



South Holland TODAY

NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND

JUNE / JULY 2014

*Endless summer fun...
...in South Holland!*



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CELEBRATE!!

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2014

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, 160TH PLACE & SOUTH PARK AVE.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6:30 am **Rib Fest Contest (Cooks start your grill!)**
- 8:00 am **Prayer at the Gates (all village entrances)**
Coordinated by Spirit of God Fellowship
- 10:00 am **Independence Day Morning Zumba**
- 11:00 am – 8:30 pm **Home Plate Grill**
- 11:00 am **Story Time in the Gazebo (for children 2-5 yrs. old)**
hosted by Ms. Catie (sponsored by the
South Holland Public Library)
- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm **“Dimples” the Clown**
- 12:00 pm **Rib Fest Judging**
(samples of ribs available for purchase)
- 11:00 am – 7:00 pm **9-hole Mini Putt Golf Classic;**
Inflatable Safari Kingdom Playland;
Inflatable 180 Challenge Obstacle Course;
Paradise Plunge Water Slide
- 1:00 pm **Interactive children’s exhibit/activity in the**
Gazebo (sponsored by the Sand Ridge Nature Center)
- 2:00 pm **Field Games (3-legged race, sack race,**
wheelbarrow, water balloon toss, etc.)
- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm **“Patches” the Clown**
- 3:00 – 7:00 pm **Rolling Video Games**
- 3:30 pm **Giant Water Balloon Battle (on the baseball field)**
- 4:00 pm **BMX Stunt Bike Show**
- 5:00 pm **Live Music**
- 8:00 pm **South Holland Municipal Band**
- 9:10 pm ***INCREDIBLE FIREWORKS!***

Rib Fest contest registration now available at the Department of Recreational Services.
 Call 331-2940 to learn how to register for the contest.

SOUTH HOLLAND HAPPENINGS

New events at this year's July 4th celebration

By Bob Bong

Besides the traditional events, such as the Rib Fest contest and visits by clowns Patches and Dimples, this year's South Holland Fourth of July celebration at Veterans Park will feature some new events for young and old alike.

For the fitness-minded celebrants, there will be a **Morning Zumba class** at this year's festival starting at 10 a.m.

There are two new events for the kids this year.

The South Holland Public Library is sponsoring **Story Time in the Gazebo**, for children 2-5 years old. This is being hosted at 11 a.m. by Ms. Catie, from the library.

At 1 p.m., there will be an **interactive children's exhibit/activity in the Gazebo**. This event is being sponsored by the Sand Ridge Nature Center.

Back by popular demand is a **BMX stunt bike show** at 4 p.m. which will feature BMX riders performing a variety of stunts on their bikes.

As usual, the day will conclude with patriotic music by the South Holland Municipal Band starting about 8 p.m., followed by a spectacular fireworks show about 9:10 p.m.



The first 50 market shoppers will receive a Village of South Holland shopping tote!

TOWN CENTER MARKETPLACE, South Holland's Farmers Market, opens Friday, June 27, noon to 6:00 p.m., at the northeast corner of 162nd and South Park Avenue. The market, held every Friday through October 3, will include:

- fresh fruits and veggies from Zeldenrust Farms
- fresh chicken, duck and quail eggs available by Fulcrum Farms
- tacos and burritos by Spice Chef
- ribs, chicken, seafood prepared by I-94 Ribs
- cupcakes, cookies and pies by Auntie Vee's
- a line of olive oils and Labriola bread by AH-LIVE (Olive)
- gourmet snack treats by Kingdom Sweets
- passion tea lemonade and iced coffee by Starbucks
- soy candles and soy-based soaps by Scentaffection
- free spinal screenings provided by Chiro One
- ice cream treats

Opening day of the farmers market will include freshly prepared lunch samples by Chef William Echol, who will use products available at the market.



MOVIES IN THE PARK!

Join the fun at Veterans Memorial Park.

FEATURE FILMS:

Saturday, June 21st

Iron Man 3

Saturday, July 26th

The Lego Movie

Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Home Plate Grill will be open.

CELEBRATE "JUNETEENTH"

JUNETEENTH IS THE OLDEST KNOWN CELEBRATION COMMEMORATING THE ENDING OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES AND HAS ACTUALLY BEEN AN AFRICAN AMERICAN TRADITION SINCE THE LATE 19TH CENTURY

The Forest Preserves of Cook County
Presents
President Toni Preckwinkle
General Superintendent Arnold Randall

PROGRAM

James Carpenter, Director of Sand Ridge Nature Center
Reverend Nicholas Pearce, PhD, Invocation
National Anthem & "Lift Every Voice & Sing" Songs Led by Anthony Tindall
President Toni Preckwinkle
General Superintendent Arnold Randall
The Journey to Freedom Historical Hike Reenactments
The Underground Railroad Permanent Exhibit
Refreshments

Sand Ridge Nature Center
Saturday, June 21, 2014, 10 am – 3 pm
15891 South Paxton Ave.
South Holland, IL 60473

Municipal electric aggregation update

In 2012, the Village of South Holland established a municipal electric aggregation savings program following the passage of a voter referendum. The aggregation program allows the village to bid for the supply of electricity on behalf of residents and small businesses, attempting to procure electric supply rates that are lower than the rates ComEd receives. At that time, the village was successful in securing a rate of 4.79¢ per kWh through FirstEnergy. The two-year agreement between the village and FirstEnergy is set to expire in July of 2014. It is anticipated that by the end of the program's term, the average household will have saved \$350 to \$400 on electric supply (depending on weather patterns and usage this spring) versus the ComEd default supply rate, for a community-wide savings approaching \$2 million.

Electrical Supply Agreement Termination

In anticipation of the FirstEnergy agreement expiration, the Village engaged in multiple bids for a renewal program but was unsuccessful in procuring a fixed rate that was guaranteed to be less than ComEd's anticipated default supply rate. The base ComEd rate is re-set several times a year, and a portion of the charge varies each month, but is expected in a range of 7.93¢ per kWh for the summer of 2014 with the rate for the winter months beginning October 2014, yet unknown. (The summer rate is 7.596¢ +/- a floating Purchased Electricity Adjustment charge which has averaged .33¢ each month for the last three years = an estimated rate of 7.93¢/kWh.)

The lowest bid received most recently by the village was 8.11¢ per kWh. Thus, the Village has decided to suspend the program for the next year and will be allowed to bid again mid-2015.

The Village took advantage of competition in the deregulated electric market when it contracted the initial aggregation program rate in 2012. Electricity prices have increased in large part due to an increase in capacity charges as established by State regulators, as well as the polar vortex, which put great pressure on natural gas supplies, a large component of electricity generation. Although prices are now higher, residents continue to pay less than during the summer of 2010 when the ComEd rate was about 9¢ per kWh.

ComEd "Confirmation of Drop" notice

Residents enrolled in the Village's program will receive a letter from ComEd in June stating that their supply service will be switched back to ComEd. This "Confirmation of Drop" notice will state that the ratepayer has two billing periods in which they may choose to switch to another supplier or otherwise will be required to remain on ComEd electric supply service for a total of twelve months from the effective date on the letter. Residents are advised that

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June 21 – Hollandale Park, 164th & Michigan Ave.

(rain date: June 28)

August 9 – Maicach Park, 165th & Ellis

(rain date: August 23)

NOON – 4:00 p.m.

Christ Community Church offers Youth Programs

Saturday June 28, 2014, 8:30 AM – 1 PM

Free Dating Violence Prevention workshop for teens, young adults and parents. Registration is recommended and appreciated.

Saturday, July 19, 11 AM – 4 PM

Community Picnic and Gospel Concert

Horses, Dunk Tank, Face Painting, Space Jumpers, Rock climbing, Special Guest Artist, Food. Games (tug of war, water fight, balloon toss & etc.), and Music.

Saturday August 9

Six Flags

Contact the church office, by phone 708-331-8389 or email minasst@ChristCommunitycogic.org for more detailed information, or visit us on the web at www.christcommunitycogic.org and on FB at Christ Community_SH.

Christ Community Church is located at 1151 East 170th Street in South Holland.



Host a block party in your neighborhood!

Block party registration forms are available at Village Hall, 16226 Wausau Avenue.

MEMORIAL DAY IN SOUTH HOLLAND



PARADE WINNERS

Marching Band Coolidge Middle School
 Professional Float.... Pioneer Missionary Baptist Church
 Amateur Float..... Family Life Christian School
 Walking Unit Meanstreets Elite Cheerleaders
 Motor Unit Midwest Mopar Alliance
 Annual Mayors Trophy... Spirit of God Fellowship Church

Local students take a turn as village leaders

By Cindy Cruz

The South Holland Village Board took on a more youthful appearance as eighth-grade students from four local schools took the reins of the village during South Holland's 26th annual Student Government Night.

Participants were: Mayor Justin Smith, Coolidge Middle School; Village Clerk Esther Lagerwey, Calvin Christian School; Trustee Takudzwa George, Calvary Academy; Trustee Joshua Smits, Calvin Christian School; Trustee Megan Meyer, Calvin Christian School; Trustee Natalie Davis, Calvary Academy; Trustee Brent McKnight, Calvary Academy; Trustee Khari Lewis, Christ Our Savior Catholic School; Village Administrator Candice Farley; Christ Our Savior Catholic School; Fire Chief Demarius Byrd, Coolidge Middle School; Police Chief Victor Akinyemi, Christ Our Savior Catholic School; Director of Public Works, Rylei Jackson, Calvin Christian School; Director of Planning, Development & Code Enforcement Chanel Durham, Calvary Academy; and Director of Recreational Services Zeja Mackey, Coolidge Middle School.

The student government participants interviewed their respective village official and then presented a report. All said it was a positive experience.

"It was wonderful for the village and schools to provide the opportunity to the students so that they could see how government operates," said one parent.

"I really learned a lot about how the government functions at the local level. Our village officials give up so much time to help their community," said Esther Lagerwey, who interviewed Village Clerk Sallie Penman.

Mayor Don De Graff said the annual event provides the opportunity for the students and village officials to learn from each other. He commended the parents, grandparents, school administration, school boards and teachers for their support and participation in the program.

"I am very impressed by the quality of the students and their reports. It gives us great hope for the future," De Graff said. "Well beyond our time we have a great group of future leaders."



EDUCATION

Calvin participates in Math Triathlon

Thirteen Calvin Christian School students participated in Trinity Christian College's Math Triathlon along with 26 other schools. They placed fifth overall. In the team event, one of their teams of three tied for first out of 80 other 3-person teams.

Local high school students excel in video competition

School District 205 participated in the seventh annual South Suburban College Video Competition on April 10 in the Kindig Performing Arts Center.

The competition showcased talent from area high schools. It also provided local students with a tour of the college's facilities, featuring the television studio/control room, audio studio/control room, and multimedia lab.

"Each year, the student entries are more polished, more creative, and more exciting, and this year was no exception," said SSC Communication Professor John Geraci.

Local winners:

Commercial: 2nd Pl., "Doritos – They're That Good"/Thornwood; 3rd Pl. (tie), "Canine Carry Outs" /Thornton.

PSA: 3rd Pl., "www.methproject.org"/Thornton.

Music Video: 1st Pl., "Philosophy"/Thornwood; 2nd Pl., "I Miss You" /Thornwood.

Creative Editing: 1st Pl., "We Didn't Start the Fire"/Thornridge; 2nd Pl., "The Road to Stardom"/Thornridge; 3rd Pl., "A Notorious Tribute"/Thornton.

College for Kids and Day Camp Summer Programs

South Suburban College's Continuing Education Department is offering courses to help fill the summer days with activities that will entertain and challenge children and young adults.

Visit "Continuing Education" online at www.ssc.edu for a complete listing of classes, or call 596-2000, ext. 2231.



Coolidge Middle School students took part in an Arbor Day project with representatives of Top Ladies of Distinction.

Coolidge partners with Top Ladies of Distinction for Arbor Day project

The South Suburban Chicago Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction Inc. and Top Teens of America partnered with School District 151 at Coolidge Middle School, Barack Obama Learning Center Library in Phoenix, and the Keep America Beautiful Initiative for an Arbor Day Planting and Essay Contest Kick-Off on April 24.

Top Ladies of Distinction Inc., a national nonprofit humanitarian organization committed to providing service to youth and adults, will celebrate 50 years of volunteerism this year. Keep America Beautiful is the nation's leading nonprofit that brings people together to build and sustain vibrant communities.

Students from Coolidge Middle School's Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, CS, CLASS and Top Teens of America rolled up their sleeves for this worthwhile event with the support of their sponsors, Toni Foxworth, Ernestine Proctor-Harris, Tradena Taylor, Chevia Rush, Brittany Allen, Mario Moody, Rory Reese and Coolidge Principal Patricia Payne.

Top Ladies on hand to support Commu-

nity Beautification Chair Maria Brunson included TLOD President Stephanie E. Dunn, Dana Nichols, Barbara Wallace, Turnitta Rayburn, Darcelle Williams and Dorothy Bryant.

South Holland School District 151 buildings and grounds staff assisted with the preparation of the soil and digging of holes to accommodate four flowering rose bushes in honor of the Arbor Day recognition.

Coolidge students have committed to maintain the plantings throughout the year with periodic check-ins from the TLOD Beautification Chair.

Top Teen Tyler Thomas commented that this Arbor Day activity was a valuable learning experience.

This event was also the kick-off for the TLOD-sponsored Arbor Day Essay Contest for the Coolidge Middle School students. Participants had an opportunity to write essays on one of the following topics: "What Arbor Day Means to Me" or "My Favorite Tree and Why." Prizes and certificates were presented for winning essays at the end of the competition.

Seton welcomes new Principal

Mr. Earl McKay, currently Asst. Principal and Dean of Students, will assume the leadership role at Seton Academy July 1, 2014.

Mr. McKay is well known and highly respected for his work mentoring young people in the community through both athletic and academic programs. He has coached a variety of sports from the elementary through the collegiate level.

Mr. McKay will follow Ms. Marianne Lynch, current principal of Seton Academy, who will be transitioning to Holy Trinity High School as principal.



SALUTES

Congratulations to **Brittany Middlebrooks** who was named Miss Illinois United States 2014.

During her reign as Miss Illinois United States, Brittany desires to avidly perform community outreach within the state of Illinois, mentor young women, and raise awareness for Relay for Life, the national charity of the Miss United States Organization.

From July 1-7, Brittany will represent Illinois at the Miss United States Pageant in Washington, D.C., which includes an appearance in the Independence Day Parade in the nation's capital and various shows open to the public.

Amber Ayofemi Abogunrin graduated from Seton Academy. She is a member of the National Honor Society, vice president of the National English Honor Society, Student Council executive board secretary,



a peer mentor and tutor and a big sister in the Big Brother/Big Sister mentoring program.

She is the proud recipient of Iowa State University's prestigious George Washington Carver Scholarship and will be a freshman there in the fall majoring in kinesiology and physical therapy.

Sheldon Fulton, a senior mechanical engineering major at North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, N.C., was named a Tom Joyner Foundation Hercules Scholar in October 2013 and on April 6, 2014, was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at the university.

Sheldon is a graduate of Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights and Calvary Academy grammar school in South Holland.

His parents are **Udolpha and Cynthia Fulton**.

Rosalind Cummings-Yeates, the daughter of Jan and Harry Cummings, has written a book entitled *Exploring Chicago Blues: Inside the Scene, Past and Present*, published by the History Press.



This book takes you on an adventure of discovering Chicago Blues from its birthplace in the Mississippi Delta to Chicago. The transition occurred during the Great Migration, the long-term movement of African Americans from the agricultural South to the industrial North, starting around the beginning of World War I.

The book describes notable Chicago Blues artists, both past and present, and how blues music transformed itself and became urbanized, and the blues artists who made it happen.

According to the author, today's Chicago Blues music is a "pinch" of jazz, rock and gospel music.

The book also provides interesting insights and backgrounds of some of Chicago's great blues musicians and vocalists.

For more information, call Harry Cummings at 708-339-1254 or email harrycummings@att.net or visit www.rosalindcummingsyeates.com.

Jennifer Walker, an employee of Exelon subsidiary ComEd, has been recognized as one of the company's top employee volunteers for her volunteer service with Salute, Inc., an organization which provides a wide range of support for military members and their families. Exelon provided a \$5,000 cash grant in Walker's honor to Salute, Inc.

Municipal aggregation update (cont. from page 4)

they may individually switch to another supplier only within that first 60-day window. No action is needed on your part to be moved to the ComEd supply rate.

Residents should beware of door-to-door solicitors, direct calls or direct mail pieces regarding electric supply and are advised to review contract terms to understand any floating rates or early termination fees. Per village ordinance, door-to-door solicitation is not permitted unless the solicitor has a village approved permit. Additionally, it is recommended that electrical customers never release their account number to a solicitor under any circumstance, unless they have decided to move to that supplier.

The Illinois Commerce Commission has established a resource for residents to learn more about supplier choice: Pluginillinois.org.

Residents with questions about the current contract may call the Village's supplier, FirstEnergy at 888-651-5200 or the Village's electrical aggregation consultant, NIMEC at 800-727-3820. (When calling NIMEC, please leave your call back number and you will be contacted within 24 hours.)



RESIDENT TO KNOW

Crystal Flynn loves what South Holland stands for



Crystal Flynn

By **Cindy Cruz**

Crystal L. Flynn believes that South Holland is the perfect place to raise a family. She and her husband Juan moved from the west side of Chicago to the village in 1995 with their four daughters – Glenisha, Lakeisha, Maiesha and Jasmine.

“I love what the community stands for. I was attracted to South Holland because

of its motto, ‘Faith, Family, Future’,” she said. Her children all graduated from Thornwood High School and attended college. Jasmine is currently in law school. She also has two stepdaughters, a stepson and five grandchildren.

Crystal operates a home-based business – Crystal’s Blessing Travel. She had worked for American Travel Bureau for several years.

“I was always their top salesperson, so I thought it was time to start my own business,” she said.

Crystal not only sells travel packages but she educates her customers on what to expect by hosting events like pre-cruise parties.

In addition, Crystal has worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 26 years and serves as a union representative.

Her business acumen has earned her inclusion in the 2013/14 Worldwide Who’s

Who Registry of Executives, Professionals and Entrepreneurs.

Giving something back to the community is also important to Crystal. She is an active member of Salem Church of Christ and God in Chicago where she helps with programs serving seniors.

Crystal is also an active member of the National Association of Professional Women. One of the programs she enjoys working on is teaching disadvantaged women how to dress for success.

‘Moving to South Holland was the best thing I ever did for my family.’

– Crystal Flynn

Locally, Crystal is known to always lend a helping hand to her neighbors and believes it is important to get to know the people on your block. That is why she hopes to organize a block club and plan a block party in the near future so neighbors can become acquainted with one another.

“Moving to South Holland was the best thing I ever did for my family,” she said.

Brian Kolosh – New Fire Chief

By **Eric Pradelski**

Former Deputy Fire Chief Brian Kolosh has been named as the new fire chief replacing Don Bettenhausen, who retired May 1.

Brian has a long history of more than 20 years of working in the firefighting/EMS field. Most recently, Brian was deputy chief of the South Holland Fire Department starting in 2009.

Brian sees a bright future for the South Holland Fire Department. “The future of the fire service and most importantly the South Holland Fire Department depends on our working relationships with our surrounding departments,” he said.

“Broadening our relationships through affiliations will allow us all to work as one and provide enhanced services to all of our communities. This will allow for a better use of equipment, better purchasing power, and stop duplication of high cost equipment.”

Brian feels ready for this position, saying, “Chief Bettenhausen was able to mentor and further prepare me to lead the best fire department in the south suburbs through his vast knowledge and education he had received from his 35 years in the fire service.”



Mayor Don De Graff (right) congratulates Brian Kolosh upon being sworn in as South Holland’s Fire Chief.

Mayor Don De Graff also believes in Brian’s capability, saying, “We, as a village, are extremely thankful to have someone of the caliber of Brian Kolosh to be our fire chief. Over the last four-plus years, he has proven his leadership abilities as deputy chief and we as a board are excited to welcome him as the new chief.”

POLICE DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS

By Eric Pradelski



Village curfew reminder

The South Holland Police Department wants to remind residents that the village has a curfew for anyone younger than 17 years of age.

This curfew applies yearlong, and not just during the summer. The curfew times are between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Sunday to Thursday.

When an underage person is present during the curfew hours “at or upon any public assembly, building, place, street, or highway,” they are considered to be in violation of the code.

Defenses of the violation include being accompanied by an approved party over 18 years of age, or if they are participating, going to, or returning from: work, a school recreational activity, a religious event, an emergency situation.

For information, please reference Article I, Sec. 11-6 Curfew of the South Holland Village Code, available on the South Holland website, www.southholland.org.

Citizen Police Academy

The current students of the South Holland Police Department Citizen Police Academy are set to graduate on June 24.

There is another session set for the fall, tentatively from the first week of September through mid November.

Be sure to follow the South Holland Police Department on Facebook for the most up to date information.

Watering ordinance reminder

Now that we have reached the spring and summer months, Public Works reminds residents of the village watering ordinance.

Per Section 21-12 of the Village Code, residents in premises with **odd numbered street addresses** may only water their lawn and garden or wash their car on **odd numbered days** of the month, Monday-Saturday, and only between the hours of **7 p.m. and 11 a.m.**

Residents in premises with **even numbered street addresses** may only water their lawn and garden or wash their car on **even numbered days** of the month, Monday-Saturday, and only between the hours of **7 p.m. and 11 a.m.** Please keep this in mind throughout the warm spring and summer months.

Road projects slated for this summer

Three major high traffic roadways are being resurfaced this summer.



First up, 154th Street from State Street east to Ninth Avenue (Phoenix border) has been completed.

Cottage Grove Avenue is being resurfaced from Route 6 north to 154th Street (Dolton border). This began in early May and is projected to be completed in mid-July.

Vincennes Road from Route 6 north to Thornton/Blue Island Road (Phoenix border) is also in the works and pending.

The bulk of these road resurfacing projects is being funded by IDOT.

It's that time again for residents to purchase vehicle stickers, animal licenses

The time has arrived to purchase vehicle stickers for the summer 2014-2015 period.

Old vehicle stickers will expire on June 30, and the new sticker must be purchased and displayed by July 1.

Vehicle stickers are available for sale at the collector's office in Village Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

All checks should be made payable to the Village of South Holland.

After July 1, there is a late fee penalty of 50 percent, and after Aug. 1, the fee climbs to \$100.

Before applying the new sticker, remove the old one and display it in the lower right hand corner of your windshield. For motorcycles, the sticker affixes to the license plate.

For new residents and new vehicles, you have 30 days to obtain a valid vehicle sticker.

An animal license (or dog tag) is re-

quired to be purchased annually for any dog owned by a resident of the village. The tag is valid from the date of issuance until the end of the calendar year. The form to acquire a license is available at the collector's office.

Remember to keep the animal license and vehicle stickers current in order to avoid unwanted late fees and fines.

For pricing information for any of the above items, visit www.southholland.org.

PRICES:

Passenger Cars	\$40
Trucks & Motor Homes.....	\$55
Trucks C & higher.....	\$95
Motorcycles.....	\$20
Senior Citizens (65 years & older) receive 50% discount.	
Garage Sale Permits.....	\$ 5
Dog License.....	\$10

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Celebrating 100 years of fire service!

ANTIQUE FIRE APPARATUS SHOW

Saturday, June 21, 2014

Line Up - 0900 Hrs
Step Off - 1000 Hrs
Ending - 1600 hrs

SH ST. 1 TO MAICACH PARK

Staging at South Holland Fire Station 1
with parade beginng at 1000hrs and ending
at Maicah Park where Apparatus Show will begin.



AWARDS
*(Judged by former SHFD
Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs)*

1st Place
2nd Place
3rd Place
Furthest Traveled

*Refreshments
For Sale*

Hamburgers
Hot dogs, chips
pop, water
T-shirts Sales too!



CPR classes offered

The South Holland Fire Department offers CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes to the public.

The department trains and certifies approximately 300 residents each year. People who are trained in CPR make a difference every day by the recognition of life-threatening conditions, prompt calling of 911 and administering life-saving techniques. This training has helped keep many patients alive until the ambulance arrives on the scene.

The South Holland Fire Department teaches two types of CPR classes:

1. Health Care Provider
2. Heart Saver/AED/First Aid

All classes are held on Saturday mornings in South Holland Fire Department classroom. Classes start at 8 a.m. sharp. Please allow 4 hours for each class. Five students is the minimum for each class. Payments can be made, in cash, at South Holland Fire Department, no later than one week in advance. Program class schedules are as follows:

Health Care Provider Course

7/12/14	4/11/15
10/11/14	7/11/15
1/10/15	10/10/15

The Health Care Provider Course is \$45 and includes an AHA Study Book.

Heart Saver/AED/First Aid Course

8/9/14	5/9/15
11/8/14	8/8/15
2/14/15	11/14/15

The Heart Saver/AED/First Aid Course is \$45 and includes an AHA Study Book and in depth first aid training.

For information on taking a class or sponsoring a class, contact Michelle Egan at (708) 331-3123 or visit www.southholland.org.

SHFD to launch Explorer Program

By Eric Pradelski

The South Holland Fire Department is set to launch the Fire Department Explorer Program in conjunction with the 2014-2015 school year.

The Explorer Program is a youth orientated program aimed at helping young adults who have an interest in the fire service EMS (emergency medical services). This program is targeted to young high school and college age men and women (15-20) and provides them with a chance to become familiar with career opportunities available in fire service.

Explorers will be taught basic EMS and firefighting skills, participate in service

projects in the village, and put their training and hard work to use by responding to some emergencies through ride alongs.

Explorers will learn and assist in most tasks in the community and the fire station including: community relations, fire prevention, equipment and station maintenance, and training.

Nationally, there are more than 22,500 explorers participating in 1,754 fire and emergency posts.

Be on the lookout for more information on this project or call the South Holland Fire Department non-emergency number at 708-331-3123 for more information about the program.

BUSINESS UPDATE



Ribbon cutting for new business

Mayor Don De Graff (center) and members of the village administration welcomed new business Q's Cleaning Services, Inc., located at 137 West 154th Street. Q's Cleaning Services, Inc. has been a leading provider in both commercial and residential cleaning services for more than 20 years. The company provides a full-range of customized contract and on-demand cleaning solutions and services, including building maintenance, carpet and upholstery cleaning, construction clean-up, floor care, tile and grout cleaning, and air duct cleaning.

Pictured to the right of Mayor De Graff is business owner Quintis Millsaps with his wife and son, Erika and Elijah.

Burger King coming to South Holland

A Burger King restaurant has been approved for the southwest corner of 162nd Street and South Park Avenue to replace the Walgreens pharmacy that moved into a new location a few years ago.

South Holland officials consider the location a key part of the village's effort to develop the Town Center business district.

Chuck Herbst, vice president of management services, said the Burger King would have a children's play lot. He also said the building would have ornate outer brickwork.

New business recently opened in South Holland

Wojciech Ornowski MDPC
16105 LaSalle

Medical office and sleep center

Treatspree Inc.
11 W. Taft Dr.

Warehouse processing facility

Xtreme Kustoms Wheels Inc.
518 E. 162nd St.

Custom vehicle accessories and detailing

Martial Arts World & Fitness
16252 Prince Drive

Self-defense and fitness center

Community comes together to save Family Christian Store

The Family Christian Store in South Holland has been saved from closing thanks to the combined efforts of members of the community.

The Grand Rapids-based company said it was because of the community effort that the store would remain open at 550 E. 162nd St. It had been slated to close its doors on May 31.

"As soon as I heard that there was some possibility of Family Christian closing," property owner Ralph Edgar said, "I knew immediately that it should not happen."

"Family Christian plays an intricate part in the lives of my family and many of the families that we serve," Pastor Glenn Bone said. "We are so happy that Family Christian is staying here in the South Holland area, and we look forward to working with them."

Prominently displayed on the water towers in South Holland, the town motto is "Faith, Family, Future." South Holland Mayor Don De Graff said that these values encompass every aspect of the community he's served since 1994.

"We are proud and thankful for the retail stores in our community, especially as it relates to the history and quality of the Family Christian stores," De Graff said. "We want to create quality opportunities for our business partners. We really want Family Christian to be a part of the Village of South Holland because of who we are as a community and the products that [Family Christian] sells."

According to Edgar, when the community heard of the possibility of Family Christian closing, it set off a wave of communication within the faith community of South Holland.

"I know Family Christian corporate heard from so many of our South Holland residents, who were urging Family Christian not to close," De Graff said. "I'm thankful for challenges because they bring us great opportunities. This is a great opportunity."

"Just look at what the South Holland leaders and community did," said Family Christian President and CEO Cliff Bartow. "Their support and desire to do good are inspiring. Together we will work to provide resources that help people find, grow, share, and celebrate their faith in Jesus Christ."

The Michigan company was founded in 1936 as the world's largest Christian specialty retailer and operates 270 stores in 36 states. The company won nonprofit status from the IRS in 2012 and now donates all of its profits to charitable causes.



SPORTS



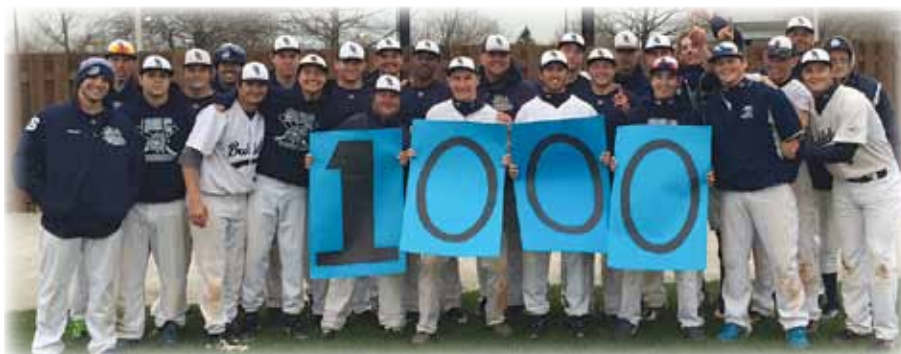
Seton Softball update

The Seton Lady Sting Softball team finished their season with a 7-9 record, and placed 5th in the GCAC Conference Tournament. The top hitters were Senior Aliyah Qualls, Juniors Simone Clemmons & Ebony Davis and Freshman Jordan Cray. The leading Pitcher was Freshman Kayla Jones.

Qualls and Clemmons were named to the GCAC All Conference team.

Shown above with Coach Scott Pally are: standing l-r, All-Conference Team members Aliyah Qualls and Captain Simone Clemmons; kneeling, l-r, Senior Taylor Mitchell and Co-Captain Ebony Davis.

SPORTS ROUNDUP



Coach Ruzich reaches 1,000 wins

The South Suburban College Baseball Team congratulates Head Coach Steve Ruzich on his 1,000th win after defeating Morton College 8-6 at Bulldog Stadium. Ruzich was inducted into the NJCAA Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in May.



Accolades for college men's basketball team

The South Suburban College Men's Basketball Team presented their team accolades to college Chairman Frank Zuccarelli (center with trophy) and the Board of Trustees at their April meeting. The Bulldogs recently earned their way to a seventh place finish at the National Junior Conference Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II National Tournament. Coach John Pigatti was named Region IV and District IV Coach of the Year for the sixth time in his eight seasons.

Basketball Camps

The South Suburban College Basketball Program is now accepting registrations for its summer camps in June. The Bulldogs will host two camps – a **Championship Basketball Camp** from June 16-19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and a **Championship Shooting Camp** from June 23-26 from 1-4 p.m. at the SSC Fitness Center/Fieldhouse.

The camps are designed for Boys and Girls ages 7-17, and will be directed by Head Coach John Pigatti and players from the 2014 Bulldog Basketball Team.

The main goal of these camps is to provide each individual with an opportunity to become a better player and to have some fun along the way. In order to accomplish these goals, the emphasis will be on the fundamentals of basketball.

For more information or to register for the Basketball Camps, call Coach Pigatti at 708-596-2000, ext. 2524 or email JPigatti@ssc.edu.

SSC is located at 15800 S. State St. in South Holland.

WISDOM AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM OUR CHURCHES

Don't ever give up on YOU

The summer is upon us and the market place will fill with people from everywhere. Young people will be soon be out of school, college people will be looking for employment and older adults will look for creative ways to pay their high bills. Those suffering with illnesses and disease will continue to seek interventions in an effort to be made whole. People who are surrounded with darkness and despair are often looking for some sort of breakthrough.

Most times, if we are honest, it appears that help and relief cannot be found. Why does it appear when you are attempting to do something great and worthwhile, the arrows of opposition and contrary winds blows in your face? Sometimes there are "haters" just looking for you not to succeed and seemingly do all within their power of influence to insure that you do not fulfill your dream.

I want to encourage you to exercise great determination this summer (starting now), no matter who attempts to block

your steps, speak unkind words to you, or simply walk away from you. Don't ever give up on you. Keep these following truths on the forefront of your mind:

1. Dream;
2. Focus on your dream;
3. Be careful who you share your dreams with;
4. Know your limitations; and
5. When needed, get competent help.

This is what a man named Bartimaeus did in the Bible. (Mark 10:46-52). He was blind, but he wanted to see. He got what he wanted.

Whatever your dreams, visions and aspirations are for this summer and for the rest of your life, dream BIG and take courage. Nothing beats a failure but a "try." And, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

– Dr. Preston R. Winfrey, Pastor

Pioneer Missionary Baptist Church

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

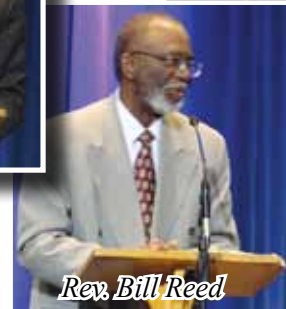
On May 1, 2014, the South Holland Ministerial Association presented the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer.

The keynote address was given by Rev. Bill Reed of the Evangelical Free Church in America. Rev. Reed's message stressed renewal of commitment to prayer.

Christian Performing Artist Sarah VanDrunen performed two selections, and Mayor De Graff closed the meeting with remarks and prayer.



Mayor Don De Graff



Rev. Bill Reed



Sarah VanDrunen

ASK SOUTH HOLLAND TODAY

Q: How should I dispose of latex paint?

A: The Public Works Department asks that residents remove the paint container lid to let the paint dry or solidify. After resealing the lid, they can drop the paint containers off at the Public Works garage, 16226 Wausau Avenue, for disposal.



Q: I plan to build a deck in my back yard. As the homeowner, do I need a permit if I am doing the work?

A: Yes, a permit is required. Building a deck is a common home project. Even though you are the homeowner, the Village of South Holland has an interest in keeping people safe on your property. One of the primary reasons you would need a permit is to ensure that construction is performed safely to code. For a permit, contact the code department at 708-210-2915.

FLOOD PROOFING SERIES

The natural and beneficial functions of the flood plains

It is difficult to think of flood plains without also thinking of flooding. And nobody likes it when their home or business or neighborhood gets flooded. But flood plain areas are now also recognized as having an intrinsic value of their own as a part of the interconnected ecosystem and an influential role in increasing a community's quality of life. For example, the recognized benefits of a naturally functioning flood plain include the storage and conveyance of flood waters, the recharging of groundwater, the maintenance of surface water quality, and the provision of habitats for fish and wildlife. These areas also provide diverse recreational opportunities, scenic value, and a source of community identity and pride. Clearly the potential gains of transforming stream and river flood plains from problem areas into value-added community assets are substantial.

Floods have caused a greater loss of life and property and have disrupted more families and communities in the United States than all other natural hazards combined. Despite the expenditure of tens of billions of tax dollars for structural measures, such as dams, levees, and channel projects to try to control flood waters, flood losses continue to rise. Thus, a new way of thinking about flood plain management has emerged in recent years that focuses on hazard mitigation. Flood hazard mitigation places greater emphasis on trying to adapt to the natural phenomena of flooding such as by maintaining flood hazard areas as open space, and less on trying to control floodwaters.

Flood plains play a valuable role in providing natural and beneficial functions to the area around, and including South Holland. Floodplains that are relatively undisturbed provide a wide range of benefits to both human and natural systems. These benefits provide aesthetic pleasures as well as function to provide active processes such as filtering nutrients. The Little Calumet River at Gouwens Park and Veterans Park, are both floodplains. Both are used as a means of recreation, discovery and are considered "wetlands". Both floodplains contain historic and archeological sites that provide opportunity for education and study. Both enhance waterfowl, fish and other wildlife habitats and provide feeding/breeding grounds. Both floodplains provide natural erosion control and open space so further flooding damage does not occur.

The Village of South Holland is working to improve the flood plain for natural and recreational purposes. Gouwens Park and Sports Complex has a wetland and a bikeway. The Village is cleaning up the banks and channels both for flood protection and appearance purposes. The Gouwens Park wetland mitigation site consists of approximately 5 acres of native prairie, native wetland plantings, and open water. The site will remain as a natural wetland/prairie complex on the park property. In its natural setting, the site is used by a variety of wildlife and could easily be used for environmental education. In addition, the area undergoes flooding from the adjacent river and was designed to function in that manner. Who knows? Someday the river front may be the main attraction in town.

It is important to recognize that the flood plains serve many functions besides carrying or storing floodwaters. Thus, we should keep the water as clean as possible to help fish and other wildlife. Here are some things residents can do to protect the river:

- ◆ Bag or compost all yard waste.
- ◆ Take used motor oil to a licensed recycling plant.
- ◆ Do not wash paints, thinners, anti-freeze, and other chemicals into the street. Take leftovers to a household hazardous waste collection center.
- ◆ Cover bare soil with a mulch and seed it as soon as possible to minimize erosion.
- ◆ Carefully apply lawn chemicals and limit the amount of fertilizers and pesticides being used.
- ◆ Keep as much green areas as possible as natural or man-made drainage swales. Plant plenty of trees and shrubs.

Watersheds—The Big Picture

While it is important for communities to plan and take responsibility for the land uses that occur in their own flood plains, it must be recognized that flood level and water quality can be very much affected by land use activities occurring elsewhere in the watershed. Land uses along tributaries are likely to have an impact on downstream communities. Wise management of tributaries is therefore extremely important, as their protection can yield benefits for the entire network. Broad planning efforts among communities with a watershed can thus have far-reaching advantages.

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 not to wait until the last minute, but 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.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 16
Village Board Meeting

June 21
Neighborhood Block Party

June 21
Movies in the Park

June 28
Garden Walk

July 4
Independence Day Celebration

July 7, 21
Village Board Meeting

July 26
Movies in the Park

*In observance of Independence Day most
municipal buildings and administrative offices
will be closed Friday, July 4.*

For upcoming activity details, visit www.southholland.org.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Village Hall210-2900

Don A. De Graff, President

Sallie Penman, Clerk

N. Keith Chambers, Trustee

Larry De Young, Trustee

Cynthia Doorn-Nylen, Trustee

Mathew James, Trustee

Andrew Johnson, Jr., Trustee

John Sullivan, Trustee

Administration210-2904

Building Department210-2915

Public Works339-2323

Police.....331-3131

Fire.....331-3123

Recreational Services331-2940

Public Access339-2744

Thornton Township596-6040

South Holland Public Library.....331-5262

Emergency (Fire or Police)911

VILLAGE HALL HOURS:

Monday – Friday8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Saturday.....8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION CHANNEL
WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES**

(Comcast – 4 / WOW! – 6 / AT&T – 99)

TUESDAY:

Redeemer Lutheran Church of South Holland – 11 AM, 7 PM

THURSDAY:

First Christian Reformed Church – 11 AM, 6 PM

Christ Community Church – 12:30 PM, 7 PM

First Reformed Church – 2 PM, 9 PM

FRIDAY:

Pioneer Missionary Baptist Church – 10 AM, 6 PM

River Oaks Community Church – 12 PM, 8 PM

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