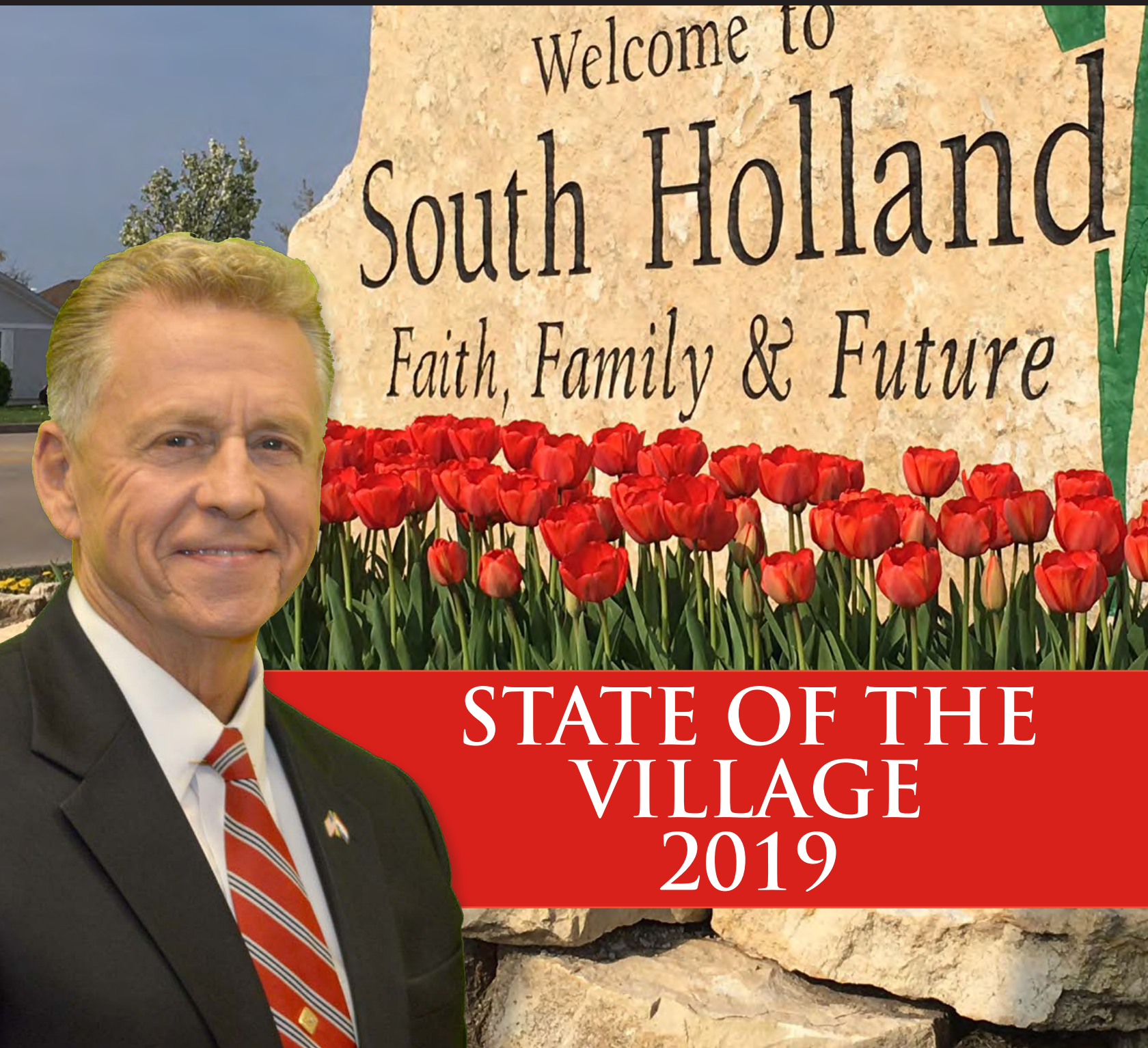




South Holland **TODAY**

NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND
FEBRUARY/MARCH 2019



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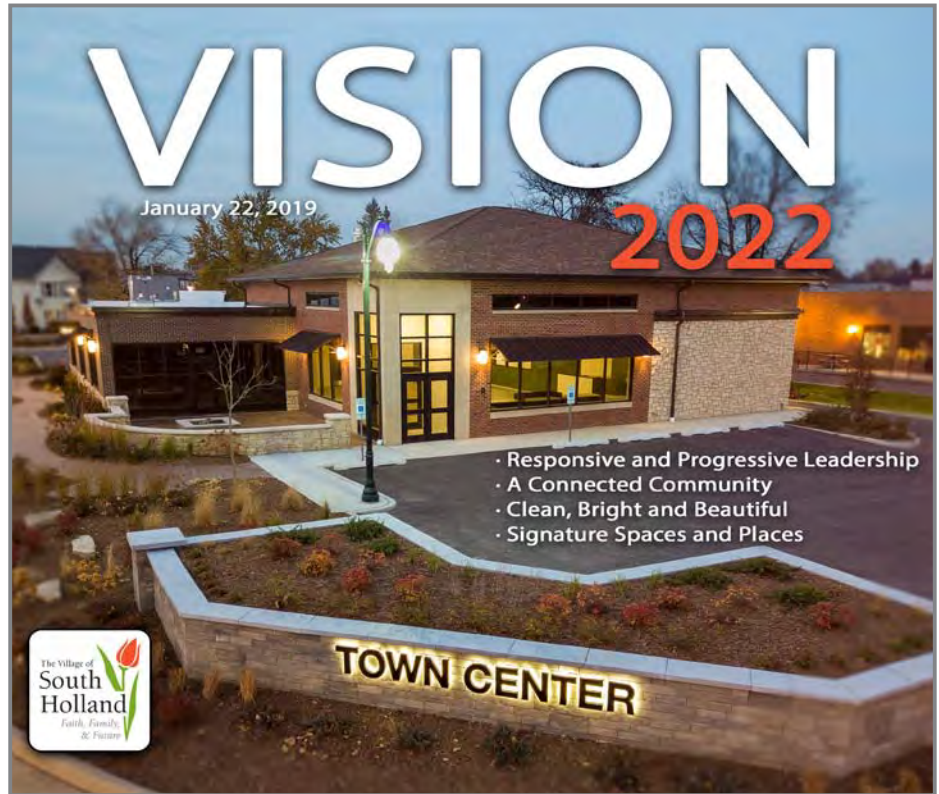
STATE OF THE VILLAGE

DEAR RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS,

Time flies when you're having fun! It's hard to believe that we are now six years into our 10-year strategic plan. Vision 2022 began on January 1, 2013 and we arrived at the 60 percent completion index on December 31, 2018. As our Board and Administrative team have taken time to look back over each of these last 6 years, we have truly been encouraged by the continuing progress that each of our Village departments have made to accomplish their specific goals.

Now with 2018 in the books and 60 percent of Vision 2022 complete, it is my pleasure to report that the Village of South Holland is fiscally, organizationally, and operationally strong.

As we enter 2019 we are more determined than ever to be the best that we can be by reaching to excel in each of the four main components of our Vision 2022 Strategic Plan. Our vision casting seeks to provide the highest level of **Responsive and Progressive Leadership**. It's building unity and strong relationships among us as **A Connected Community**. It aims high to feature the most **Clean, Bright, and Beautiful** Village that inspires and distinguishes us. It creates an ever



increasing number of **Signature Spaces and Places** as desired destinations, providing the freedom and convenience to enjoy wonderful new life experiences that only South Holland can offer.

Allow me to share with you some of the remarkable accomplishments in 2018, as well as our Village's exciting Vision 2022 plans that are anticipated for 2019.


Don A. De Graff
Mayor

VISION 2022 CORE TENETS



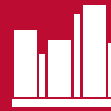
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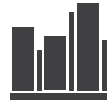
In October, we opened our Customer Service Center at Village Hall. Prior to that, residents would often have to visit two different buildings on the Village Hall campus in order to pay a water bill or apply for a permit. Now, with the new Customer Service Center, located at 16220 Wausau Ave, all of those tasks are combined under one roof. This move saves residents time by offering one convenient place with a great staff ready to serve them.

With the relocation of staff to the Customer Service Center, we reconfigured Village Hall to better suit administrative needs. Village Hall now hosts our administrative leadership, finance department, HR department, and marketing and communications office. All Village Board meetings still take place in the Village Hall Council Room on the first and third Monday of every month.

LOOKING AHEAD



In 2019, we will begin converting all of our streetlights to LED. This is a tremendous improvement that will save on energy costs and will also make our streets safer and brighter. In addition, we are undergoing a \$5 million street resurfacing project over the next two summers. This project spans several miles and will greatly improve your experience driving on Village streets.



This summer, we are installing public art in the form of bronze, family-oriented statues in multiple locations throughout the Village. This project will bring even more appeal to our community and lends intrigue to South Holland's greatest landmarks while promoting our community values.

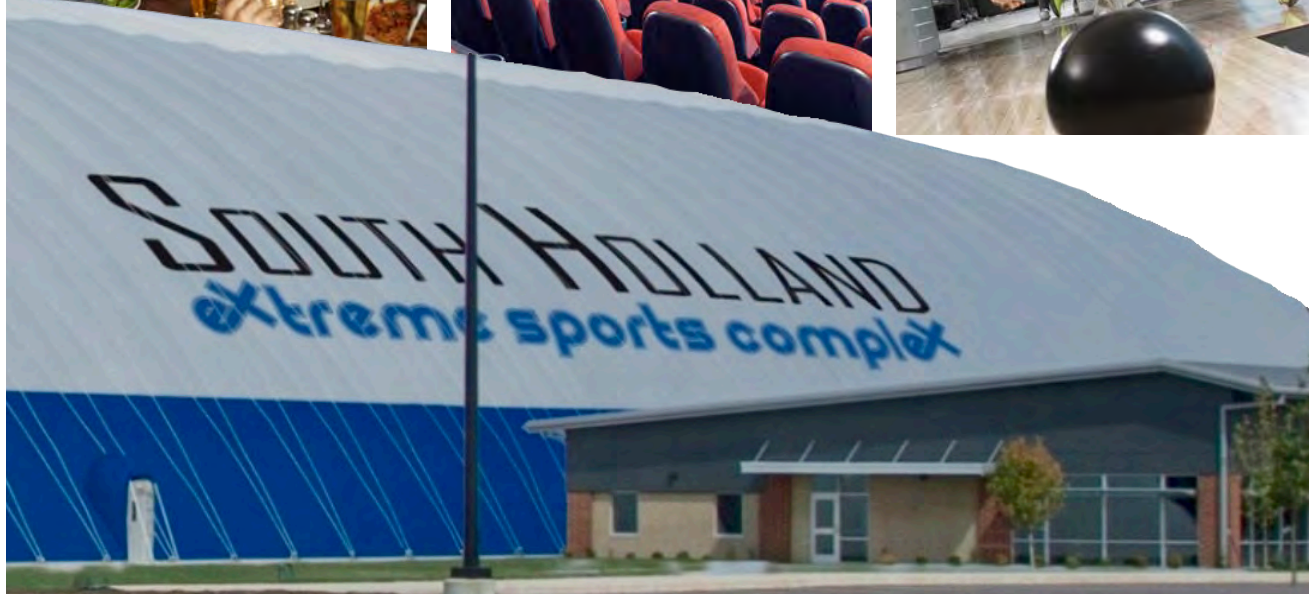


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX COMING

A contract was secured for a multi-use entertainment complex for the long vacant property at 1500 E 162nd Street and is expected to close in early 2019. The development is projected to include a 110,000-square-foot sports dome, a 160-room Wyndham Hotel with a restaurant and banquet space, and a two-story entertainment center. The entertainment center would be home to an eight-screen movie theater, 16 lanes of bowling, laser tag, food and beverage, and virtual reality attractions such as a Flying Theater, where patrons can virtually travel the world.



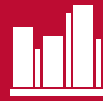
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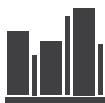
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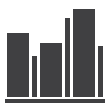
NEW GROWTH

The economic development department continues to catalyze momentum in the South Holland marketplace. In 2018, 67 new business licenses were issued. This includes the long-awaited South Holland Chipotle location, something residents asked us to make happen.

Additionally, several long-standing South Holland businesses reinvested in the community through remodeling and expansion, including Gatling Funeral Home, Carl Buddig, Ed Miniat, and Gurtler. Also, all of our operating hotels on Halsted Street have been converted to national names, with such brands as Super 8, Econolodge, and Travelodge now occupying spaces previously operated by independent brands.



LOOKING AHEAD



Our priorities in 2019 will include closing the sale and influencing the design of the pending entertainment complex, attracting more development to Town Center, retaining and expanding businesses in our industrial corridor, and executing a façade improvement plan on Route 6 that incentivizes businesses to improve their "curb appeal" on our main thoroughfare.



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Marketing and Communications Office hosted several community events that served to better connect South Holland residents. In June and July, our Town Center Summer Socials brought families out to enjoy cuisine from a variety of food trucks, kids activities like bounce houses and face painting, and live music from local bands. The Heritage Haul 5K/10K/Half Marathon in September attracted both local and regional participants who were exposed to the beauty of our Village while running through our neighborhoods. This year's Winter Wonderland in December brought in a record-breaking crowd despite frigid temps, with a beautifully lit Veterans Park and an abundance of activities to engage families and especially children.



Town Center Summer Social

CONNECTING ONLINE



In an effort to better connect with residents in the rapidly evolving digital space, we are in the process of launching a new website and village app. We have also increased our presence on Facebook and Instagram, and will soon begin a new weekly email newsletter.

LOOKING AHEAD



Our goals for 2019 are to improve our visual communications using modern graphic design, high-quality photography and videos, and strategic cohesiveness throughout our messaging. We will produce more content that is relevant for our residents, and we are launching a branding campaign that will attract new residents to the Village.



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FIRE



ENGAGING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

In 2018 the Fire Department continued to invite those we serve to participate in numerous public events. These events help the department and the community connect with each other.

The events include coffee with firefighters the first Saturday of every month, the annual pancake breakfast (April 6), our annual open house (October 5), block parties, school events, library events, and all Village functions.

NEW HIRES



As the volume and complexity of our emergency responses have continued to increase over the years, our Village Board in 2018 unanimously approved a request to hire three full-time firefighters, plus replace three firefighters who retired. We also hired four part-time firefighters (pictured above): David Burell, Kayla Jackson, Victoria Harris, and Bryan Newell.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT



In 2018 we completed the implementation of our new records management software that is used to help maintain our daily operations and patient care reporting. South Holland shared the costs with the Homewood Fire Department in a joint purchase, allowing for a huge savings to the taxpayers of both communities. With the completion of this project we are in compliance with National Standards and are able to use data collection to make informed decisions about the needs of the community.



Fire Academy graduates Kayla Jackson, Bryan Newell, and David Burrell

LOOKING AHEAD



As we move into 2019, we hope to continue building on our accomplishments of 2018. We will continue to analyze the data we receive through our records management system, in order to meet the demands expected of us.



We also invite you to register for our annual Citizens Fire Academy that will start in August. This class allows you to learn about the work of a firefighter. It is a structured program that provides a truly educational and hands-on experience in firefighting.



PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

SEASONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INSPECTION



In an effort to keep South Holland clean, bright and beautiful, we implemented a program involving seasonal inspections of residential and commercial properties. Successful results were achieved. Over 4000 property maintenance violations were identified and I am pleased to report we had an overall compliance rate of 90 percent.

FLOOD MANAGEMENT



The department continues to sustain the village's excellent community flood rating per the FEMA Community Rating System. We are currently rated as a 5, one of the best in the country.

The University of Illinois Champaign recognized our village and department as a flood management training opportunity. For their final year-end class project, 23 students designed flood prevention projects within four areas of our village.

BUILDING PERMITS AND CODES



Our department issued 1,257 building permits, which represents an evaluation of \$22,166,753 of investment in our community. In addition, we have updated our building codes to comply with the 2018 International Building Codes.

LOOKING AHEAD



In 2019, Planning Development and Code Enforcement plans to review and update current ordinances, continue our seasonal property maintenance inspection program, and enhance our informational database.



University of Illinois Champaign students presented plans for flood prevention.



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POLICE

STUDENT POLICE ACADEMY



In 2018, the South Holland Police Department held our first Student Police Academy. This is a five-week program designed to introduce high school students to the field of law enforcement. It provided an opportunity for youth and police officers to positively interact through lectures, role-playing, demonstrations, and team building exercises. The Student Police Academy was a success and a great addition to the South Holland Police Department.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER



The South Holland Police Department launched a pilot program with its first Community Service Officer, which is a civilian uniformed position that provides support where full police powers are not necessary. The Community Service Officer handles many tasks including traffic control, animal complaint calls, funeral escorts, assisting motorists, and a host of many other responsibilities. The Community Service Officer also acts as the court officer for traffic, local, and code enforcement court. This new position has allowed our sworn police officers to remain available to respond to higher priority emergency calls. Mark Van Kley (pictured at right) has been named the Community Service Officer.

LOOKING AHEAD



In 2019, the South Holland Police Department will continue its annual National Day Out/Back to School event. The goal is to increase community engagement through giveaways, local business partnerships and fun entertainment.



The Sharing and Caring Program will also continue in 2019. This program is designed to help one deserving South Holland family with food, clothes and toys during the holiday season.



There are also plans to continue the internship program for local South Holland students or students in the surrounding area that may be interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement.



National Day Out

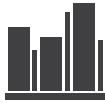
PUBLIC WORKS

PAINT THE HYDRANTS RED



2018 brought the completion of a three-year village-wide initiative to sandblast and paint 1,350 fire hydrants vibrant red. Additional painting included a minimum of twenty feet of curb per hydrant (27,000 feet) painted yellow to establish no-parking zones.

IMPROVING OUR PARKS



Other multi-year programs are the removal and replacement of older park signage and playground equipment. Public Works has completed 13 of

26 parks in three years of a six-year initiative. In addition to the above-mentioned projects, projects, the Paarlberg Park parking area was seal coated, striped, and parking blocks added.

WATER MAINS



We replaced the water main on 161st Place between School Street and South Park Avenue. The project included resurfacing the road and replacing some sidewalk segments.

Another water main project was the removal and replacement of 300 feet of sanitary sewer at 164th Place. This project was estimated at \$115,000, including engineering and construction costs. However, with Public Works taking on the project ourselves, it was executed in five days, affecting only six residents, and costing approximately \$20,000, including restoration.



LOOKING AHEAD



2019 projects include:

- New park signage and playground equipment
- Resurfacing of various street locations
- Start of a three-year sewer televising and jetting of lines
- Inspection, repair and replacement of water main and hydrant valves
- Completion of Woodlawn West bridge and water main project
- Start of Route 6/Van Dam widening project



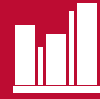
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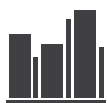
RECREATIONAL SERVICES

AESTHETIC UPDATES



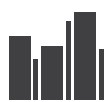
The South Holland Community Center continues to keep the facility modern with aesthetic updates. A full-length wall mural was added to the Fitness Center corridor, and snap frames line the hallway areas to help advertise current activities, events and promotions in order to keep our guests informed.

FITNESS CENTER EQUIPMENT



The Fitness Center is all new and fresh for the 2019 calendar year. All of our Precor equipment was updated in October, including our treadmills, recumbent bikes, elliptical machines, stairmasters, equipment and spin bikes.

A GROWING MEMBERSHIP

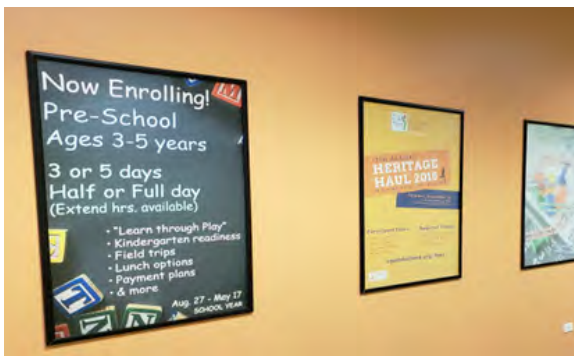


Our Fitness Center membership continues to increase. The current membership total is 2,341, which we have accomplished through an aggressive approach in targeting new corporate members as well as a marketing strategy that is aimed at families. We want our members to feel like they are at home.

SELF-HELP PROGRAMMING



The past couple of years have seen an increase in our self-help series, which is designed to provide community members with additional opportunities to explore other options for self-development. Some of our current offerings include yoga for core strength and stability, therapeutic techniques including massage, fitness classes for people with developmental disabilities, and aromatherapy and arthritis.



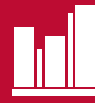
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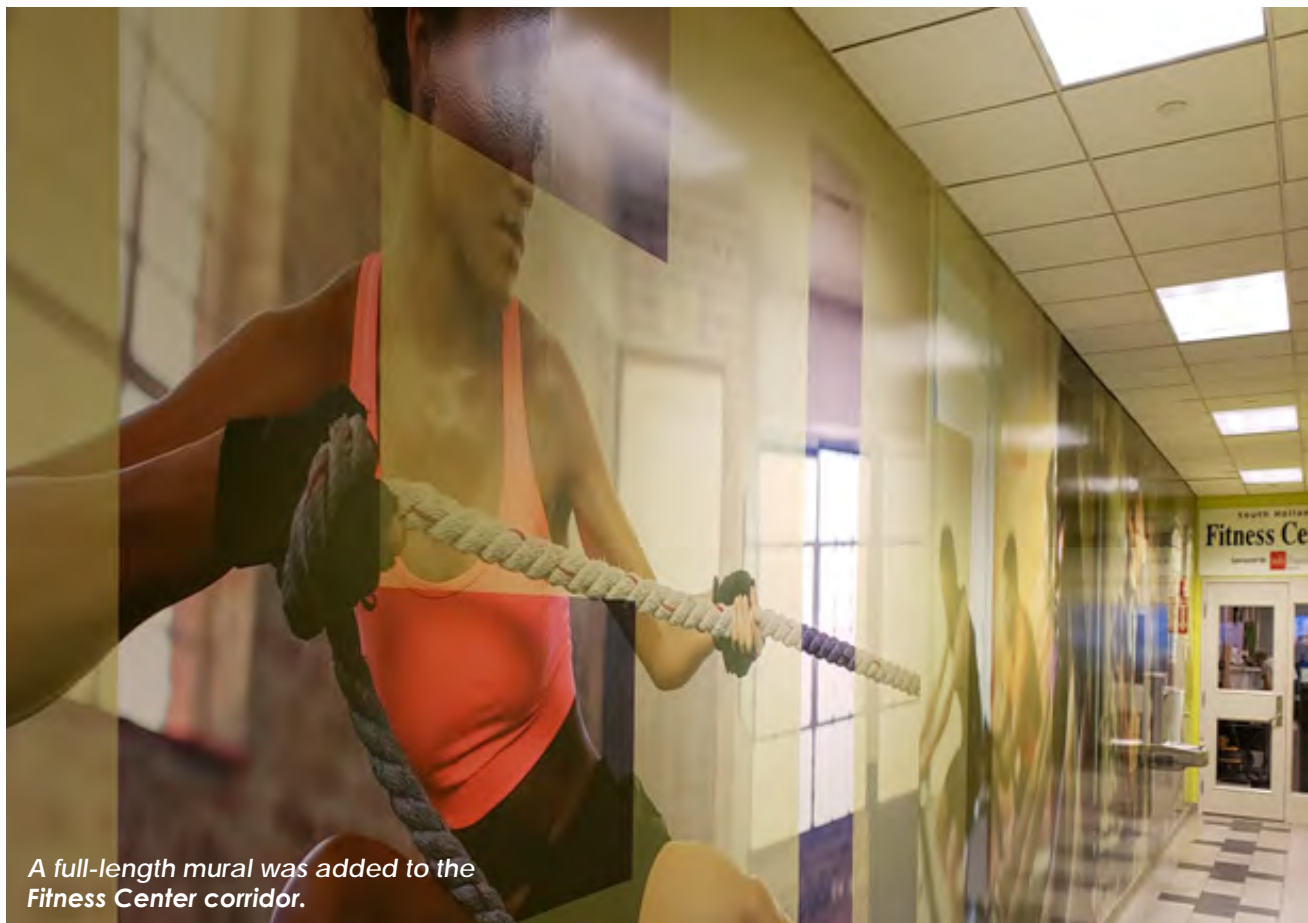
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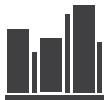


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A full-length mural was added to the Fitness Center corridor.

LOOKING AHEAD



In 2019 Recreational Services will look to continue to grow our fitness center memberships by reaching out to our new corporate partners. We also aim to increase community center participation and awareness by being involved in other community events and activities.

MY REFLECTIONS

By looking back through today's rearview mirror we clearly see 2018 as a year that has produced remarkable outcomes. It's exciting to see how another layer of progress in 2018 has further secured the foundation that allows us to reach new heights in 2019. We are a unique and blessed community! We are building together. By the grace of God, South Holland has been granted extraordinary residents and a great team of leaders, as well as an abundance of resources to move boldly and progressively forward in 2019.

God continues to instill within us a vision, guided by a **Faith** and **Family** value structure. This underlying structure is engrained in our every action and includes the intrinsic principle of servanthood, demonstrating deep care for each other, surrounded by an atmosphere of hope and in an environment that creates unity

by embracing our diversity. It is in this mindset and with a determination that is second to none, that we can accomplish more than we could ever imagine in 2019 and beyond. As we move forward together through these remaining four years of Vision 2022, it is my prayer that we will continue to dream big, boldly cast vision, and continue to advance all four components of Vision 2022, allowing us to enjoy an even brighter **Future** for South Holland, Illinois.
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Don A. De Graff
Mayor



South Holland
JETS
Youth Organization



SERVING YOUTH AGES 5-13

2019 REGISTRATION DATES

Sat., February 23rd: 9a-12p Thur., March 14th: 6p-9p

Sat., April 6th: 9a-12p Wed., May 1st: 6p-9p

Sat., May 25th: 9a-12p Thur., June 9th: 6p-9p

LOCATED AT SH COMMUNITY CENTER

501 E. 170th St. South Holland, IL 60473

2019 REGISTRATION FEES

EARLY BIRD: \$199

UNTIL 4/1/2019

MANDATORY FUNDRAISING FEE: \$50

(Reimbursement Option Available)

ADDITIONAL CHEER FEES: \$150

(Warmups, Competition Gear, and Accessory Kit for All Levels)

ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL FEES: \$35

(Personalized Keepsake Jersey for Unlimited Level Only)

PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE!!

REGISTER ONLINE @ WWW.SHJETS.ORG

Questions? Contact us at 708.439.2275

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN AT VAN DAM ROAD

Beginning this spring, the intersection of Van Dam Road and Route 6 will undergo a redesign in order to accommodate the higher volume of traffic that area has seen since the arrival of the Love's Travel Stop. Specifically, the redesign will include a better turning radius for semis.

Construction starts in March or April, dependent on weather, and is scheduled for completion by the end of November. At some point, most likely near August, Van Dam Road will be closed for 10 days (Route 6 will remain open). We will post further updates as that closure nears.



WATER BILL BREAKDOWN

The following rates will apply to water consumed beginning January 1, 2019 and payable on the March 2019 bill.

WATER

\$8.45 per 1,000 gallons for first 25,000 gallons
\$7.77 per 1,000 gallons for next 100,000 gallons
\$7.65 per 1,000 gallons for gallons over 125,000

SEWER

\$0.47 per 1,000 gallons used

FLAT

\$0.38 per month

REFUSE (GARBAGE PICK-UP)

\$26.24 per month

Minimum charge for water is \$16.90; minimum total bill is \$43.52.

YOU CAN PAY YOUR WATER BILL IN ONE OF THREE WAYS:

- Online payments at southholland.org
- Direct debit (sign up at southholland.org)
- In person at the Customer Service Center, 16220 Wausau Ave.





REGISTRATION OPEN FOR LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Registration is now open for the South Holland Little League 2019 season. The South Holland Little League has a rich history, with participation and success in district, regional, state and national competition tournaments.

There are no tryouts; all children are welcome to play. The league consists of five divisions:

TEE BALL (AGES 4-6)

Children as young as 4 years old can play Tee Ball, and parents are strongly encouraged to actively get involved with their children.

PITCHING MACHINE (AGES 6-8)

6- to 8-year-old kids play pitching machine baseball.

MINORS (AGES 8-10)

The Minor League Baseball division is an instructional level for boys and girls ages 8-10. The season includes spring training camp, weekly practices, regular season games, All-Stars, and a postseason tournament.

MAJORS (AGES 10-12)

The Major League Baseball division introduces more advanced techniques and strategies for boys and girls ages 10-12. The season includes spring training camp, weekly practices, regular season games, All-Stars, and a postseason tournament.

INTERMEDIATE (13U)

The newest division helps players transition from the Little League field to a full-sized diamond. Players who are league age 11 and 12 may participate on a Major Division and Intermediate (50/70) Division team simultaneously. The season includes spring training camp, weekly practices, regular season games, All-Stars, and a postseason tournament. Registration fee is \$350.

REGISTRATION

There are two options for registering your child for Little League:

#1: ONLINE

Register at southhollandlittleleague.org any time through March 2.

#2 : IN PERSON

In-person registration will be held at the South Holland Community Center (501 E 170th St) on February 16 and March 2 from 9am-1pm.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$175

Each additional family member: \$25

Opening Day is April 20 and the season will run through the end of June.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer coach or team parent, please select the option when registering your child online, or email southhollandlittleleague@gmail.com.

AT THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY EVENTS

FAMOUS FIRSTS

CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENTS

Thursday, February 7, 6:30 PM

Join us for a Black History Month celebration honoring famous African American scientists, tinkers and inventors! Eat some "Famous Amos" cookies, play video games, and learn about truly amazing people. This program is for all ages, but is most appropriate for families with children ages 12 and under.

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Thursday, February 14, 6:30 PM

Join us for a lovely party! We'll make cool 3D valentines, play fun games, and eat tasty treats. This program is for all ages, but is most appropriate for families with children ages 12 and under.

STORIES AND SONGS OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE WITH STORYTELLER SHANTA NURULLAH

Thursday, February 21, 6:30 PM

Join Shanta Nurullah for a presentation of Stories & Songs of the African People. This performance features stories, poetry, chants, and the spellbinding sound of African instruments. This performance melds Shanta's creative spirit with African folktales and contemporary African-American perspectives.

For All Ages.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WOMEN: EMPOWERING THEMSELVES

Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 PM

Discover ways to empower yourself and be the best you can be with tips from local author Lakichay Muhammad and Gail Watson.

INTRO TO BALLROOM DANCE W/ ARTHUR MURRAY

Thursdays, March 7 and 21 7:00 PM

Ignite the dance floor! Whether you are a beginner, an advanced dancer, or someone with two left feet, join the fun and learn some new moves. Hosted by Arthur Murray Dance Studios.

GIRL POWER

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 PM

Join us for a Women's History Month celebration honoring famous and fierce women! We'll make crafts, play games, and have a blast! This program is for all ages, but is most appropriate for families with children ages 12 and under.



LIBRARY NEWS

The South Holland Public Library will now be checking out wireless hotspots to adult South Holland Library Card holders. The hotspot lending program is a free service that allows cardholders to check out a hotspot device and connect to the Internet from almost anywhere.

A hotspot is a small device you can use to connect a wireless-enabled device, such as a laptop, smartphone or tablet, to the Internet. Hotspots are portable, so you can connect your device to the internet almost anywhere you are, like at home, on the bus or in the park. The hotspot device works in any area covered by the Sprint 3G or 4G LTE network. For more information call 708.527.3140.



Valentine's Day Party

HAPPENINGS

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Most South Holland municipal buildings and administrative offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18, for Presidents Day. Police and fire services will be available as usual.

COFFEE WITH THE FIREFIGHTERS:

Residents can meet and talk with members of the fire department from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at Fire Station 1, 16230 Wausau Ave. In February, firefighters will be available on Feb. 2 and in March on March 2.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR:

In March, the monthly event will be held in the evening. Residents can meet with the mayor at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at the Community Center.

ELECTION DAY:

Municipal and school board elections will be held on Tuesday, April 2. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting will begin on Monday, March 18, and end Monday, April 1.

NEW RESIDENT BREAKFAST:

The South Holland Neighborhood Groups Organizing Committee is pleased to host the fourth annual New Resident Breakfast beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 13, at the South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170th St. New residents interested in attending should send an email to julia@southholland.org or call 708.210.2918.

SOUTH HOLLAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:

The South Holland Business Association holds its monthly meetings from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the South Holland Community Center. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. The topic or speaker is posted on the SHBA calendar at its website at shba.org.

NATIONAL FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS

Week: Flooding is a coast-to-coast threat to the United States and its territories in all months of the year. National Flood Safety Awareness Week from March 11-15 is intended to highlight some of the many ways that floods can occur, the hazards associated with floods, and what you can do to save life and property.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

Sand Ridge Nature Center will hold a free Black History Month event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23. "Underground Railroad Hike" is an imaginary journey following an Underground Railroad route used in Illinois before the Civil War. Hikes will be held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

SOUTH HOLLAND BUSINESS EXPO:

The South Holland Business Association will hold its Business Expo from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, at the South Holland Community Center. Early bird registration is \$99 and ends Feb. 14. Registration after Feb. 14 is \$149. Registration ends March 14. For information, call 708.596.0065.



[from left] Gloria Winfrey, Reverend Preston Winfrey, Village Clerk Sallie Penman, Trustee Prince Reed, Trustee Vickie Perkins, Mike Nylen and Trustee Cynthia Nylen at the New Resident Breakfast.

New Resident Breakfast

APRIL 13 - 9:00AM

South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170th St.

Call 708.210.2900

or email dluna@southholland.org
to add your name to the guest list.





Village of South Holland
16226 Wausau Avenue
South Holland, IL 60473

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LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER



MAYOR'S COFFEE

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 12
7 P.M.**

South Holland Community Center
501 East 170th Street



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President

Village Board

DR. SALLIE PENMAN
Clerk

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Trustee

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