I didn't give it much thought," said Surretts. "I was in between jobs when my friend encouraged me to apply. The rest is history. I spent 35 years working for Delta; it opened up so many opportunities for me to see and visit places I never would have imagined."

Travel was always something Surretts saw herself doing. Her father worked for the railroad which gave her family the chance to travel via rail. But flying was another experience all together.

After the intensive six-week training with Delta in Atlanta, Georgia, Surretts found her home in the sky, traveling the world, meeting and serving many known celebrities including Maya Angelou, Sarah Ferguson, Alex Haley, Coretta Scott King, Telly Savalas, James Brown, and so many more.

Surretts recalls meeting one of her most favorite television actors, Robert Conrad, of the 1960's show, The Wild Wild West. "I was always so respectful of my passenger's privacy, but I was quite excited to meet Robert Conrad. We had a delightful conversation."

Through her 35 years at Delta, Surretts experienced the evolution of flight, from handwritten to electronic logs, an increase in diversity, and changes to antiquated weight and marital restrictions.



Surretts, pictured with Redd Foxx, recalls the number of known celebrities over the years.

"We had to maintain a certain weight and even wear girdles," says Surretts. "In the early days, airlines had very clear expectations of an airlines stewardess. You had to be tall, slender, and professional and could communicate well. The rules were strictly enforced; if you were a quarter over your weight guidelines based on your height, you'd be sent home."

That didn't stop Surretts from enjoying her job, nor did the occasional "bumpy" ride. She never thought twice about flying. "I was on a flight where the plane literally rolled over," recalls Surretts with a laugh. "I didn't think anything of it. As a matter of fact, the more turbulence during a flight the better I could sleep."

It wasn't until well into her career that she felt the weight of flying. "Right after 9-11, I called around to check on friends to see if they were okay, and when I went back to work, I walked through the airport and it was like a ghost town. I sat down and cried like a baby. Flying for me was never the same after that tragic event."

It wasn't until 2004 though that Surretts decided to hang up her wings. After 35 years of traveling the world, serving so many passengers, some famous and some not so much, she prayed and asked God to guide her to the next adventure.

Reading from the scripture Jeremiah 21:11, Surretts went out on faith that God would make her path plain. With her husband, Pastor Alfonzo Surretts of Calvary Community Church in South Holland, at her side, Debra Surretts serves the community of women through Sisters in Christ, as well as supports many church ministries.

Surretts considers it a blessing to have worked for the airlines, seeing the world, serving many passengers and doing so all in the golden era of an industry. From her service in flight to her service in the community, Mrs. Debra Surretts is a resident you should know.

SECURING OUR SENIORS PROGRAM IS AN S.O.S. FOR SAVING SENIOR LIVES

By Ronda Williams

The South Holland Police Department has created a program that regularly checks in on seniors who are shut-in and live alone.

If there are extreme weather conditions or if a senior has not been seen in a while, police officers knock on the door of those registered in the **Securing our Seniors** program for a well-being check.

"It's unfortunate, but not everyone has family nearby who looks in on their loved ones," said Officer Kirk Kremksi. "We have an opportunity to make sure those senior citizens who are shut-in and don't have someone regularly checking on them are doing okay during extreme heat, cold, or at a neighbor's request."

It's no laughing matter for those who don't know about this program or don't have family, friends or neighbors to register them with this program.

For those old enough to remember the 1995 Chicago heatwave, many people suffered through five straight days of torturous 100-plus degree heat leaving over 700 people dead, many of whom were elderly and poor. These residents did not have air conditioning, did not open windows and did not or could not get to cooling facilities.

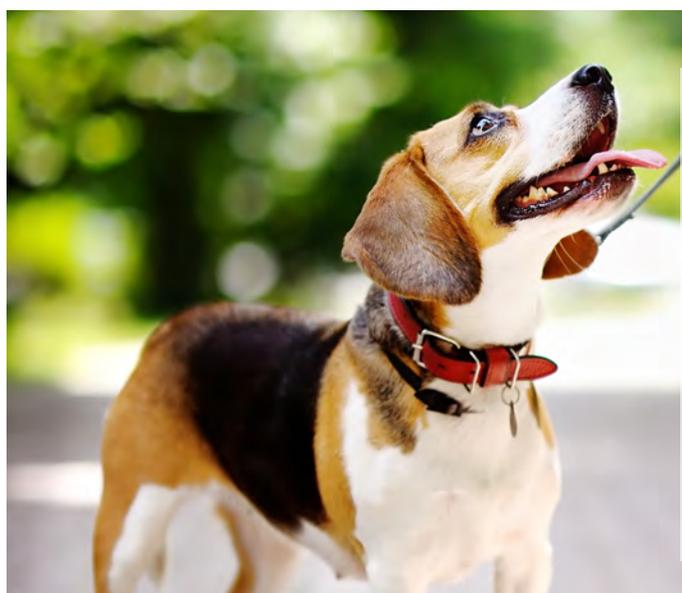


Programs like Securing our Seniors provide a way for senior citizens of South Holland who can't easily move about to get a well-being check and, if further help is warranted, to get assistance.

While all senior citizens may want to participate, this program is particularly for the most vulnerable, like shut-ins and others who would find it difficult to quickly reach family and friends. Participants must also be able to communicate easily and do not suffer from dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

Residents who do meet this simple criterion are required to provide emergency contact details for two people and a short description of any serious medical condition so officers are generally aware of health related issues. In most instances, officers conduct home checks in extreme weather and, if needed, provide assistance for temporary housing if the residence is found to be unsuitable for living.

If you or someone you know would benefit from the Securing our Seniors program, contact the South Holland Police Department to inquire about a home visit and get registered.



DOG OWNER ETIQUETTE:

- Dogs must be on a leash.
- Dogs must have a village tag.
(available at Village Hall)
- Dogs are not allowed in area parks.
 - Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet.
(pick up after your dog)

SOUTH HOLLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED SMOKE AND CO ALARMS



OPERATION SAVE A LIFE



THE ILLINOIS FIRE SAFETY ALLIANCE SMOKE ALARM DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

The South Holland Fire Department is one of the 14 agencies the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance awarded free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to in an effort to improve public safety and reduce the number of fire and CO deaths.

These 14 departments were selected out of the nearly two-dozen that applied. South Holland received 100 smoke and 14 CO alarms, of which many have already been installed in homes throughout the community. The fire department will continue to offer this service while supplies last.

The 1,600 smoke and 250 CO alarms were provided by Operation Save a Life, a partnership between ABC7 Chicago and Kidde, a leading manufacturer of fire safety equipment. Operation Save a Life is a public service program designed to get life-saving smoke and carbon monoxide alarms into the hands of at-risk families and provide fire and carbon monoxide safety education.

The smoke alarms are equipped with long-lasting, sealed-in batteries capable of powering the device for at least 10 years. These alarms are effectively impossible to disable and require virtually no maintenance during their lifespans. According to the National Fire Protection Association, three of every five home fire deaths in the United States occurs in a home without working smoke alarms. The most common reason smoke alarms are not working is because the batteries either expired or were removed. Ten-year alarms present a solution to that problem.

Fire deaths are a tragic and frequent occurrence in Illinois. The state currently ranks second in the nation, trailing only New York, for fire deaths during the year 2017.

"Every death is tragic," said Philip Zaleski, executive director of the IFSA. "It is especially tragic when needless deaths could be prevented by the installation of a simple, proven, and inexpensive appliance. The presence of working smoke alarms is a proven lifesaver. The IFSA is pleased to partner with Kidde, Operation Save a Life, and these 14 fire departments to ensure that as many people as possible have working smoke alarms in their homes."

The following fire departments received alarms from the IFSA:

Greater Round Lake F.P.D.	South Holland F.D.
Minooka F.P.D.	McCook F.D.
Des Plaines F.D.	Westmont F.D.
Summit F.D.	Hillside F.D.
Plainfield F.P.D.	Highland Park F.D.
Grant Park F.P.D.	Mount Prospect F.D.
Alsip F.D.	Bartlett F.P.D.

Since 1982, the IFSA has promoted programs and distributed information related to fire safety and burn prevention, while also providing free support programs for burn survivors. Some of those annual no-cost programs include "Camp I Am Me" burn camp for Illinois children ages eight to 16, a Young Adult Summit for burn-injured persons between the ages of 18 and 25, and a Family Day event for families with burn-injured children up to 12 years old.

Visit www.IFSA.org to learn more about preventing burn injuries and how the IFSA helps burn survivors.

CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY



South Holland Fire Department is pleased to announce the third annual Citizens Fire Academy!

The Citizens Fire Academy is a ten-week class that meets each Thursday evening beginning August 3, concluding with a graduation at the Open House event on Saturday, October 7.

The Citizens Fire Academy is an opportunity for residents to get an inside look at the work and training South Holland Firefighters perform on a daily basis.

Topics will include:

- Emergency Medical Systems (EMS)
- CPR and First Aid
- Fire Suppression and Tactics
- Public Education and Fire Prevention
- Specialty Teams – Hazardous Materials, Water Rescue, and Building Collapse
- Medical Helicopter landings and extinguishing live fires

The Citizens Fire Academy is limited to 20 students, so early registration for this popular program is encouraged.

**Classes will be held at Fire Station 1
16230 Wausau Avenue
Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Beginning August 3
Graduation: October 7**

Residents interested in registering for the Citizens Fire Academy should complete and submit a participant application, available online at southholland.org/departments/fire-department/citizens-fire-academy/, or scan the QR code (right).

For questions, call the fire department at 708-331-3123.



DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE: TIPS FOR SAFETY IN AND AROUND WATER

Summer is coming and water fun is on the horizon. From lazy days around the pool to laying on the beach, spending time in and around water is just one way that everyone enjoys a hot summer day. But without precaution and awareness, an enjoyable day can quickly turn tragic if you're not aware of water safety. The South Holland Fire Department recommends adopting and practicing as many water safety steps as possible.

Some facts about young children and drowning:

- The majority of deaths and injuries in pools and spas involve children ages 1-2 and occur in residential settings.
- Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death to children ages 1-4.
- Drownings occur when there is a short lapse in adult supervision.
- Little children drown quickly and silently.

The following safety tips can help to keep children safe.

- Never leave a child unattended around a pool, spa, bath tub or any body of water.
- Teach children basic water safety skills.
- Learn how to swim and ensure your children know how to swim as well.
- Avoid entrapment by keeping children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings.
- Have a phone close by at all times when visiting a pool or spa.

- If a child is missing, look for them in the pool or spa first, including neighbors' pools or spas.
- Share safety instructions with family, friends, babysitters, and neighbors.

If you have a pool:

- Install a four-foot fence around the perimeter of the pool and spa, including portable pools.
- Use self-closing and self-latching gates; ask neighbors to do the same if they have pools or spas.
- If your house serves as the fourth side of a fence around a pool, install and use a door or pool alarm.
- Maintain pool and spa covers in good working order.
- Ensure any pool or spa you use has compliant drain covers; ask if you do not know.
- Have lifesaving equipment, such as life rings, floats or a reaching pole, available and easily accessible.

At home:

- Always keep a young child within arm's reach in a bathtub. If you must leave, take the child with you.
- Don't leave a baby or young child in a bathtub under the care of another young child.
- Never leave a bucket or basin containing even a small amount of liquid unattended. Always empty and store buckets where young children cannot reach them.
- Consider placing locks on toilet seat covers in case a young child wanders into the bathroom.

PULL TO THE RIGHT FOR SIRENS AND FLASHING LIGHTS

Everyone is in a hurry to get to their destination, and having to pull over to the right when an ambulance, fire engine or police car comes up can feel annoying. But remember, someone's life is at stake and following the rules of the road could help someone's loved one get the help and attention they need during a crisis.

Illinois law requires motorists to pull to the right--off the road if possible--and stop until emergency vehicles have passed. This applies to those approaching from behind and those coming toward you.

A problem often faced by firefighters, paramedics and police are drivers who do not become aware of the approaching emergency vehicles until the last moment, then panic and stop wherever they happen to be.

WHAT TO DO

- Remain Calm
- Don't Panic
- Pull to the right and come to a stop
- When on a high-speed road or when there is no room to stop, slow down as much as possible.
- When in the left lane, pull over into the right lane as traffic in the lane to your right moves over.
- If you cannot move to the right because of an obstacle, such as a car to your right, simply stop. Your prompt action will let the driver of the emergency vehicle know what you are doing; it will allow the driver to anticipate where to drive.
- When an emergency vehicle approaches you from behind while you are stationary at an intersection stop sign or red light, **DO NOT** move unless you can pull to the right.
- On a four-lane highway or street without barriers, both sides of traffic should pull to the right. (The emergency vehicle may have to turn in front of oncoming traffic.)

WHAT NOT TO DO

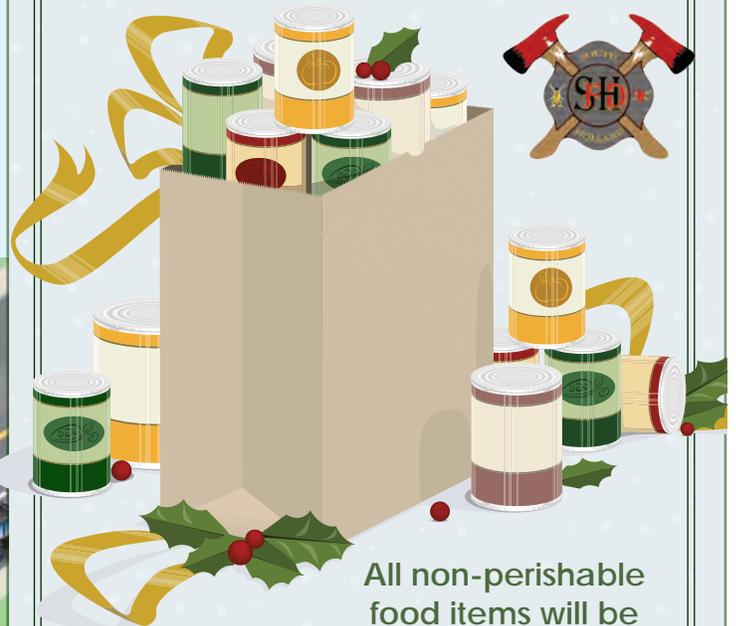
- Don't stop in the middle lane when there is room to pull to the right.
- Don't pull to the left in the center lane or left turn lane.
- Don't drive through a red light or stop sign when an emergency vehicle approaches from behind.
- Don't turn quickly to the left into a driveway or street.
- Don't race ahead to get through a green light or turn before the emergency vehicle gets there.
- Don't disregard the presence of the emergency vehicle by continuing to drive.

Emergency personnel understand the sudden surprise motorists experience at the sound and sight of a fire truck, ambulance or police car rapidly approaching with siren and flashing lights. But it's important to think ahead. Train yourself to instinctively pull to the right at the sound/sight of emergency vehicles, just as you automatically slow and stop for school buses when their yellow and red lights begin flashing.

The South Holland Professional Firefighters Association IAFF L-4109, in cooperation with the South Holland Fire Department and the Village of South Holland, is sponsoring a

Christmas in July Food Drive

Items can be dropped off any day during the month of July from 8:00am - 9:00pm at South Holland Fire Station 1



All non-perishable food items will be cheerfully accepted.

DON'T CUT CORNERS ON HOME IMPROVEMENT

By Ronda Williams

Adding a deck or gutting your bathroom is a big project, and without the right plan and licensed general contractor your dream home could end up a renovation nightmare. If you're thinking of doing a home improvement project over the warm summer months, take your time to do your homework.

Get multiple quotes from several home improvement contractors, and make sure they are licensed and permitted in the Village. If you don't know where to start, the Village has a list of permitted contractors for you to choose from. While the Village does not make recommendations on any service, they can at least provide names and phone numbers for you to call.

After you've chosen who you want to do your major renovation, make sure either you or the contractor obtains a permit. Without one, you could be fined. Permit fees are based upon the type of work and project cost, so they can range in price. Once received, it lasts for a full 12 months.

It's important to note that maintenance work in your home does not require a permit. You don't need a permit for regular maintenance like fixing a leaky faucet or replacing deck boards.

Keeping the Village involved through major home renovations can be critical to your home's safety and the project's success.

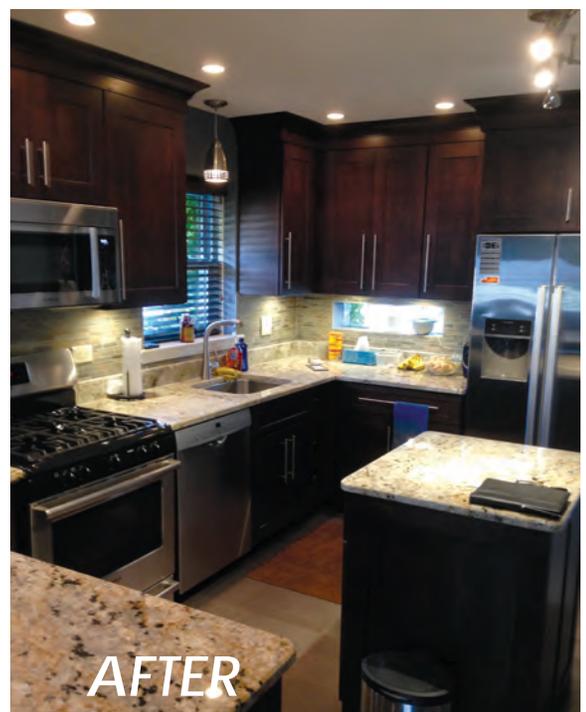
Just ask Rich Zimmerman who renovated his home in 2014. Growing up in his childhood home, Zimmerman decided to transform his 1970s house to a fresh and modern residence that reflected his personal style. Working with an interior designer and general contractor, he transformed his home over a three month period.

Throughout the project, the Village made inspections and recommendations to ensure all major systems like electrical and plumbing were up to code and well designed. This is critical for every homeowner's safety.

Zimmerman's home project (pictured below) turned out to be a phenomenal success, one that he still is blown away by.

By not partnering with the Village to make sure the renovation project is properly vetted and permitted, homeowners risk shoddy, possibly incomplete work from unlicensed contractors. You could end up paying a lot more than the original amount to fix the mistakes of a bad contractor. It usually doesn't pay to cut corners just to save a few dollars.

So before you start on that new home addition, kitchen renovation or backyard deck, check with the Village Building and Code team, 708-210-2915, to make sure you get the most of your home improvement project.



DISTRICT 150 IS FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Summer is heating up for the School District 150 STEAM program. Students of Greenwood Elementary and McKinley Elementary and Junior High are gearing up for the Science Technology English Arts and Math (STEAM) program starting June 5.

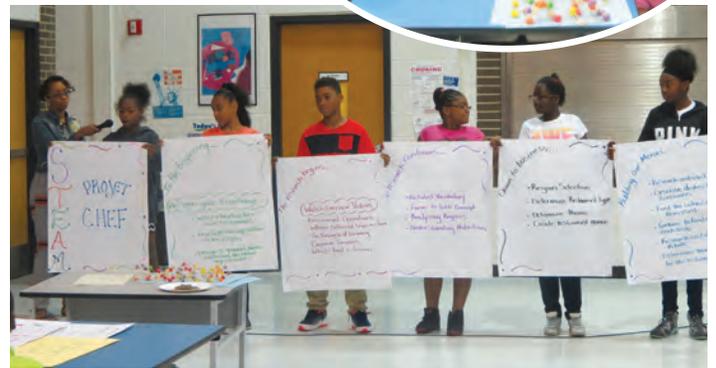
This four-week enrichment curriculum is open to students from kindergarten through 7th grade and includes breakfast, lunch and instructional activities. The program is designed to educate, expose and motivate youth to STEAM careers, as well as, foster teamwork and citizenship through hands-on and minds-on STEAM activities.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Technology, Tiffany Webb, is excited to offer this program for the second year in a row. "We want our kids to be more engaged in their learning experience and prepared with college readiness skills and this program supports that goal," says Ms. Webb. "STEAM is proving to be an enjoyable experience for the kids and teachers."

The program offers students a variety of learning techniques, such as using different technologies to showcase their projects and engage in new learning experiences. Following the program, students are encouraged to present projects they've completed over the four-week period and discuss what they learned.

Last year, over 100 students attended the summer program. Students and teachers had many positive comments about the program.

STEAM runs from June 5-29, Monday through Thursday, and costs \$75 per student. Parents can register their students for this program at www.SD150.org.



FLOOD-PROOFING PROJECTS PAY DIVIDENDS FOR SOUTH HOLLAND RESIDENTS

Now that the rainy season is upon us, Planning, Development and Code Enforcement (Code) reminds residents of flood assistance programs available to qualified applicants for pre-approved flood-proofing projects.

For example, residents planning to install overhead sewers in their homes to alleviate flooding problems may be eligible for a grant to cover a portion of the project costs.

The Flood Assistance Rebate and a Sewer Back-up Pilot Program may be available for the following projects:

SURFACE WATER PROJECTS

- Diversion of downspout water
- Flood walls

SEWER BACKUP PROJECTS

- Overhead sewers (repairs and installation)
- Removal of sump pump and down spout connections from sanitary sewers
- Back flow valves

SUBSURFACE PROJECTS

- Interior and/or exterior drain tile
- Crack repair and/or waterproofing foundation walls

It is imperative that those planning to apply for the flood rebate or sewer back-up pilot program contact the Code Department at 16240 Wausau, or call 210-2915, before beginning any flood-control project.

A department representative will meet with the resident, inspect their property and assist in completion of the necessary grant application. The department can also provide a list of contractors who are licensed to do business in South Holland, if requested.

Homeowners are advised to allow plenty of time to secure the required pre-approval and minimum of two bid proposals from contractors.

These are great programs and many residents who have taken advantage of this opportunity are grateful for the benefit that comes with flood proofing their home.

RESIDENT RECEIVES SILVER CIRCLE AWARD

South Holland resident, Felecia Williams, was recently awarded the Silver Circle Award by the University of Illinois - Chicago (UIC). The Silver Circle Award has recognized some of UIC's best teachers since 1966. Winners, as selected by graduating seniors, are honored during the college commencements and receive a monetary reward.

Prior to her work as a full-time faculty member in the College of Applied Health Sciences, Williams spent nearly 15 years working in management and as a consultant to hospital systems and insurance providers. As a clinical assistant professor, she teaches online and classroom-based courses in the Health Information Management (HIM) program. She describes her teaching style as dynamic and based in real-world scenarios.

"I use the classroom as a space to answer questions and discuss real-life situations," Williams said. "I want my students to understand that data management in health care is not just about formulas, equations and spreadsheets — it's about understanding the information and using it to telling a story."

"I love it when students come back after their first internship, or once they have started a job, and tell me how they used what they learned in class," Williams said. "Seeing that lightbulb go on in my students is the best part of teaching."

Williams also teaches an online course for students who already have an undergraduate degree and are pursuing new careers, professional education and degree opportunities. Her online course mimics the campus-based courses, but in both environments, Williams considers it her responsibility to present information in a way that reaches her students.

"My teaching methods and approaches change based on my students — they are here to learn and I am always looking for new ways to help them as best I can," Williams said.

"I want to provide students with the building blocks of a successful career in HIM and give back to the profession."

Williams is a graduate of UIC's Health Information Management program. She also has a master's in public administration from Roosevelt University, and she is a registered health information administrator. In March, Williams was the recipient of the Village of South Holland's Mayor's Family Leadership Award, and she was recently appointed to South Holland's Education Commission.



SOUTH HOLLAND LIBRARY WINS \$125,000 STATE GRANT

The South Holland Public Library will receive a \$125,000 grant to improve facilities through the office of the Illinois Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State's Live and Learn Construction Grant Program assists public libraries with construction costs in their facilities. Local money is matched by state grants.

The library will use the funds to install an ADA-compliant elevator. The library was built in 1971, which pre-dates the Americans with Disabilities Act and the current elevator is small and will not accommodate anything larger than a standard wheelchair or stroller.

The lower level of the library houses the youth services department, teen area and a large meeting room where a majority of library programs are held. The South Holland Historical Society is also located on the lower level.

Outside community groups are also allowed to use this meeting room, so it's critical that all patrons have access to these areas, the release stated. The goal is to have construction of a new elevator completed by the end of the year.

WISDOM FROM OUR CHURCHES

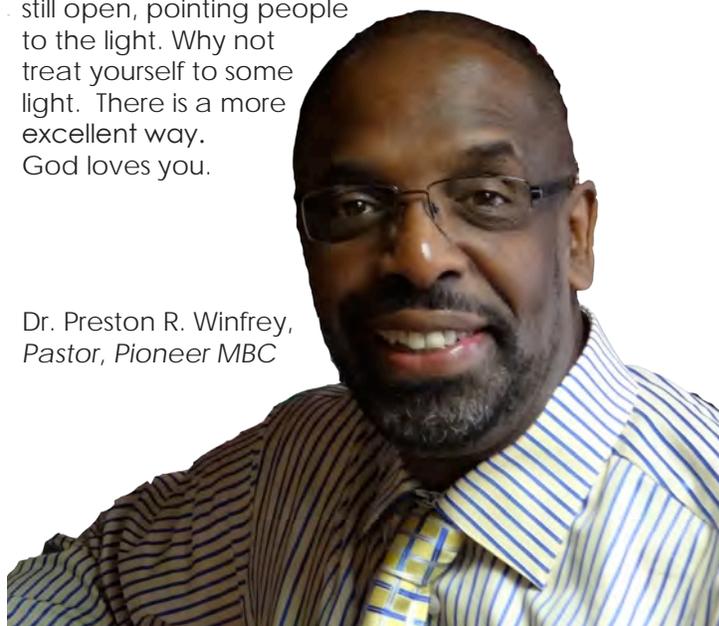
DO THE RIGHT THING

The spring season is here and the summer months are not far away. It is so unfortunate that bad news sells and countless people are seemingly seeking to win first place in the top news. Violence is on the increase. On Sunday, April 16 in Cleveland, Ohio, an innocent 74 year old grandfather was walking home after an Easter meal and was murdered by another 37 year old man by gun. What is even more painful is, the murderer posted this killing on Facebook Live and claimed that he was on the killing spree because he had experienced hurt, pain and disappointments from family and friends. The bottom line is, this murderer was at an age to know and do the right thing. It is obvious that he just was bent on doing evil.

This attitude has been around for centuries. You might recall Cain in the Bible who could have done the right thing. He was to present the Lord a sacrifice but chose consciously not to do the right thing. His sacrifice was rejected and his brother Able's sacrifice was accepted. This angered Cain and he purposed in his heart to ignore the real issue. The Lord asked Cain why his countenance was down, and Cain denied that he was having issues. Sin met Cain right round the corner, and the end result, he murdered his brother.

I am appealing to the young and old alike to "DO THE RIGHT THING" now and in the future. Confusion is darkness and not light. You do not have to remain in darkness. Talk with someone who can help you to see the light. If you are hurting, wrestling with the demons of your past, there are specialists and in "my day," we had the church. O, what was I thinking? The church is still open, pointing people to the light. Why not treat yourself to some light. There is a more excellent way. God loves you.

Dr. Preston R. Winfrey,
Pastor, Pioneer MBC



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Fun activities, food,
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VBS

July 10-14,
9 a.m.-noon



WELCOME SIGNATURE SWEETS

The Village of South Holland officially welcomed Signature Sweets Factory to the community on Friday, May 5. Signature Sweets Factory, owned and operated by South Holland resident Marcus Freeman, is located at 514 E. 162nd Street. Supported by his parents, sibling, and other family members, Freeman serves a full line of fresh bakery products, influenced by his unique vision and creativity. Pictured with the Freeman family are Mayor Don De Graff, village trustees, village administration, and members of the South Holland Business Association.



Signature Sweet Factory's Blue Cashmere Cupcake is Marcus Freeman's unique spin on the red velvet cupcake.

THORNTONS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



A new Thorntons gas station is currently under construction at the corner of 162nd Street and Woodlawn East. The project is expected to be completed by late fall of 2017.

NEW BRIDGE AT WOODLAWN WEST

The Woodlawn West Avenue bridge over the Little Calumet River is scheduled for reconstruction due to deterioration of the structure (pictured). Currently, the bridge maintains an 18-ton load limit, with one lane of the two-lane bridge closed to traffic since 2009. Also, the bridge does not provide a pedestrian walkway.

South Holland has been successful in securing 80 percent of the funds, through federal and state resources, needed to complete this multi-million dollar reconstruction project. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), a federal agency, advertised and awarded the project construction contract to D

Construction for just under \$2.8 million. Construction is expected to begin in July 2017.

Woodlawn West Avenue provides access to a residential area, and to the Union Pacific Railroad facility, located north of the Little Calumet River. The total width of the planned bridge superstructure will measure 35'-7" and consists of a 5' sidewalk and two 12' driving lanes.

A temporary one-lane bridge with a temporary traffic signal will be available while the new bridge is constructed.

Woodlawn West Avenue bridge projected for completion in 2018.



SOUTH HOLLAND MUNICIPAL BAND

2017 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Thursday
JUNE 15TH

Holland Home
7 p.m.

Thursday
AUGUST 10TH

Veteran's Park
7 p.m.

Tuesday
JULY 4TH

Veteran's Park
8 p.m.

Thursday
AUGUST 24TH

Veteran's Park
7 p.m.

Thursday
JULY 20TH

Holland Home
7 p.m.

Monday
SEPTEMBER 4TH

Paarlberg Farm
3 p.m.

Locations:

Holland Home – 163rd & Wausau Avenue
Veterans Memorial Park – 520 East 160th Place
Paarlberg Park – 172nd & Paxton Avenue

SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE BULLDOGS FINISH 3RD IN NATION



It was another great year for the South Suburban College Bulldogs. It was the men's basketball team's eighth time at the national championship and they finished third in the country two years in a row.

Honors include sophomores Rasheide Bell and Anthony Harris being named to the National Championship All Tournament Team. Coach John Pigatti was named Region IV-A Coach of the Year. It was the eighth time in his 11 seasons at South Suburban that he has won this award.

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Fridays
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• JUNE 9 • JULY 7 • AUGUST 4
• JUNE 23 • JULY 21 • AUGUST 18

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LITTLE LEAGUE OPENS SEASON AT VETERANS PARK



South Holland Little League held its annual opening day ceremony and baseball games on Saturday, April 29, at Veterans Memorial Park, 520 E. 160th Place.

Mayor Don De Graff (center), along with Trustees (l-r) Cindy Nylen, Andrew Johnson, Jr., and Vickie Perkins, participated in the festivities of the morning ceremony. As he had done in past seasons, Mayor De Graff threw out the first pitch (pictured below).



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Veterans Park

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