

SOUTH HOLLAND

Living

March | April 2022



Spring Cleaning Season



Easter EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 • 11:00 AM

**Veterans Memorial Park,
500 E 160th Place – Rain or Shine!
FREE to South Holland Children
(ages 1-10 years; limit 4 per household)**

**Children are divided into five age groups
and will hunt for eggs filled with candy.**

Bring a basket or paper bag to collect your goodies.

- Pre-registration (with proof of residency) is required.**
- Sign up at the South Holland Community Center.**
- Registration ends March 30,
or whenever spots are filled.**

FROM YOUR MAYOR



Dear South Holland Residents and Friends,

It's that time of the year again. It's exciting to think about refreshment, renewal, enrichment, green grass, and the freshness of a new season. My thoughts run toward the opportunity for things to spring to life again.

Here in South Holland, things are certainly springing to life in many ways. We are coming to the conclusion of an effective, productive Vision 2022 strategic plan. As we transition into this new season of hope and rebirth, it gives us significant opportunity to tell the story of South Holland, for we indeed are a **Village Like No Other**. We will share our plans for the new strategic plan in the coming months. Until then, we are working full steam ahead to complete the final projects outlined in Vision 2022.

Here in this spring of 2022 we are launching the start of our special events season! You will see in the following pages that there are quite a few coming up—the Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Parade, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, and the Mother/Son 80s Party and Daddy/Daughter Luau held at the Community Center. Collectively, these events evoke our values of Faith, Family, and Future, and are the perfect kickstart to a fun and flourishing season.

There is so much to celebrate and anticipate here in South Holland. We can see a bright light in front of us—a light of hope and a bright future. We are focusing on that light and running toward it together.

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MOTHER/ SON

80s *Party*

MAY 6

6:30 - 9:00 PM

South Holland Community Center

**Tickets: \$35 per mother/son pair (ages 3-14)
\$10 per additional son**

Join us for our '80s theme party. Mothers and sons are encouraged to come dressed to impress in '80s theme attire. You will enjoy an evening that includes food, dancing, pictures and more. All sons must be accompanied by their mother or favorite lady for a spectacular evening.



DADDY / DAUGHTER
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LUAU PARTY

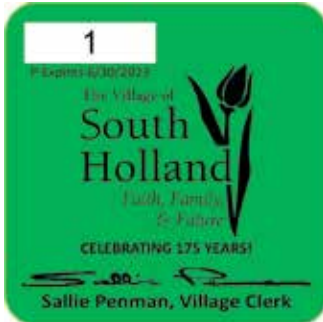
MAY 20 • 6:30–9:00 PM
SOUTH HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

TICKETS: \$35 PER DADDY/DAUGHTER PAIR
(AGES 3–14)
\$10 PER ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

Dads, bring your daughter(s)
to this special night of dinner,
dancing and photos, creating
memories to last a lifetime. All
daughters must be accompanied
by their dad or favorite guy for a
dazzling evening.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND SOUTH HOLLAND

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 2022-23 vehicle stickers are available starting May 1 and must be displayed before July 1.

Sticker Prices

Passenger Car: \$40

Truck and motor home: \$55

Truck C and higher: \$95

Motorcycle: \$30

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

PARKWAY TREE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM



Have a dead or dormant tree in your parkway? The Village of South Holland has a Parkway Tree Reimbursement Program, where the Village pays up to half the cost (\$150 maximum) for the purchase and planting of a new tree. The homeowner pays the remaining costs. To participate in the program, residents must fill out an application (available at southholland.org and at Village Hall). The program is allotted a limited budget per year, so applications are received on a first come, first served basis.

Also, if there are low-hanging or overgrown branches on trees in the parkway of your property, it is the homeowner's responsibility to trim it. For more information, visit southholland.org or call the Public Works office at 708.339.2323.

WATER RATE UPDATE



The following rates will apply to water consumed beginning January 1, 2022 and payable on the March 2022 bill.

Water: \$9.39 per 1,000 gallons for the first 25,000 gallons, \$8.63 per 1,000 gallons for the next 100,000 gallons, \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons for the next 125,000 gallons. The minimum charge for water is \$18.78.

Sewer: \$0.38 per month plus \$0.47 per 1,000 gallons used

Garbage: \$28.68 per month (increases to \$29.54 on June 1, 2022)

You can pay your water bill in one of three ways: online at southholland.org, via direct debit, or in person at the Customer Service Center (16220 Wausau Ave, Building A).

Memorial Day Parade



Monday, May 30, 2022
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.**

OUT AND ABOUT

FACES FROM EVENTS AROUND THE VILLAGE

JACKSON-HEWITT RIBBON CUTTING

A ribbon cutting was held for the opening of a new Jackson Hewitt Tax Service office in December. Mayor Don De Graff, Village Board members and administration, and other local business leaders, along with owner Felecia Stevenson's friends and family, came out to celebrate. The office is located at 260 West 162nd Street.



OUT AND ABOUT

FACES FROM EVENTS AROUND THE VILLAGE

SLEDDING HILL

The sledding hill at Municipal Park (164th St and South Park Ave) was a popular spot for families and winter enthusiasts this winter, particularly after the big winter storm in early February that brought in 10+ inches of snow.



Mayor's Coffee

**Tuesday,
March 8
7:30am**

**South Holland Community Center
501 E. 170th Street**



Join us for a fun and entertaining 5K run/walk
through the streets of South Holland!

The Village of
**South
Holland**
*Faith, Family,
& Future*

2022 SOUTH HOLLAND

FUN RUN



Saturday, September 10

Opening Ceremony: 7am

Veterans Memorial Park • 500 E 160th Place

- ▶ **Costumes/Accessories Encouraged**
- ▶ **Finisher's Medals**
- ▶ **Cash Prizes**
- ▶ **"Fun" Stations Along the Course!**

BENEFITING:



**Sign up at
southholland.org**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please note that the following events are subject to be changed or cancelled due to Covid-19 mitigations.



March 8

MAYOR'S COFFEE

7:30am, South Holland Community Center, 501 E 170th Street

Residents can hear from and speak with Mayor Don De Graff. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

March 8 and April 12

COMMUNITY POLICING MEETING

March 8: 7pm, April 12: 10am, South Holland Community Center, 501 E 170th Street

The South Holland Police Department hosts a Community Policing Meeting on the second Tuesday of every month, alternating mornings and evenings. This is an opportunity to address any questions or concerns for the Police Department.

March 16-May 25

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

5:30-7:30pm, South Holland Community Center, 501 E 170th Street

The Citizens Police Academy is taught by South Holland police officers in an interactive classroom setting. Class size is limited to 30 participants who must either reside in South Holland, or be a business owner in South Holland.

April 9

EASTER EGG HUNT

11am, Veterans Memorial Park, 500 E 160th Pl

South Holland children (ages 1-10 years) can participate in a free Easter egg hunt in the park! Pre-registration is required and can be done at the Community Center. Registration ends on March 30, or whenever spots are filled.

May 5

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

8am

Join South Holland pastors and Mayor De Graff as they pray for our Village, State and Nation. Hosted by the South Holland Ministerial Association.

AT THE LIBRARY

The following are programs held at the South Holland Public Library,
16250 Wausau Ave, unless otherwise indicated.

March 22

NEGOTIATE YOUR BILL

7 pm, Zoom Event

Host Citizen's Utility Board will provide tips and tricks to negotiate your phone, cable, and internet bills.

April 2

PAPER SHREDDING

10am-1pm, West Parking Lot

Reduce the risk of identity theft. Shred your sensitive documents. Bring your items to the Library's west parking lot. Limit two boxes.

April 14

AFTER SCHOOL GAMES WITH THE SOUTH HOLLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

4pm, Youth Services Area

Get to know your local police officers and join them for board and card games at the library.

May 26

DONATION DRIVE FOR THE SOUTH SUBURBAN HUMANE SOCIETY

5pm, East Parking Lot

Help rescue an animal in need. Youth Services will be accepting food, pads, toys, etc. for an adoptable pet. There will also be some pets on-site for you to meet and adopt.

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST FOR VILLAGE EMAIL UPDATES

Text
SOUTH HOLLAND
to **22828** to
get started.



FAITH IN

Motion

MOVING FORWARD OVERCOMING LIFE'S TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

By Evangelist Betty Wilson of Breaking of Bread Fellowship Ministries

There are times in life when we experience tribulations, ups and downs, health challenges, disappointments, deep hurts, and the list goes on. However, Jesus says in St. John 16:33b, "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." And we, as Christians, must internalize the fact that God is with us at all times. . . never to leave us or forsake us. So in these difficult times, we will purpose to regroup, refocus and know that we are overcomers and more than conquerors because Christ is with us.

Philippians 4:13 states, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." So when we experience the tribulations of life, we may fall down for a fleeting moment, but we get up because of Christ being with us and because of who we are in Christ.

Life is about growth (maturity) in Christ Jesus and moving forward in doing His will. We can't get stuck in our tribulations and allow them to hinder our growth. In Philippians 3:13-14 Paul says, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Our faith in the Lord propels us to move forward.

The Scripture sums it up for us in James 4:8 where it states, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." Therefore, we don't succumb to tribulations because we choose to rise above them and continue to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ

Jesus. "God knows the thoughts that He thinks toward us, says the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give us an expected end," says Jeremiah 29:11. So, we will reach our goals in Christ, continue to move forward and allow the Lord, who is with us, to have His perfect way in our lives as we submit to Him.



Evangelist Betty Wilson

Dine

SOUTH HOLLAND

WRAP SHACK 162 BRINGS "FUN, HEALTHY FOOD" TO SOUTH HOLLAND

By Carrie Steinweg
Photos by Michelle Hamstra

Netphritiria DeBerry saw a need in her community and decided to fill it. The restaurateur noticed that the village could use a new place where customers could get healthy and tasty wraps and sandwiches. "We didn't have anything like it here," she says.

Wrap Shack 162 opened December 2021 at 954 E. 162nd Street, offering carryout and a small dining area inside. Delivery is currently available via Uber Eats and will soon be offered through Grub Hub, as well.

"I'm a resident of South Holland and thought we could use some more good food here," says DeBerry, who has lived in the village for three years. She previously owned Tasty Cafe in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood, and the menu at Wrap Shack 162 mirrors that of her previous business with a variety of wraps, sandwiches and salads. DeBerry also owns Flavors Seafood Bar in Lynwood, which opened about three years ago.

Customers of Wrap Shack 162 can enjoy the popular jerk chicken wrap, a jerk salmon wrap, turkey galore sub sandwich, spicy shrimp salad, corned beef melt and more. The best-selling sandwich is the jerk melt made with jerk chicken, provolone cheese, grilled onions and house sauce warmed on a panini press. Tomato bisque, broccoli cheddar and cream of rice soups are also available. The desserts—



Netphritiria DeBerry is the owner
of the new Wrap Shack 162



Jerk chicken wrap



Grilled chicken salad

caramel pound cake and lemon pound cake—are homemade, and there’s an inviting specialty to try. “I have a tea that I make in house that comes in peach and strawberry,” says DeBerry. She describes the menu items as “fun, healthy food with taste and flavor.”

DeBerry grew up in Chicago where family dinners were a regular occurrence and where she gained an appreciation for good food and learned to cook. “I come from a cooking family,” she says. “On Sundays we all gathered at my grandmother’s house. My mom would make desserts. My brother cooks and caters. Once my grandmother passed away, my aunt took over.”

Those family dinners instilled a love of good food and eventually she took the leap to share that passion. “My husband told me that I should start a restaurant. He said, ‘You have all this talent!’ And he really pushed me,” she says. “We cook with love. Everything is always fresh and made to order.”

Customer service is also really important. “We want customers to know that we enjoy what we do. We want everyone to be a return customer,” DeBerry says. “When they leave, we say ‘we’ll see you tomorrow’ because we know they’ll be back.”

DeBerry is happy to be part of the business community in South Holland. “I love South Holland. It’s peaceful. It’s a community. There are a lot of communities that aren’t really communities anymore. South Holland is still a community. It’s convenient—the stores, the schools, the library. Everyone is helpful.” 🍷

WRAP SHACK 162

954 E 162nd St

Mon-Fri 11am-8pm, Sat 11am-7pm

Follow Wrap Shack 162 on Facebook for more information and menu updates.

SPRING CLEANING

A GO-TO GUIDE FOR SPRUCING UP YOUR PROPERTY

Spring is just around the corner, and that means spring cleaning, inside and out. Now is a good time to take stock of your home and property, and to spruce it up for the upcoming warm-weather months. Below is a list of ways to maintain your property that are also in keeping with Village ordinances.

GRASS, WEEDS AND TREES

- Keep grass and weeds trimmed so they do not exceed 6" in length
- Trim shrubbery and trees on property to avoid obstructing sidewalks or streets
- Remove weeds from landscaped areas

ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

(Examples include: detached garages, sheds, fences, decks-patios, pools, stairs, handrails, free standing light posts, mailbox standards)

- Ensure all accessory structures are structurally sound and in good repair

EXTERIORS OF BUILDINGS

Check the exteriors of buildings to ensure they are in good repair without holes, loose or rotting materials, peeling paint, or graffiti. The surface should be intact and properly painted. This includes:

- Exterior walls
- Soffit/fascia
- Window trim

ROOFS AND DRAINAGE

- Repair any leaks in the roof
- Check shingles to ensure they are in good repair, not worn or missing sections
- Check gutters and downspouts to ensure they are in good repair and free of obstruction
- Direct downspouts away from adjacent property so as not to impact neighboring property

DOORS AND DOOR HARDWARE

- Keep exterior doors and related hardware in good repair
- Make sure locks are in place to secure exterior doors



WINDOWS AND SCREENS

- Check windows and screens to ensure they are in sound condition, good repair and sealed properly
- Check for cracks or holes in glazing materials
- Ensure windows can be easily opened and held in position by window hardware
- Install screens for open doors and windows used for ventilation

HOUSE NUMBERS

- Make sure they are visible from the street and a minimum of 4 inches high

DOG FECES

- Pick up dog feces daily to ensure no foul odors are being emitted from your property

SWIMMING POOLS

- Ensure water is clean and not stagnant, so as not to create a health hazard
- If not already in place, install a fence with a locking gate or a foldable ladder at the pool

SANITATION

- Place trash on the curb no earlier than 4:00 pm on the day before scheduled pick up
- Remove from the curb by 8:00 pm the day of pickup
- Keep trash containers covered at all times
- Store trash containers behind the front setback of the house
- Place trash containers so odors are not emitted onto neighboring property

BUILDING PERMITS

As you are planning for home projects this spring, contact the Community Development department (708.210.2915) prior to starting any work on your property to see if a permit is required. Building permits are required for many home projects. Failure to obtain permits may result in not only fines, but also the work performed may not meet code standards and could cost you more in the long run.

5 REASONS TO OBTAIN BUILDING PERMITS

1. Safety – For your family home or business
2. Inspections – Performed by Certified Inspectors
3. Value – Helps protect your biggest investment
4. Peace of Mind – Knowing the contractor has insurance
5. Record Keeping – Permanent record of the work that was performed



SPRING PICK-UP SERVICES

The South Holland Public Works department offers services to help make spring cleaning easier on you. The following services will resume starting April 1.

WASTE PICK-UP GUIDELINES:

As a reminder, place garbage-only totes at curbside on your garbage day. Yard waste is to be placed in yard waste totes or inside of recyclable paper bags. Recycling totes are to be used for recyclable items only and are picked up every other week. Electronic waste is not allowed to be disposed of in your regular garbage or on curbside placement. Furniture, box springs and mattresses, sinks, toilets, laundry tubs and building materials may be placed on the curb with your regular scheduled garbage pick-up, but only in limited quantities.

YARD WASTE:

Yard waste such as grass, grass clippings, bushes, shrubs and clippings from bushes or shrubs will be picked up during your regular garbage collection day. Yard waste totes are to be only used for yard waste. Do not place household trash in the yard waste toter.

BRANCH PICK-UP:

Branch pick-up will resume April 1. Please trim branches to lengths of 4 feet. Any branches longer than 4 feet will not be picked up. Branches will be picked up the day after your regular garbage day. You do not need to call Public Works to inform them about a branch pick-up.

SPECIAL PICK-UP:

Republic Services will pick up one large or bulky item for residents on your regular garbage collection day. Items considered as special pick-up include furniture and appliances. Republic Services will not pick up items such as engine blocks, transmissions, axles, tires, heavy metal parts, broken concrete and other items that can cause harm to their equipment or operator. These items can be picked up by the Public Works department on Fridays. To schedule one of these pick-ups, call 708.339.2323. These items must be accessible from the street before 7am on Fridays.

For any questions dealing with service, property damage, toter replacement, etc., call Republic Services at 708.385.8252. 💧

Knowledge IS POWER

SOUTH HOLLAND BUSINESS OWNER BREAKS BARRIERS IN LITERACY AND HAIR CARE

**By Josh Bootsma
Photos by Michelle Hamstra**

Paula Karll is a mom, former special ed teacher, founder of a charitable organization, South Holland business owner, and award-winning children's author.

Karll is the owner of Shear Designs II and Hair Restoration, a salon located at 16126 South Park Avenue. She spent years doing hair salon work in the south suburbs of Chicago, before finally landing in South Holland. "When I was trying to transition to find somewhere else, South Holland just kept ringing the bells and I was like, 'This is where I want to be,'" says Karll, who started as a stylist at the location for two years before the owner retired and offered her the business.

Beyond styling and cutting hair, Shear Designs II also specializes in hair restoration. The business' website states that it "specializes in addressing the hair loss of individuals due to poor hair management, lack of resources, nutrition, disease and/or medication." Karll is a certified trichologist, and offers her patients non-surgical solutions to hair loss and management. She also uses hair from her salon for donations to Wigs for Kids.

Outside of her primary business, Karll also has 10 years of experience teaching in special education, having earned a Master's in Special Ed from Trinity Christian College, where she was the first African-American to graduate from the program.



Paula Karl is an author and
South Holland business owner

It was Karll's experiences working with special needs students that led her to think about writing and collecting books to promote literacy for all children.

"I taught at the high school level in special education and there were several children there that could not read at a kindergarten or first grade level. I was really appalled by that, but that's how the system works if they don't have support, so I wanted to try to change the narrative for those communities," Karll says.



She has taken steps to address this need by founding Donate Knowledge, an initiative focused on building a diverse library for young children to improve critical thinking, problem solving, and communication.

"[My priority is] building a diverse library for every child to provide books inclusive and accessible for all children," Karll says. "Me being a special education teacher, I want to make sure all children have access to books and learning tools."

Part of making this goal a reality, she says, is to make books accessible in different formats, including audio- and e-books. Karll is working to build a library of children's books that can be used to help develop skills in all children, especially those with special needs.

Her mission hasn't stopped with collecting books, however. She's also taken the time to write one.



Ellie Meets the New Baby is inspired by Karll's own experience as a mother with two daughters. The book is designed to help parents and children communicate about adapting to new siblings. Karll tells the story of Ellie, who struggles to embrace her new baby sister. As Ellie's parents talk with her and share with her the baby's needs, Ellie starts to learn and enjoy being a big sister.

"During the pandemic you had a lot of time to do something positive or do something negative," Karll says. "I would get up at night and just write. I'd think about my girls' life and I was like, 'You know what? I think I could write a book!'"

The children's book depicts a multicultural family, just like Karll's, and she hopes it will help facilitate meaningful discussions about family dynamics and siblings.

To that end, Karll has made the book more accessible by creating versions for audio, online, and in Spanish, and has also created activities in the back of her book that support critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills. There's also a lesson plan available for teachers wishing to use the book in a classroom.

Karll is also a member of the Council for Exceptional Children, the Black Caucus American Library Association, and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

To learn more about Karll's hair salon Shear Designs II, visit sheardesigns2.com. To buy a copy of her book, ebook, and audiobook, or to learn more about Donate Knowledge, visit paulamkarll.com 🔥



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