



# South Holland TODAY

NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2014

## 9TH ANNUAL HERITAGE HAUL JOIN THE FUN!



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# South Holland 9th Annual Heritage Haul



***JOIN THE FUN - SIGN UP NOW!***

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2014  
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK  
160th Place & South Park Avenue**

Check-in/Day of race registration: Opens at 6:00 a.m.

Kick-off Ceremony & Warm Up: 7:00 a.m.

15-Mile Bike Race: 7:30 a.m.

Half Marathon: 7:45 a.m.

10K Run: 8:00 a.m.

5K Run/Walk: 8:15 a.m.

Kids Dash, Vendors & Other Activities: 8:30 a.m.

Register online: [www.southholland.org](http://www.southholland.org)

Proceeds to benefit the South Suburban College  
Foundation Scholarship Program and  
Local Youth Organizations

**HERITAGE HAUL SPONSORS**

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South Suburban College

St. Representative Thaddeus Jones

**HERITAGE HAUL SUPPORTERS**

Carl Buddig and Company

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Cloverleaf Motel

JMA Architects

Niagara LaSalle Corporation

Pol-Trailer Corp.

Sandrck Law Firm LLC

The Shopper

Smits Funeral Homes, Ltd.

Walt's Food Center

The official race kick-off ceremony, hosted by Mayor Don De Graff and Valerie Warner (right), co-host of *Windy City Live*, with support from South Holland's village board and State Representative Thaddeus Jones, will begin at 7:00 a.m.



MTV personality and fitness/life style expert, Saran Dunmore (left), will conduct the Heritage Haul race warm up session.

***RUNNERS & WALKERS...  
ARE YOU READY FOR THE HERITAGE HAUL?***

**Heritage Haul Readiness Evaluations  
& Injury Screenings**

**Thursday, August 28**

**Thursday, September 11**

**5:30 PM to 7:30 pm**

**SHRS Fitness Center**

**No appointment necessary**

**South Holland Community Center**

**501 E. 170th Street**

**South Holland, IL 60473**

**708 331-2940**

Flexeon will be here to discuss injury prevention and to offer tips on final preparation for participating in the Heritage Haul.

Also, Injury Assessment Screenings available for unrelated or previous injuries can be evaluated.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with Douglas K Elliott, PT, MSPT, COMT, OCS; Clinic Director & Physical Therapist from Flexeon Rehabilitation in South Holland

2014  
*South Holland Artists Gallery*



AUGUST 27–29, 2014: Noon to 8:00 p.m.

AUGUST 30, 2014: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Showcasing the work of artists living, working or  
attending school in South Holland, including

**PAINTERS • SCULPTORS • ILLUSTRATORS • POTTERS  
WOODWORKERS • PHOTOGRAPHERS • AND MORE!**

*At*

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

# SOUTH HOLLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### ARTISTS' GALLERY

**South Holland Community Center  
501 East 170th Street**

South Holland artists display a unique collection of oils, water colors, chalk, pencil, photographs, pottery, sculpture, miniature works of art, and more.

WED., Aug 27 – FRI., Aug. 29 ..... 12 – 8 pm  
SAT., Aug. 30 ..... 10 am – 2 pm

### SATURDAY IN THE PARK

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30  
Veterans Park  
160th & South Park Ave.**

**ANNUAL CAR SHOW** ..... 8 am – 4 pm  
Reg. begins: 8 am  
**BOCCE TOURNAMENT** ..... Reg: 9 am  
Play begins: 9:30 am  
**HOME PLATE GRILL OPEN** ..... 11 am  
**SPARKY THE FIRE DOG** ..... 12:30 – 1:30 pm  
**FACE PAINTING /  
BALLOON TWISTING** ..... 1 – 5 pm

**KID'S GARAGE SALE** ..... 1 – 4 pm  
Contact Recreational Services at 331-2940 for registration or additional information.

**SOFTBALL: PANTHERS vs LIONS**.. 1 pm

**CLIMBING WALL** ..... 1 – 5 pm

**ROLLING VIDEO GAMES** ..... 1 – 5 pm

**INFLATABLE JUMP / SLIDE /  
OBSTACLE COURSE** ..... 1 – 7 pm

**SECRETARY OF STATE JESSE WHITE  
& THE TUMBLERS** ..... 5 pm

**JAMAICAN ONE-MAN BAND**  
(Returns to the Fest / on stage) ..... 6 pm

**MOVIE IN THE PARK  
FROZEN** ..... SUNSET

### PAARLBERG HERITAGE FEST

**LABOR DAY**

**MONDAY, SEPT. 1, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Paarlberg Farm, 172nd & Paxton Avenue**

Presented by the South Holland Historical Society  
TOUR THE HISTORICAL PAARLBERG HOME AND BARN  
CRAFTERS & FOOD VENDORS • JOE SPILLER THE MAGICIAN  
DJ MUSIC BY 219 PRODUCTIONS  
LINE DANCING BY JANELL  
SOUTH HOLLAND MUNICIPAL BAND  
AND MORE!



**movie  
in the PARK**

**FREE SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIE**  
on the Big Screen at Veterans Memorial Park

Saturday, Aug. 30  
**Frozen**

**Veterans Memorial Park**  
160th Place and South Park Ave., South Holland, IL  
Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Home Plate Grill will be open.  
**Movie Starts at Dusk**



# SOUTH HOLLAND HAPPENINGS



## Traveling Lincoln display made stop at Oasis

South Holland village officials took part in the recent ribbon cutting for the Illinois Office of Tourism Mobile Abraham Lincoln Museum, held Monday, July 28, at the Abraham Lincoln Oasis in South Holland. Pictured with “Abe Lincoln” are (l-r) Trustee Larry DeYoung, Clerk Sallie Penman and Trustee John Sullivan.



## COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Tues., Sept. 9 – 7:00 P.M.

Community Center, 501 E. 170th St.

An informal opportunity for residents to meet with the Mayor and other Village officials to share comments and concerns.



## SALUTES

Congratulations to **William VanDyken** who celebrated his 90th birthday on June 21. By chance, his family came across South Holland firemen giving rides in the cherry picker and the engines. They graciously took William up 91 feet: one for every year of his life (and one for good measure). Bill VanDyken, a Dutch immigrant, has lived in South Holland with his family since 1961, and worked for Mack Truck as a welder. He sacrificed to put five children through Calvin Christian School, and was one of the original families of Peace Church.



Arbor Day Essay winners **Ifeoma Ozonwankwo**, **Elani Williams** and **Julio Neri** were honored at the June 9 School District 151 Board meeting held at Madison School in South Holland.

The Arbor Day Essay Contest was a collaborative effort between Coolidge Middle School and the South Suburban

Chicago Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction Inc. (SSC-TLOD) and focused on the Community Beautification and Literacy Program's Arbor Day activities.

SSCC-TLOD, in partnership with School District 151 at Coolidge Middle School, is working toward building a sense of community while students receive recognition for their efforts. During spring, Coolidge students participated in the planting of perennials at the entrance of the school in recognition of the Arbor Day kick-off.



South Suburban College recently presented its first annual Faculty Appreciation Awards at its Spring Tea. Recipients were: Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year – **Al Jackson**, Music; Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year – **Margot Williams**, Communications; The Dr. Steven Springer Service Award – **Desmond Campbell**, Engineering & Technology;

The Dr. William E. McVey Teamwork Award – **Diane Grzeczka**, Mathematics; and **Jennifer Medlen**, Mathematics; The Outstanding Community Educator of the Year Award – **Maria-Diana Gutierrez**, Community Education.



South Suburban College sophomore outfielder **Stephen Letz** was selected as a 1st



Team All-American by the Division I National Junior College Athletic Association. This is the second consecutive year Letz has received All-American honors.

Letz performed among the top outfielders in the nation all season finishing with a .424 batting average, 11 home runs and 75 RBIs. He was also named the top player in both the NJCAA Region and Northern District for the second consecutive year.

## RESIDENT TO KNOW

### Resident believes in helping his community

By Cindy Cruz

Clint Verhagen believes in the importance of helping his community.

Some time ago, when he wanted to make a difference, Clint approached a village board member and inquired if he could help by volunteering for a commission that was in his area of interest.

The village's Economic Development Commission (EDC) was a good fit because Clint has an interest in urban planning.

As chairman of the EDC, he helped the commission to create a survey that the residents of South Holland submitted to the village. As a direct result of that survey, the village was able to bring Panera Bread® to the community.

"It was exciting to see that the residents of South Holland could help encourage and convince an anchor business like Panera to locate itself in South Holland," Clint said.

A financial adviser since 2000, Clint attended Calvin Christian School, Illiana Christian High School, completed his undergraduate degree at Trinity Christian College, and earned an MBA at Olivet Nazarene University.

Clint enjoys working with the EDC, which has a goal of helping the village to grow its business environment for South Holland while keeping the values that have made the town what it is today.

Seeing the individual members of the EDC working together as a team, regardless of differing opinions, has been the most rewarding aspect of being part of the EDC.

In addition to the EDC, Clint is a member of First Reformed Church of South Holland, the Lions Club of South Holland, and the South Holland Business Association.

He and his wife, Merley, have a 2-year-old son Ian, and a



Clint Verhagen and wife, Merley, with 2-year-old son Ian, and 3-month-old daughter, Nicole.

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***'I really appreciate the fact that South Holland has been able to keep a quiet, small town atmosphere and values...'***

– Clint Verhagen

"I really appreciate the fact that South Holland has been able to keep a quiet, small town atmosphere and values, which can

be challenging to maintain while being so closely located to a major U.S. city. In addition, the location of the town is extremely convenient for access to the City of Chicago and major expressways," Clint said.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Eric Pradelski

## *Police Academy graduation; call for fall session*

The spring session of the South Holland Police Department Citizen Police Academy concluded its 12-week program with the graduation ceremony on the evening of June 24 at the South Holland Community Center.

Twenty village residents and business owners successfully completed the course.

Do you want to learn more about the inner workings of the South Holland Police Department? Then be sure to mark your calendar for the fall session of the Citizen Police Academy, which will take place on Tuesday nights from Sept. 9 to Nov. 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170th St.



*Shown above are Police Chief Greg Baker, graduate Barbara Parker, Officer Kirk Kremski, and Deputy Chief Rich Good.*

## **SHPD to receive new equipment**



South Holland trustees have approved a contract to provide camera and recording equipment in the new police headquarters, scheduled to open next year.

Police Chief Gregory Baker said some of the new recording equipment will be installed in interrogation rooms to ensure the Police Department complies with new state laws requiring some police questioning sessions to be recorded.

Other equipment will be used for security in the new building in areas such as the lobby and the lockup, Baker said.

The new equipment is made possible by funds received through drug forfeiture cases.

## **Residents invited to *Roll Call in the Park***

The South Holland Police Department invites village resident to witness “Roll Call in the Park.”

The Police Department will be conducting roll call on Aug. 30, 3:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, 500 E. 160th Place. The Command Van will be in the park and roll call will be conducted next to the van.

Outdoor roll calls provide an opportunity for police to make a more meaningful connection with residents, and usually involves eight officers and two supervisors.

## **POLICE DEPT. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Applications for the South Holland Police Dept. will be available online only thru 9/5/14.

For requirements, an application, and release forms go to:  
[PublicSafetyRecruitment.com](http://PublicSafetyRecruitment.com).

Call 1-800-343-HIRE with questions.

Application & required documentation due by 2 p.m. on Sept. 5, 2014.

Mandatory orientation will be held on Oct. 3, 2014, 7 p.m., at Thornwood High School, 17101 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL.

Mandatory written exam will be held on Oct. 4, 2014, 9:00 a.m., at Thornwood High School, South Holland, IL.

## PUBLIC WORKS

By Eric Pradelski

### Hollandale Park renovation underway

Hollandale Park at 164th Street and Woodlawn Avenue is being renovated.

The park is getting a full face-lift with new landscaping, fences painted, additional sitting areas, and the walking path is also being updated.

This project is scheduled to be completed this year.

### Road resurfacing projects update from public works

Construction was completed in early June on the Cottage Grove Avenue project from 154th Street to Route 6.

The Vincennes Avenue project, north of Route 6, was completed in late June.

More road resurfacing within the village is coming soon to selected locations.

### Water distribution leak survey to be conducted

M.E. Simpson Co. is conducting a leak survey of the South Holland water distribution system.

This will be conducted using computers and will help find leaks that don't make themselves known in more visible ways.

Every hydrant in the village will be used as a listening point to find leaks. The computer uses sound to locate and pinpoint the exact location of the leak.

The purpose is to cut down on unaccounted water loss regulated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. This survey has been conducted at regular intervals over the last 25 years.

At the conclusion of the survey, a full report is generated by the company, including potential water loss and its cost over time.

After analyzing the report, the Public Works Department will try to repair the leaks found.

The money this program saves in water loss pays for the survey every time it is conducted, according to village officials.

## Commonwealth Edison to again supply village electricity

By Bob Bong

Two years after its introduction to the community, the municipal aggregation program has expired in South Holland. NIMEC, an agency representing the village, was unable to secure an electricity supplier that could beat the summer rate charged by Commonwealth Edison.

Unless South Holland customers entered into individual agreements with an electricity supplier of their choice, their accounts have reverted back to receiving their electricity from ComEd until at least next July.

"Although we were hoping for guaranteed savings again for our residents and small businesses, the electrical supply market has changed dramatically over a short period of time," said Mayor Don De Graff. "For the village to lock in a fixed supply rate with one supplier absent the ability to price match a lesser ComEd default rate would have been irresponsible."

Residents and small business owners should have received expiration notices from FirstEnergy.

Village officials estimated that residents saved from \$350-\$400 during the two years FirstEnergy was the village's electricity supplier.

Village officials said residents should beware of door-to-door solicitors, direct calls or direct mail pieces (such as the FirstEnergy notice) 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](http://Pluginillinois.org).

### Family Christian Store shows 'Veggie Tales'

Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber – two stars of the hit children's video series "Veggie Tales" – appeared at the Family Christian Store, 550 E. 162nd St., on Saturday, Aug. 2, for the premiere of their new video "Celery Night Fever."

The characters met with children and adults at the free event. The visit coincided with the nationwide release of "Celery Night Fever."

Children had their picture taken



Bob the Tomato and Larry the cucumber entertain

with Bob and Larry in the store. Other children's activities included a fantastic Instagram contest in which a child could win a birthday party complete with a live appearance from Bob and Larry.

Originally released in 1993, there have been more than 40 videos that tell stories of vegetables who live on kitchen countertops. Each story portrays

Christian moral themes and lessons.



# BUSINESS UPDATE

## Celebrating milestones in South Holland

**(JULY / AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES)**

### 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

- **Adals Auto Repair** – 23 E. 162nd St.
- **Autofuture Inc** – 183 W. 162 St.
- **Civil Limit** – 15419 South Park Ave.
- **Clair Beauty Mart** – 1048 E. 162 St.
- **Daily Feed** – 15800 State St.
- **Dalec Controls Inc** – 16140 Vincennes
- **Ddfk Properties Llc** – 512 W. Taft Dr.
- **Divine Medical Equipment Supply Co.**  
– 15475 South Park Ave., # 110B
- **Extreme Clean Auto** – 1111 E. 162 St.
- **Panera Bread®** – 300 E. 162 St.
- **Top Hat Hand Car Wash**  
– 565 E. 170th St.

### 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

- **C & G Construction Supply Company**  
– 505 W. Taft

### 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

- **Zion Buds Of Promise Christian Academy** – 14875 South Wallace

### 15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

- **Aldi Inc #44** – 1051 E. 162nd St.
- **Jerald Knox & Co** – 1326 E. 164 St.

### 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

- **Rupari Food Service**  
– 15600 Wentworth



Panera Bread® officially celebrated its grand opening on July 24, 2013.

## Trustees support local businesses

By Bob Bong

South Holland trustees have recommended that Cook County Board members approve tax breaks that will bring in one new business and keep a car dealership in the village.

Trustees voted 4-0 to recommend Class 8 tax breaks for Advanced Physical Medicine, a new business that wants to provide chiropractic and wellness services at 16260 Prince Drive.

The other was for Nissan of South Holland at 16269 Van Dam Road. The dealership has had such a tax break for more than a decade, but it will expire after this year unless it is renewed.

Mayor Don De Graff said the chiropractor would create five to eight jobs, while the Nissan dealership would keep its dozens of jobs in the village.

The Cook County Board has final say over the tax breaks. But county officials will not consider such tax breaks without a local recommendation first.

### **Other action:**

Trustees also approved the purchase of a house at 16077 Park Place as part of the development of the downtown business district.

“This gives us more dexterity in future development,” De Graff said.

In a separate deal to improve Wi-Fi service throughout the village, trustees approved an intergovernmental agreement with Thornton Township to provide a fiber optic cable connection and lease of space on the village’s water tower on Canal Street.

## *Ed Miniat breaks ground for expansion*



Mayor De Graff (5th from left), Ed Miniat executives, and other local dignitaries join in a groundbreaking ceremony on August 4.

On Monday, August 4, Ed Miniat LLC celebrated the groundbreaking of its South Holland food manufacturing plant expansion with Mayor Don A. De Graff and other local dignitaries.

The expansion, slated to open fall 2015, will add 60,000 square feet of additional manufacturing space to increase capacity for core business and introduce new

capabilities. Ed Miniat LLC currently employs over 400 people and the expansion is expected to create numerous job opportunities over the next three years.

“We are excited about growing our operations to meet the increasing needs of our customers and create opportunities for new capabilities for the future,” stated Dave Miniat, the company’s President

& CEO. “We’re fortunate to have a great partner and community in South Holland. We moved our operations here in 1996 and have expanded multiple times; it’s home for our company. Ed Miniat is dedicated to supporting the community and I encourage residents to check our website next spring and summer for available positions.”

# EDUCATION



Photo courtesy Larry Burrows

## *SHBA Awards Scholarships*

The South Holland Business Association (SHBA) awarded 12 scholarships to selected college students. The scholarship program is funded by the annual SHBA Scholarship Golf Classic. This year's Platinum and Gold Sponsors included: Ed Miniati LLC, Illiana Financial Credit Union, MB Financial Bank, Providence Bank, South Suburban College, and Thornton Township.

Scholarship recipients pictured are: (front left to right) Brandon Bell, Thomas Abbott, Fredrick Jones; Adam Duesing; (back left to right) Ayesha Freeman, Stephanie Stremplewski, Lindsey Lagestee, Courtney McPherson, Leah Grinnage, Joniqua Stinson, and Elise Veurink (not pictured Maceo Taylor).

## MAYOR'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS

It's never too early to start thinking about who to honor  
with the Mayor's Leadership Awards.

### GUIDELINES

**FAITH:** Nominee must be a South Holland resident who has demonstrated outstanding service to advance the heritage of Faith in the Village of South Holland

**FAMILY:** Nominee must be a South Holland resident who has demonstrated outstanding service as a role model to married couples, families, children, and students within the Village of South Holland.

**FUTURE:** Nominee must be a South Holland resident who has demonstrated outstanding service to the village of South Holland to ensure its continued vitality.

Nomination forms available at Village Hall, 16226 Wausau Avenue.

Nomination deadline is December 31.

Visit [www.southholland.org](http://www.southholland.org) for more details.

# SPORTS

By Eric Pradelski



## Village hosts state softball tournament

The South Holland Little League hosted the state Big League and Junior League Division Softball tournaments at Veterans Memorial Park this summer.

The Big League tournament ran from July 19-23 and was won by Beardstown. South Holland's team finished in third place by defeating South Cicero 10-7 in the consolation game.

South Holland was paced by Captains Cece Hester & Destiny Mahaffey, Pitcher/top slugger Hannah McPherson and First Baseman Simone Clemmons. The team consisted of players from Thornwood, Seton, Thornton, Marian Catholic & T.F. North.

Pictured above, L to R; Top Row, Coach Wil Hester, Manager Scott Pallay, Jordan Cray; Middle Row – Michelle Mitchell, Simone Clemmons, Destiny Mahaffey, Alexis Hester, Kayla Jones, Nyjah Adams; Bottom Row – Andrea Velazquez, DeAnna Mahaffey, Hannah McPherson, Cece Hester, Ebony Davis. Not Pictured – Tatiyana Oates.



## 2014 SOUTH HOLLAND JETS GAME SCHEDULE

### FOOTBALL

AWAY AUG. 24..... at Hazel Crest  
 AWAY AUG. 31 ..... at Dixmoor  
 HOME SEP. 07 ..... vs. Kankakee  
 HOME SEP. 14 .....vs. Markham  
 HOME SEP. 21 ..... vs. University Park  
 AWAY SEP. 28.....at Park Forest  
 HOME OCT.05 .....vs. Chicago Hts.  
 AWAY OCT.12 .....at Eastside

### PLAYOFFS:

OCT 18th - 19th; 25th - 26th

### CHEERLEADING

Will Cook Cheerleading Competition  
TBA

ICRA Operation Cheer Competition  
November 9, 2014

IRCA Final Fling Cheer Competition  
November 15, 2014

ICRA STATE Cheer Competition  
December 5th — 7th

for qualifying teams only

Home games are played at Thornwood High School (17101 South Park Ave.), 10:00 a.m.

## SOUTH HOLLAND LITTLE LEAGUE FINISHES SEASON STRONG

More than 200 South Holland kids participated in the 2014 season of the South Holland Little League program. League players are currently gearing up for their fall session.

The South Holland Little League sends its best wishes to Trey Hondras and Cameron Bufford, two league alumni who competed in the Little League World Series with the Jackie Robinson West team.



# WISDOM AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM OUR CHURCHES

## *Kasserian Ingera!*

Kasserian Ingera, the traditional Masai greeting meaning, “How are the children?” The hopeful response, offered even by warriors, “ALL the children are well,” serves as indicator that peace and safety prevail; the priority of protecting the young is in place; and consequently, the people of the Village have not forgotten their reason for being, their proper function, the core of their power, nor their ultimate responsibility. Today, as we prepare to begin a new school year, I pose the question, “How are the children?” Not just the children of South Holland. But how are ALL of the children?

Since 2008, more than 700 Chicago school children have died – victims of senseless gun violence. Children have endured the trauma of school shootings across the nation. Israeli & Palestinian children are caught in centuries old crossfire. Immigrant children wonder if the script on the Statute of Liberty still applies. Schools close. Juvenile correctional facilities open.

While the hopeful response to the Masai greeting rings in my head, so does the biblical prophet, Jeremiah. “Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?” (*Jeremiah 8:22 NIV*)

As the village who prays at the gates, a village committed to faith, family and future, let us intercede, with head, heart and hands, on behalf of the children within our gates and beyond. Let us pray for the peace and safety of children and take seriously our responsibility to protect the young and the powerless. And just perhaps, we will be able to answer with one voice: “All of the children are well.”

Until Faith Becomes Sight,  
Rev. Vanessa Monroe  
– Covenant United Church of Christ  
– Youth Pastor

## ASK SOUTH HOLLAND TODAY

**Q:** Are all South Holland public schools on the new balanced school year schedule?

**A:** South Holland School District 151 is currently the only district in South Holland that operates on a balanced school year calendar.

The school calendar is created by each school district and approved by the district’s school board. There are multiple school districts that serve parts of South Holland, and each of them has its own school board and school calendar.

South Holland School District 151 serves about half of the children who reside in South Holland. The district also serves students who reside in Phoenix, Harvey and a small part of Dolton. South Holland District 150 serves only South Holland kids.



# VISION 2022 PROGRESS

## Police Department breaks ground on new facility

South Holland leaders and residents, including Mayor Don A. De Graff (pictured left) and police Chief Greg Baker (bottom at podium) took part in a ceremonial groundbreaking on Tuesday, June 3, at the site of the new police station, 16330 South Park Avenue. The former MB Financial Motor Bank will be renovated to meet the needs of the expanded department, with expectations of opening in early 2015.



## Police Dept. launches new Senior Citizen program

The South Holland Police Department has launched a new program, the **Community Relations Initiative**, that is designed to better serve our senior residents, as well as our local businesses. With this new program, members of the South Holland Police Department will engage seniors and raise their awareness by way of preventative communication. This communication will consist of crime tips, victimization prevention, community awareness, support services, and an overall one-on-one experience.



Through this initiative, seniors will acquire introductory skills on how to spot potential ruse burglars, as well as additional criminal behaviors. Ultimately, they will gain supportive knowledge of how to protect themselves and their property from future victimization.

### **SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- August 27, 2014, McDonald's Restaurant, 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- August 30, 2014, Jewel Osco Groceries, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- September 2, 2014, Walgreens/Chase Bank, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- September 7, 2014, Blue Berry Field, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- September 13, 2014, Walt's Groceries, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Sept. 19, 2014, Providence/First Merchant Bank, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- October 4, 2014, MB Financial Bank, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- October 17, 2014, South Holland Community Center, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- November 19, 2014, Senior Citizen Gala / Community Center, 11:30 AM to 12:30 AM

# FLOOD PROOFING SERIES

## Village regulations protect you from flooding

“Water flows downhill.” This basic truth is the basis for the Village’s drainage system. This system consists of storm sewers, channels, culverts and storage basins. All of these work to carry water away from buildings, such as your house, that can be damaged if flooded.

However, water can’t flow if there is a dam in the way. South Holland’s drainage system can be blocked or altered when people dump in the channels, plug storm sewer inlets, or build improperly in the floodplain. Therefore, there are Village regulations to prevent these problems.

Every lot was built so water would flow away from the building and along property lines to the street, storm sewer, or ditch. Fences, railroad ties, landscaping and regrading block this flow. So do construction projects in the

ditches or the floodplain. **All such projects require a permit from the Village.**

### Some things to remember:

◆ **Floodplain Permit Requirements:** All development within the 100-year floodplain (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) is required to obtain a Village Permit. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in the floodplain area. Please contact the Planning Development and Code Enforcement Department to receive all the information you will need in order to properly develop in the floodplain at (708) 210-2915. You may report any illegal development activities to the above number as well.

◆ **Substantial Improvement/Damage:** The NFIP requires that if the cost of improvements

to a building or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) to a building exceeds 50% of the market value of the building (excluding land value), the entire building must be brought up to current floodplain management standards. Building improvement projects include exterior and interior remodeling, rehabilitation, additions and repair and reconstruction projects. Please contact Planning Development and Code Enforcement Department at (78) 210-2915 for further information.

◆ **Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or basins.** Dumping in our ditches and storage basins is a violation of Village Code, Sections 14.51 – 14.53.

*If you see dumping or debris in ditches or basins, contact the Code Enforcement Office at 210-2915. The debris may cause flooding on your property.*

◆ Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. If your property is next to a ditch or storage basin, **please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris.**

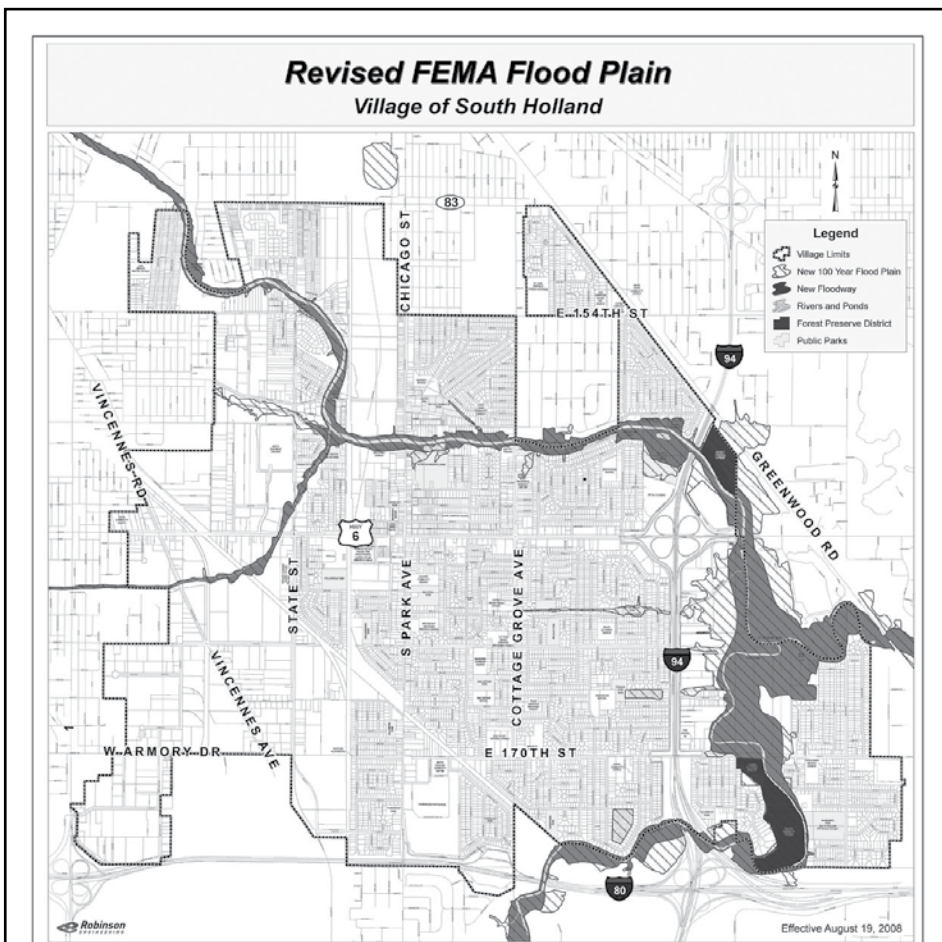
◆ **Always check with the Code Enforcement Office before you build on, alter, regrade, or put fill on your property.** A permit is needed to ensure that such projects do not cause problems on other properties.

*If you see building or filling without a Village permit sign posted, contact the Code Enforcement Office at 210-2915. The project may increase flooding on your property.*

New buildings in the floodplain must be protected from flood damage. Our building code requires that new residential buildings must be elevated one foot above the base flood level. The ordinance also requires that all substantial improvements to a building be treated as a new building. A substantial improvement is when the value of an addition, alteration, repair or reconstruction project exceeds 50% of the value of the existing building. In the case of an addition, only the addition must be protected. In the case of an improvement to the original building, the entire building must be protected.

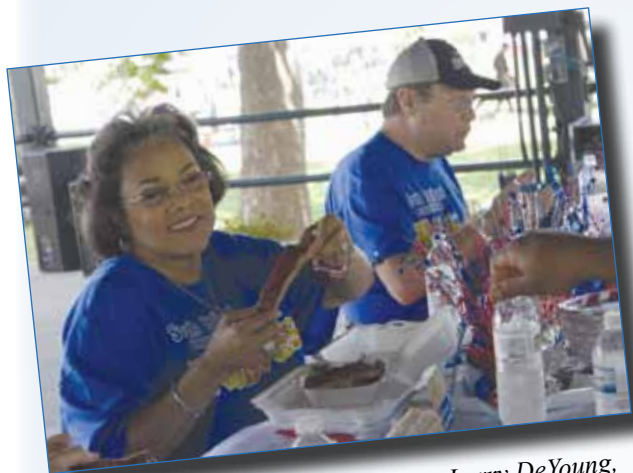
For example, if a house is flooded, has a fire, is hit by a tornado, or is otherwise damaged so that the cost of repairs is more than 50% of the value of the building before the damage, then the house must be elevated above the base flood level.

These regulations are designed to protect you and your neighbors. By keeping the drainage system clear and getting the proper permits before you build, we can prevent flooding and other drainage problems.



*This map indicates which properties in South Holland are located within the so-called “100 year floodplain” and those within the “500 year floodplain.” For most property owners, this means it really has to rain long and hard for flooding to occur. For everyone, it means, “Be informed and take precautions.” For more information on the flood hazard, construction rules or flood protection measures, contact the Code Enforcement Office at 16240 Wausau (210-2915).*

# JULY 4TH IN SOUTH HOLLAND A GREAT TIME FOR ALL!



Lorraine Wells-McKee and Trustee Larry DeYoung, two of the Rib Fest judges.



Pictured at Rib Fest (l-r): Trustee Cindy Nysten, Allen Mahone III (2nd place winner), Mayor Don De Graff, Quincy Jones (1st place winner), Steve Kurves (3rd place winner), Clerk Sallie Penman, and Trustee Larry DeYoung.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 27–30**  
Artists' Gallery
- August 30**  
Heritage Festival
- September 1**  
Paarlberg Festival
- September 2**  
Village Board Meeting
- September 9**  
Mayor's Coffee
- September 15**  
Village Board Meeting
- September 20**  
Heritage Haul

*In observance of Labor Day, most municipal buildings  
and administrative offices will be closed  
Monday, September 1.*

*For upcoming activity details, visit [www.southholland.org](http://www.southholland.org).*

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- Village Hall .....210-2900
  - 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
- Administration .....210-2904
- Building Department .....210-2915
- Public Works .....339-2323
- Police.....331-3131
- Fire.....331-3123
- Recreational Services .....331-2940
- Public Access .....339-2744
- Thornton Township .....596-6040
- South Holland Public Library.....331-5262
- Emergency (Fire or Police) .....911**

### VILLAGE HALL HOURS:

- Monday – Friday .....8:00 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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