



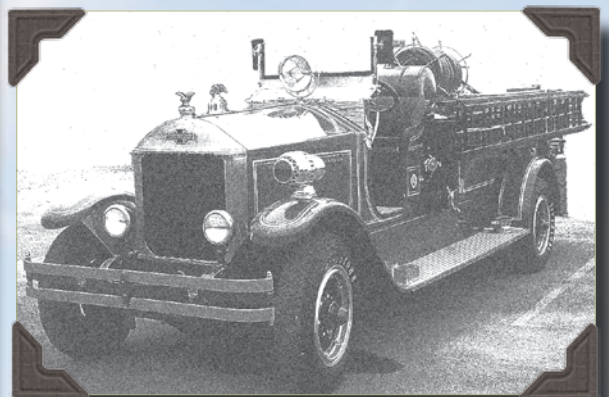
South Holland T O D A Y

NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2014



***Happy 100th Birthday,
Fire Department!***



South Holland All-Volunteer Fire Department, circa 1914.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

South Holland Fire Department celebrates its centennial

By Ronda Williams

Firefighting is a noble job that comes with extreme risk and indescribable reward. For 100 years, the South Holland Fire Department (SHFD) has served the community by saving lives, property and land from fire.

Founded on Feb. 11, 1914, the South Holland Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 was located at 16136 South Park Ave., and began with a volunteer staff of approximately 25. The first Fire Chief, Morris Van DerAA, was a South Holland resident elected to hold this position.

SHFD responds to various types of incidents every day that in one way or another saves lives. Whether resuscitating someone following cardiac arrest, rescuing a victim from a fire, performing Advance Life Support intervention on a diabetic patient, or saving a life from suicide; the members of the South Holland Fire Department accept the dangerous calling.

While South Holland firefighters use the utmost precaution, the department has not been without tragedy.

On Jan. 3, 1989, at Overnite Transport, a forklift fire took the life of South Holland firefighter/paramedic Doug Maicach. It was the village's first and only line of duty death.

In recognition of the centennial, on Aug. 23, the South Holland Fire Department, together with village trustees, family, friends and other guests, celebrated the rededication of Maicach Park (named after Doug Maicach), a posting of colors with the Band of Brothers and AFFI honor guard, refreshments and fun.

The pride and dedication that the SHFD has exhibited throughout the last 100 years is seen today in the way these firefighters carry themselves. The department looks ahead to a bright future while holding on to its community roots of Faith, Family and Future.

Fire Chief Brian Kolosh said, "This department shows a clear sense of building a future on the strength of the past. We must use that strength as a foundation for the future. We have a lot of power in our history and I am thankful that we are able to harness it into positive momentum for the benefit of South Holland residents."

The art of firefighting has progressed from passing buckets of water and hand pumped fire engines to sophisticated systems using fire hydrants and fire retardants. Science will play a pivotal role in how fires are fought in the coming century. It will help firefighters to better understand the fundamentals of fire and discover safer tactics for extinguishing fires.

Many things have evolved around the South Holland Fire Department, but there's one thing that remains the same; the desire to provide excellent fire safety and emergency services to village residents and surrounding communities.

"The South Holland Fire Department has a rich history going back to an all-volunteer department," said Mayor Don De Graff. "Since that time, what has emerged is a full time professional team of men and women who provide the highest caliber of service and the most advanced equipment. As we celebrate the

fire department's centennial anniversary, please join me in an expression of appreciation for the stellar service of this progressive department."

Happy 100th anniversary to the courageous and honorable community servants of the South Holland Fire Department!



South Holland Fire Department: 100 years of providing the highest quality of fire service.

SOUTH HOLLAND HAPPENINGS

Lions Candy Day

The South Holland Lions Club will hold its annual Candy Day fundraising event on the streets of South Holland on Friday, Oct. 10.

South Holland Business Association

The monthly SHBA business luncheon will be Thursday, Oct. 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center.

SHBA is also getting ready to host its annual Hall of Fame Awards Dinner in November and the annual Holiday Luncheon in December.

For information, call 708-596-0065, email info@shba.com or visit www.shba.org.

Harvest Fest

Harvest Fest will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 23 this year at the South Holland Community Center. There will be costume judging, games and pumpkin decorating for children ages 3 to 12.

Trick-or-Treat hours

Halloween trick-or-treat hours this year will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31.

Gossiping the Gospel

Calvary Community Church will host "Gossiping the Gospel" on Saturday, November 1, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Calvary is located at 16341 South Park Avenue, South Holland, IL. To learn more about the event, please call the church office at 708-339-1133.

Veterans Day Service

South Holland VFW Post 9964 will be hosting a Veterans Day Service on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. in Veterans Park at the Monument.

VFW Post 9964 will honor all those who were called and served their country.

Battle of the Badges

The South Holland Professional Firefighters Association (SHPFA) will present the Battle of the Badges charity boxing event to benefit Restoration Ministries on Saturday, Nov. 15. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Restoration Ministries Boxing Club.

SHPFA is looking for boxers from local fire and police departments to participate. No experience is necessary (training will be provided at no cost). The event will be open to both men and women. Fights will consist of three one-minute rounds.

For information, contact Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Vincent at 708-269-9311.

5K Turkey Trot

Register to run the 5K Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, hosted by First Reformed Church of South Holland, 15924 South Park Avenue. Online registration is available at www.fresh.org. Day of race registration opens at 6:30 a.m.; race begins promptly at 7:00 a.m. For additional information, call 708-333-0622.

Santa Comes To Town

Santa Claus is coming to town on Friday, Dec. 5, at the Community Center, 501 E. 170th St.

The jolly fat elf will arrive via a bright red fire truck. Each child gets a chance to sit on Santa's lap and leaves with a bag of treats.

Please join Santa, Mayor De Graff, Clerk Sallie Penman and the Village Trustees at 6 p.m. for the tree lighting in front of the Community Center. Visits with Santa will begin at 6:30 p.m.

This is a free event for South Holland children up to age 12.

Free Zumba

Free Zumba at Covenant United Church of Christ is held every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Covenant is located at 1130 East 154th Street, South Holland. For additional information, call 333-5955.



The Village of South Holland would like to express our appreciation to all of the 2014 Heritage Haul partners, supports and volunteers. Thanks!

South Holland 9th Annual
Heritage Haul

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LIONS CHILI SUPPER

November 12, 4:30-7:30pm
Community Center

All you can eat, \$10; children under 10 eat free

Cost of meal includes a \$10 coupon redeemable on a purchase at over 25 participating vendors.



South Holland 9th Annual Heritage Haul



SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 • VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK



Mayor De Graff officially signals the start of the 10K (above), 5K (right), and bike race (below).



The finish line! (above & below).



Mayor De Graaf (above, left), Letitia Cruz and Val Warner:



Val Warner leads the crowd in warm-up exercises (above), and the Jesse White Tumblers entertain the crowd (right).



Prince Reed sings the National Anthem (above).

RESIDENT TO KNOW

Ronda Williams believes in effecting positive change

By Cindy Cruz

Ronda Williams believes it is important to take an active role in the community. She serves as Girl Scout service unit manager serving South Holland, Hazel Crest, Markham and Phoenix and is an avid volunteer in South Holland.

"I've been involved with the Girl Scouts since my youth, but became a leader in 2005 when my daughter joined as a Brownie scout at the South Holland Community Center," she said. "I enjoy and am energized by mentoring young ladies. As a woman who believes in passing my blessings on to others, this organization allows me the opportunity to share my love for mentoring and volunteering with girls in our community."

Ronda also volunteers on the PR/Marketing Commission for the Village of South Holland. Their goal is to recommend communication strategies that will engage residents in local activities and appeal to new home buyers. The group is a collective of residents with experience in public relations, marketing and business who are passionate about the long-term success of the village. In addition, Ronda has joined the staff of *South Holland Today*.

Each year, she volunteers for the Heritage Haul, Take A Bite Out of Grime and Memorial Day Parade events with her Girl Scouts. They also sing Christmas carols at the Holland Home, host shoe drives for Share Your Soles, help pack food at Restoration Ministries, and support food pantries.

"Participating in these activities brings about awareness in our youth that we all are important in the work it takes to have a productive and thriving community," Ronda said. "Giving of yourself, even if in small ways, builds character, confidence and courage, all tenets of Girl Scouts but truth for all who serve."

Her favorite events are the Heritage Haul and Take A Bite Out of Grime. "I personally enjoy encouraging the runners, bikers and walkers trekking to the finish line at the Heritage Haul," Ronda said. "I love seeing people achieve their goals."

"Our village is a place that is growing with residents who care, who give, who reflect faith and family values, and are making this community a place of peace, safety and sustenance."

– Ronda Williams

Ronda and her husband Kevin moved to South Holland in 2003. They have two children, Kyli Bijai and Kevin Matthew. They attend Calvary Academy and are in seventh and fourth grade. They are very involved with their school and extracurricular activities. Kyli Bijai is an aspiring actress. She enjoys acting, singing, soccer and gymnastics. Kevin Matthew is a great swimmer, soccer player and comedian.

Ronda is employed as a marketing communications manager for Oil-Dri Corp. of America. She is a graduate of Mother McAuley High School, the University of Illinois, and DePaul University. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism.



"Our village is a place that is growing with residents who care, who give, who reflect faith and family values, and are making this community a place of peace, safety and sustenance," she said. "We are a beacon, bringing others who want to invest

in a community that has positive, productive plans for the future and a leadership body that lives their values."

English poet, John Donne said, "No man is an is-

land." This expression makes clear that we are all connected in one way or another to each other and our surroundings," Ronda said. Living by this truth helps her to understand how she can either positively or negatively affect what is happening in her community.

"I chose to be positive, to give, to share, to help the community grow and achieve greater heights," she added. "This is a special community and my husband and I are very thankful for how our lives are blessed by living here."

HISPANIC HERITAGE

Heritage Month honors Hispanic legacy in U.S.

By Bob Bong

National recognition

Every year, from mid-September to mid-October, we celebrate the contributions made to the United States by Hispanics and Latinos as well as pay homage to their heritage and culture.

Since 1968, the celebration has started on or near Sept. 16, which is Mexican Independence Day. On that date in 1810, revolutionaries declared their independence from Spain. It also celebrates independence days for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the profound and positive influence the Hispanic community has had on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work and service.

Latino Americans have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their communities.

According to the last U.S. Census, more than 50 million

people or 16 percent of the population consider themselves to be of Hispanic or Latino origin. This represents a significant increase from 2000, which registered the Hispanic population at 35 million or 13 percent of the total U.S. population.

Local celebration

South Suburban College will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a musical concert featuring the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Kindig Performing Arts Center.

Through song and dance, audience members will be educated about Mexican/Spanish culture and what certain dance

moves and music represent.

This concert is free and open to the public!

For more information, please contact Nate Fields, Manager of Student Programming at 708- 596-2000, Ext. 2337.



The Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago will perform at South Suburban College to celebrate Mexican/Spanish culture through song and dance.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Ronda Williams

South Holland records lowest crime rate in village history

According to the FBI Crime Index, South Holland is on target to achieve another record low crime rate.

Data listed on the South Holland Police Department website shows the steady progress in reduction of local crime, an achievement worth noting.

This rating was set through ongoing outreach efforts by village officers to educate and involve residents in community awareness and safety tips. It is also reflective of many residents who

believe in the village mission.

As an oasis of the south suburbs, the village works to perfect a community that lives Faith, Family and Future. The success of the village lies in the uniqueness of its values and laws and the input from engaged, responsive residents.

Over the past year, the SHPD has promoted its Community Policing Meetings, *Community In the Know* campaigns, sharing relevant and timely information about issues like safety in

school zones, event safety tips, and conducting the Police Department Citizen Police Academy. Most recently, the department launched its new Community Relations Initiative, designed to better serve senior residents as well as local businesses.

All of these efforts culminate into what we see today, a community working together to build a lasting, strong and safe village.

Top ten Halloween safety tips

South Holland Police Officer Kirk Kremski wants South Holland children and parents to enjoy safe and fun Halloween festivities.

Nothing is more fun for kids to do on Halloween than trick-or-treating, said Kremski. The idea of collecting candy from neighbors and wearing fun costumes excites kids but can be worrisome to parents. The best way for both children and parents to enjoy the day is to be safe.

Here are the top 10 safety tips from the South Holland Police Department to ensure fun filled trick-or-treating for everyone:

- Children should never enter the home or car of any stranger.
- Use jack-o-lanterns or high intensity glow sticks to light porch steps.
- All children should be accompanied by an adult or responsible teenager.
- Only trick-or-treat in neighborhoods with residents you know and at homes with porch lights on.
- Only give out commercially wrapped treats and candy.
- Carry a flashlight to help illuminate yourself and the group when crossing streets.
- Use available sidewalks and crosswalks. Never walk in the middle of the street.
- Older trick-or-treaters should be home at a set time.
- Don't hesitate to call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.



SHFD hosts Trick or Treat event on Halloween

SOUTH HOLLAND RESIDENTS CAN TRICK-OR-TREAT
FROM 4-7 P.M. ON FRIDAY, OCT. 31.

LIBRARY



Computer classes for residents of all ages has proven to be very popular.

South Holland Public Library: On a mission to 21st century reading and learning

By Ronda Williams

The mission of the South Holland Public Library is to serve and promote the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of all members of the South Holland community by providing access to a professional staff, a state of the art facility and quality materials, programs and services.

It also serves to manage library resources wisely and ethically in support of our diverse community.

The South Holland Public Library is committed to supporting a lifelong enjoyment of reading and learning.

With this mission in mind, in 2012, the library received a grant, from the Illinois

Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to help eliminate the Digital Divide in our community.

This year, the library has once again received funding from the DCEO that will be used to continue its mission.

Here are some of the changes taking place at the South Holland Public Library:

- **New Express Net Stations:** Walk-up computers will be updated with speedy new machines.
- **Training for Job Seekers:** More programs for adults and teens.
- **Teen Tech Training Programs:** Special computer programs for young adults.
- **Look-up Catalog Stations in the Stacks:** While searching in the stacks, patrons will be able to find books with ease and with the convenience of the catalog close at hand.
- **Additional Computer Classes for ALL Ages:** During the month of September, the library instructed more than 20 classes.

Times and registration information for all library programs can be found on the library's new website: www.shlibrary.org or the library newsletter, Pages, which is available at the library.

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 for more details.

PUBLIC WORKS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS South Holland, Illinois

The Village of South Holland, Illinois (22,000 pop.) has an excellent opportunity for an experienced public works professional to join a first-rate Public Works department as **Deputy Director**. The department has an annual budget of \$ 9.5 million and consists of 22 F/T, 8 P/T & 7 seasonal employees.

Position Qualifications: Associates Degree in either public administration, park & recreation administration, civil engineering or an equivalent combination of training, education, and experience in a related field. Bachelor's Degree and five (5) or more years of experience in public works or park/recreational operations preferred. Seeking a knowledgeable leader, who has exceptional organizational and public service skills, to manage a broad range of public works and park services, with an operating and administrative emphasis on parks and public space maintenance. Valid Illinois Class B commercial driver's license required within twelve (12) months of hire.

Essential Functions: Assist in planning, directing and administrating the activities of the department, including the preparation and management of the department's annual budget and capital improvement program. Exercise command over the department during the absence of the Director. Administrative direction of five (5) divisions: Parks, Public Spaces, Streets and Sanitation, Water Supply, and Facility & Equipment Maintenance. Supervise the Crew Chiefs of each division and manage daily work order activity to ensure the fulfillment of daily responsibilities and exceptional customer care.

A successful candidate must model behavior that is consistent with our overall mission and vision as public servants; demonstrate behavior of a Servant Leader; interact effectively with the public, employees, unions, village officials, and fellow supervisors; preserve the integrity of our organization by making decisions that are in the best interests of the organization.

Current salary range is \$67,782.00 - \$90,375.00, excellent benefits.

The Village of South Holland reserves the right to conduct a background check, medical examination, polygraph screening, and psychological screening on any applicant. Residency requirements apply.

Submit resumé and salary history by October 24, 2014 to Mike Veronie, Director of Personnel Services, 16226 Wausau Ave., South Holland, IL 60473. Faxes and e-mails are not accepted.

For more information and a full job description, visit our website: www.southholland.org

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE



STREET RESURFACING

This fall, Public Works crews will be resurfacing four streets in South Holland. They are: LaSalle Street from 154th to 155th streets in the industrial area; the alley east of State Street from 162nd to 164th streets; 159th Place from 1048 E. 159th Place to Woodlawn Avenue; Wausau Avenue from 163rd Street to U.S. Route 6.

Patching will occur on 158th Street near 1221 E. 158th St. and also on 156th Street near Prince Drive.

END TO YARD WASTE PICKUPS

The last branch pick up for the year will be Friday, Oct. 31. After Nov. 30, the yard waste containers will be used for garbage only.

BUSINESS UPDATE

Businesses plan expansion / new construction

By Bob Bong

Advocate Medical Center received the go-ahead from village officials to expand its facility at South Suburban College by 5,000 feet.

Trustees also approved plans by **Ed Miniati LLC** to build a 50,000-square-foot addition to its meat-processing plant at 16250 Vincennes Ave.

New Construction to begin

Burger King will begin construction soon on a new restaurant, with an opening expected in December.

Economic development director John Watson said the Burger King would feature a new, modern play area for kids that would include a projection screen television and video games that would be replaced every 60-90 days.

NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN

- **AJ Rowan Agency**, 446 E. 162nd St., insurance sales
- **Boost Mobile**, 102 E. 162nd St., cell phone store
- **Chicago Crisp Pickle**, 55 W. Taft Drive, foodservice
- **Chinaka Enterprise**, retail sales African clothing and jewelry
- **Dochaz Investments & Construction Services**, 16774 South Park Ave., concrete repairs and construction site cleanup
- **Family Dollar**, 1010 E. 162nd St., discount store
- **GTG Solar**, design and installation of green energy solution
- **Hand Medical**, 900 E. 162nd St., chiropractic medical office
- **Hendricks Racing**, 16524 Vincennes, auto repair and detail speed shop
- **Interstate Wireless Illinois** (Metro PCS), 954 E. 162nd St., cell phone store
- **J&R Mobile Carwash and Detail**, 16668 State St., auto washing and detailing
- **JT Development**, security camera installation
- **Prime Time Construction**, 446 E. 162nd St., general construction
- **Prinaj Services**, 16901 Van Dam Road, ocean freight services loading
- **Rib B Ribs Cafe**, 1000 E. 162nd St., restaurant
- **Roberts Tutoring**, tutoring for individuals
- **Shark Franchising**, 130 W. Armory, franchising office for Sharks Fish and Chicken
- **Thomas Painting & Decorating**, painting and remodeling
- **Wess Service**, 15950 Suntone, towing company
- **Willard Pest Control**, pest control
- **Worldwide Enterprise**, pain relief cream vendor
- **Yourfeel Products**, 505 W. Taft Drive, powder coatings



Code Red Notifications

Code Red Community Notification System is a tool that enhances the Village of South Holland's ability to communicate with residents and business owners. (Code Red replaced the Reverse911 system.)

This system provides for expedient delivery of community alerts, such as flooding, severe weather, street closures, roadwork, water main breaks and repairs, icy road conditions, and more.

The village strongly encourages residents and business owners to sign up for the Code Red system. Sign up is simple and quick. Visit the village website at www.southholland.org to sign up and your information will be added to our Code Red system. We want to keep you well informed!

Applications for Township program being accepted

Thornton Township will be accepting applications for the 2014 Christmas Programs for Toys and Food Baskets:

Tuesday, October 7
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 9
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Thornton Township Hall
3333 E. 162nd Street
South Holland

Applicant must be a Thornton Township resident. Required documentation is mandatory.

For more information, call 596-6040.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!



**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2014**

**Remember to turn your clocks
back one hour.**

EDUCATION

Hands-on Science in District 151

What did that owl eat?

Students in Mr. Halberstadt's 5th grade classroom wanted to answer that question.

They learned that owls, like many other birds, eat their food whole. Owls digest the softer material (such as meat), then regurgitate the harder material (such as bones, fur and feathers) in the form of pellets.



The students, adorned in safety glasses and hand-protective gloves, dissected owl pellets. Working together, they separated the bones from the other non-digestible items found in the pellets. Their goal was to reconstruct the skeleton of the recently eaten animal.



As the class worked on reconstructing the skeleton, other 5th grade classrooms came in to observe the process. Once the skeletons were put back together, the students concluded that the owl had eaten a mouse.

COS holds scholarship benefit

Christ Our Savior School will celebrate its 10th Anniversary of *Opening Doors*, a scholarship benefit for students of Christ Our Savior Catholic School, on Friday, October 17, 6:00 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 17800 Lorenz, Lansing, IL. This year, the benefit will honor Mycah Brooks, Fr. Pat Lyons, Mike Nylen, and Melanie Sharpe, and also will feature special guest Vince Gerasole, CBS Channel 2 News. For additional information, visit www.cosscholarshipbenefit.weebly.com or call 708-333-8173.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Tues., Dec. 9 – 7:30 A.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.



WISDOM AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM OUR CHURCHES



Far as the curse is found...

I know it's a bit out of season, but do you remember how one of the verses of Joy to the World goes? "No more let sin and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow, far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found." Far as, far as the curse is found. Have you ever stopped and thought about what that line means both theologically and practically? I think what Isaac Watts had in mind in 1719 when he penned that famous hymn was that however far the curse of sin has spread in our world, that is just how far the redemptive plan of God will travel. Sin has traveled into every nook and crevice of our world and in our lives and that's how far the saving grace of Jesus will travel. No matter how brutal, how distant, and how painful the sin is, that is how good, how gracious and how loving God's great rescue plan will be.

I don't know about you, but that's good news – really good news – because I think the curse of sin has traveled a long way and maybe it's traveling farther and faster all the time. How many of you, prior to a month ago, had ever heard of ISIS? Far as the curse is found. How many of you are tired of reading and hearing about another

so-called athletic role model being accused – charged – convicted of some heinous crime? Far as the curse is found. How many of you have become callused to the stunning reality that we wake up to every morning, drinking our coffee as we watch the news and hear yet another senseless act of gun violence in places not that far away from here. Far as the curse is found. My, oh my, the curse has traveled far and fast, and Isaac Watts, through the prompting of the Holy Spirit through Psalm 98, reminds us that however far and however fast the curse of sin has traveled, that's how far the saving grace of Jesus will travel.

In a lot of ways, we're talking about our understanding of soteriology, meaning the study of salvation. If you're like me, you grew up with an understanding of salvation that was narrow, limited and transactional. Accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior and receive the free gift of salvation. Don't really talk about your faith, because it's a personal relationship with you and Jesus. Hear me out, at the end of the day, there is absolutely a personal tone to our faith. I can't believe for you and you can't believe for me. Of course there is a personal relationship with the King of kings and the Lord of lords, but a

narrow view of salvation makes our faith shallow, individualistic and elitist.

I guess what I'm trying to do is to encourage us to consider or re-consider a broader and more Reformed understanding of salvation. Think of salvation with a wide angle lens. Remind yourself that Jesus is Savior of the whole wide world. Sing to yourself that He's got the whole world in His hands. The idea is that the whole world is caught up in God's redemptive plans and you and I are a small, but important part of that plan. God wants to redeem broken systems. God wants to redeem broken relationships. God wants to redeem different faith traditions. God wants to redeem the whole wide world that He created. So however far the curse of sin has traveled in our world, that's the length that God's redemptive goodness will travel. It makes me feel that the Christian faith is about more than just me and my salvation. And maybe more importantly, it reminds me that while the carnage of sin is all around us, as the Apostle Paul reminds us, "in Him all things hold together."

- Matt Waterstone
- Senior Pastor, First Reformed Church



Save the date for Journey of Joy!

One day only! December 13, 1 - 7 p.m.

Invite your friends and neighbors to come experience the *Journey of Joy* live nativity, an eight scene re-enactment of the Christmas story. Free, guided tours will be presented at Cottage Grove Christian Reformed Church, 16556 Cottage Grove Avenue, South Holland. For more information, call 708-331-0391.

VISION 2022 PROGRESS

A CONNECTED COMMUNITY

In September, the Village of South Holland launched a redesigned website – www.southholland.org. New features on the home page of the site include featured headlines, upcoming events, convenient links to frequently visited pages, including online water bill payments, the latest issue of South Holland Today, registration for fall programs and activities. Take a look at the clean, bright and beautiful website.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

My family and I are 18 years proud residents of South Holland. I am writing this letter to commend the actions of two South Holland police officers.

On the day of July 2, 2014, my gardener, Winston, knocked on my door and asked if I was aware of a duck on the side of my house. I replied, “Yes, I saw her a few day before and didn’t realize she was still there.” I told Winston to cut around her. Minutes later, Winston knocked on my door again. “We have another problem,” he said. The reason why she won’t leave is because seven of her baby ducklings

are trapped in the drain.” Immediately we called the police non-emergency line. Two South Holland Police Officers came to the rescue.

Also, a concerned resident, Nick, came to lend a hand. With everyone’s help and patience, each of the seven ducklings we’re returned one by one to their anxious mother.

Thanks for the good spirit and job well done.

The Boose Family



FLOOD PROOFING SERIES

Why flooding sometimes occurs in South Holland

Overbank Flooding

South Holland is subject to overbank flooding from three sources: the Little Calumet River, Thorn Creek, and the Calumet Union Drainage Ditch. The Little Calumet River flows through the Village from east to west. The Little Calumet drains northeastern Illinois and northwestern Indiana via several tributaries. At South Holland, the river's watershed is over 200 square miles. A small tributary, Thorn Ditch, drains the central part of South Holland. Its overbank flooding is caused by backwater from the Little Calumet.

Thorn Creek flows from the south and joins the Little Calumet on the southeast side of town. Thorn Creek collects water from Deer, North, and Butterfield Creeks, and Lansing Ditch. The Thorn Creek basin drains over 100 square miles, accounting for over half of the water that enters the Little Calumet at South Holland.

The third stream is the Calumet Union Drainage Ditch, a man-made ditch that drains 18 square miles of the Markham and Harvey areas to the west. It joins the Little Calumet River in the west part of the Village.

Most of the Village's overbank flooding problem is in the Little Calumet River's floodplain. Because the area is so flat, the flooding of one stream is accompanied by flooding on the other two. Therefore, while there are three sources of overbank flooding, the problem is treated as one floodplain.

Flooding History

Flooding has occurred in South Holland's streams since the last glacier left Illinois. Early settlers avoided building too close to the rivers. As late as the 1940s, large areas of the south suburbs remained vacant, primarily because it was too marshy to build on. These areas were used by the rivers to carry and hold excess rain runoff and snow melt.

Beginning in the late 1940s, this scene changed as the Chicago area population expanded to the south. Urban development put pressure on the vacant land along the rivers. The floodplains were built up during the 1950s and 60s, primarily with single-family housing. It was not until the 1970s that local governments passed floodplain management regulations to require the elevation of new buildings in the floodplain. Since then, floodplain development has slowed down, but developers still fill floodprone areas for new homes or commercial properties.

In the 1920s, the Calumet-Sag channel was completed and the Little Calumet received an additional outlet. Instead of flowing into the Grand Calumet and Lake Michigan,

most of its water now flows west through the Cal-Sag to the Des Plaines River. There are locks on both the Cal-Sag and the Grand Calumet to control low flows.

At the other end, Burns Ditch was connected to Lake Michigan in the 1920s. During high flows, the Indiana portion of the Little Cal drains west. These two diversions mark the northwest and eastern limits of the Little Calumet River's watershed.

With post-war growth to the south of Chicago, farmlands were replaced with roofs, parking lots, streets, gutters, storm sewers, and more ditches. Under urban development, more rainwater ran off the land and into the rivers and it ran off faster. As with floodplain regulations, it was not until the 1970s that communities began stormwater management regulations that require developments to restrict runoff.

In short, while the rivers of the Little Calumet basin flooded in the past, the problem has escalated since the 1940s. Until 1981, the worst flood on record for all three streams was in July 1957. Heavy summer storms caused widespread flooding in northeastern Illinois. The subsequent flood on the nearby Kankakee river was estimated at being a 750-year flood.

The 1957 flood was exceeded in 1981 by another flood caused by summer storms. While there was not as much rain as in 1957, the 1981 flood caused much more damage because there was more development. Because so many homes and businesses were affected, the June 1981 flood resulted in a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the area. Another presidential declaration followed the December 1982 flood.

One of South Holland's worst floods on record occurred in late November 1990. Heavy local storms caused the Little Calumet and its tributaries to rise higher than before, over half a foot higher than the 1981 record.

Flood Data

Flood heights have been recorded since 1947 on a river gauge that is currently located at the Cottage Grove Avenue bridge over the Little Calumet. Recorded flood heights can be shown in stage or in elevation. Stage is measured in feet above an arbitrary starting point that was set when the gauge was first installed. Elevations are in feet above sea level.

"Flood stage" is the elevation where the river leaves its banks. There is no official "flood stage" for the Little Calumet. Yards and parks are flooded when the river reaches an elevation of approximately 590 feet

above sea level. Buildings are affected at approximately 593 feet.

The 100-year flood at Cottage Grove would reach an elevation of 598.0. The 500-year flood is predicted to crest at an elevation of 601.5, 3 1/2 feet higher than the 100-year flood. As the river flows from east to west, flood elevations are higher in the east and lower in the west. The 10, 100, and 500-year flood elevations for various locations are shown below:

PROJECTED FLOOD ELEVATIONS

| River Mile* | Location | 10-yr. | 100-yr. | 500-yr. |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Thorn Creek at 170th | 596.2 | 599.5 | 602.6 |
| 9.4 | Little Calumet at eastern Vlg. limit | 595.0 | 598.7 | 601.8 |
| 8.0 | Little Calumet at 159th | 595.0 | 598.5 | 601.8 |
| 6.8 | Little Calumet at Cottage Grove | 594.4 | 598.0 | 601.5 |
| 5.9 | Little Calumet at Calumet Union Ditch | 593.8 | 597.4 | 601.2 |
| 4.4 | Little Calumet at western Vlg. limit | 591.7 | 595.6 | 600.2 |
| | Cal Union Ditch at Grand Trunk RR | 595.3 | 597.8 | 601.5 |

* miles above confluence with Calumet-Sag channel

Village Flood Services

The Code Enforcement office at 16240 Wausau (708/210-2915) provides the following:

- ◆ Information on whether a property is in a mapped floodplain, and related flood insurance rate map data;
- ◆ General records of past flooding throughout the Village, but not for specific parcels;
- ◆ Advice on how to protect a building from water problems;
- ◆ Guidance on the laws that govern construction and property improvements, and;
- ◆ Site visit (when a lot is part of a flood rebate program and after receipt of at least two estimates from waterproofing companies) to view the cause and suggest possible solutions to a problem.

Flood maps and flood protection references are also available at the South Holland Public Library. We would like to remind everyone that dumping in ditches, storage basins and wetlands is a violation of the Village Code.

SOUTH HOLLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 30th (looking back)



The winning team in the Bocce Tournament: First Reformed Church. Team members are (l-r) Keith Durkin, Rick Veldboom, Matt Waterstone & Anthony Bolkema.



Popular Dimples the Clown was kept busy painting faces.



The Climbing Wall was a real challenge.



The always-popular Jesse White Tumblers performed for the crowd.



Youth Commission Chairman Prince Reed, Secretary of State Jesse White, and Trustee Larry DeYoung greeted the crowd.



The annual car show drew an admiring audience.



Fun Inflatables were popular.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 13** Columbus Day
- October 20** Village Board Meeting
- October 23** Harvest Fest
- November 3** Village Board Meeting
- November 11** Veterans Day
- November 17** Village Board Meeting
- November 27** Thanksgiving Day
- December 1** Village Board Meeting
- December 5** Tree Lighting/Santa Comes to Town
- December 9** Mayor's Coffed

Most municipal buildings and administrative offices will be closed on October 13 (Columbus day), November 11 (Veterans Day) and November 27 (Thanksgiving Day).

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

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- Village Hall210-2900
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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 – 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

Clean – Bright – Beautiful!