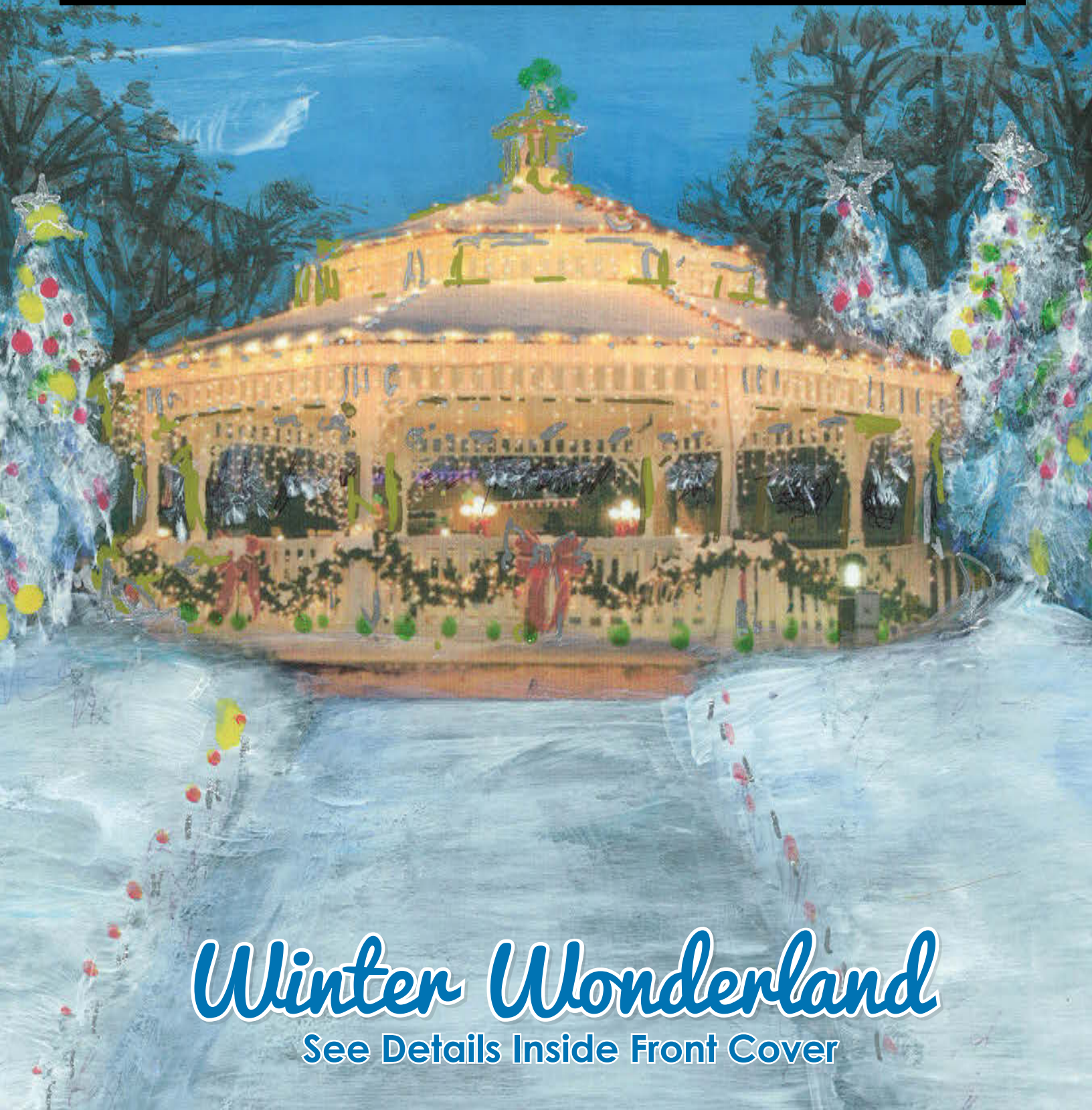




South Holland **TODAY**

NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND

DECEMBER 2015 / JANUARY 2016



Winter Wonderland

See Details Inside Front Cover



South Holland's Winter Wonderland

OPENS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015

6:00 PM

VETERAN'S PARK

Join...

Mayor Don De Graff
Clerk Dr. Sallie Penman
Trustee Larry DeYoung
Trustee Cynthia Doorn-Nylen
Trustee Andrew Johnson, Jr.
Trustee Vickie L. Perkins
Trustee Prince Reed
Trustee John Sullivan

Schedule of Activities

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Trolley Rides
Visits with St. Nick*
Kids Train Rides
Face Painting & Balloons in the Heated Tent
Special Kids Workshop with
The Home Depot (Homewood)
Live Music
Amazing Display of Holiday Lights
Refreshments & More

*Visits with St. Nick are limited to South Holland residents. Pre-registration is required. Call 708-331-2940 for more information.

**Winter Wonderland amazing display of holiday lights
at Veterans Memorial Park is open to the public Dec. 4-31, 2015**

Veterans Park
500 E. 160th Place
South Holland, IL 60473

Happy Holidays!



Pictured seated: Clerk Dr. Sallie Penman and Mayor Don De Graff;
standing l-r: Trustees Larry DeYoung, Cynthia Doorn-Nylen, Prince Reed,
Dr. John Sullivan, Vickie Perkins, and Andrew Johnson, Jr.

What an exciting time of year! In this season of giving, as we celebrate God's special gift to us, may we in turn, consider how to humbly serve others on a daily basis.

Our community rejoices in the uniqueness and unity we share as a village of strong faith and family values. It is our prayer that we will continue to grow together in God's grace for a more vibrant future.

As a Village Board, we and our entire administration express our sincere desire for each of you to enjoy a blessed Christmas season and a very Happy 2016 New Year!

Don A. De Graff, Village President

HAPPENINGS

Holiday Closings

Most municipal offices, including the Village Hall, will be closed Thanksgiving Day, November 26; Christmas Day, December 25; and New Year's Day, January 1. Police and Fire Departments remain open 24 hours a day.

Coffee with the Mayor

It's an open door policy for the quarterly Mayor's Coffee. All residents are invited to meet Mayor De Graff, discuss issues of the day, and enjoy refreshments on Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 a.m., at the South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170th St.

Master Chorale Holiday Concert

Christmas at St. Victor's, a concert of the South Holland Master Chorale, is Sunday, December 6, 4:00 p.m. The concert, free and open to the public, will be held in the beautiful sanctuary of St. Victor Catholic Church, 553 Hirsch Ave., Calumet City. Voices, organs, and brass will provide thrilling music of the holiday season, including works by Berlioz, Victoria, Gabrieli, and the Gloria of John Rutter with the Gargoyle Brass Ensemble. Joining the chorale for this holiday concert is the Southlake Children's Choir, under the direction of Michael Cierski.

Journey of Joy Holiday Event

Cottage Grove Christian Reformed Church will host its annual Journey of Joy holiday event, Saturday, December 12, from 1 to 7 p.m. Cottage Grove CRC is located at 16556 Cottage Grove Avenue, South Holland. All are welcome!

St. Nick at Winter Wonderland

Visit with St. Nick at South Holland's Winter Wonderland, Friday, December 4, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., at Veterans Memorial Park, 160th Place and South Park Ave. Pre-registration and proof of South Holland residency is required for children up to age 12. Contact the Department of Recreational Services for pre-registration at 708-331-2940.

Yard Waste Pickup Ends November 30

November 30th is the last day residents can use their yard container for yard waste. Beginning December 1st, these containers can be used for regular garbage. Branch pickups will resume in April 2016.



Ribbon Cutting

In September, Mayor Don De Graff was among regional leaders at the historic ribbon cutting for the Thornton Composite Reservoir. Celebrating this decades long project were Senator Dick Durbin, Congresswoman Robin Kelly, Village of Thornton Mayor Robert Kolosh, Lansing Mayor Norm Abbott, Dolton Mayor Riley Rogers, and MWRD President Maryiana Spyropoulos. Story on Page 5.



Cunis Candy Featured

South Holland's own Cunis Candy was featured among ten candy shops in Illinois that will "make your sweet tooth explode," by Laura Meli, www.onlyinyourstate.com. Meli noted the "charm of an old-school candy and ice cream shop," and Cunis' "house-churned ice cream and all of their homemade chocolates," as a real treat when visiting this long-standing South Holland business.

Thornton Reservoir Ready to Help Reduce Flooding Concerns

By Bob Bong



The Thornton Composite Reservoir, known to Chicago residents as the “Grand Canyon of the South Suburbs,” will help alleviate flooding concerns for residents in South Holland and other south suburbs through improved storm water protection and water quality.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other stakeholders joined the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) to cut the ribbon in September for the nearly \$450 million facility, which will officially come online by the end of the year.

The Thornton Reservoir is a key component of the MWRD’s Tunnel and Reservoir Plan known as TARP. It is one of the largest water infrastructure projects in the world. TARP is designed to protect Lake Michigan, the region’s primary source of drinking water. It will also protect against combined sewer overflows (CSOs) as well as overland and basement flooding.

The firm of Black & Veatch performed heavy infrastructure tunneling and engineering at Thornton reservoir. The company contributed innovations in grouting practices in the design and construction of the reservoir.

TARP has significantly improved the quality of life for people living and working in the area. Previously, sewage-laced floodwater often inundated residential properties after heavy rains. Additionally, moving that water to the reservoir will lessen the need to release sewage into Lake Michigan when rains overwhelm the area’s storm sewers. Thornton Reservoir will provide an additional 7.9 billion gallons of storage for capture and treatment of CSOs and floodwaters.

“In past years, that polluted, untreated water would enter our waterways or worse, our basements,” said MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulos. “Because of TARP, combined sewer overflows have been drastically reduced, and the addition of Thornton reservoir will again lead to more water quality improvements upstream.”

“Other cities beset by chronic combined sewer overflows and flooding will look to this system as a model,” said Mike Orth, Executive Managing Director for the Americas in Black & Veatch’s water business. “We are proud to take part in helping the MWRD provide this vital water quality and flood protection to and for the people in and around Chicago.”

FIRE



South Holland Fire Department Kicks Off Annual Toy Drive Supporting Restoration Ministries

The South Holland Local 4109 Firefighters, along with the South Holland Fire Department, invite residents to join in their annual toy drive supporting Restoration Ministries. Donations will be accepted through December 19 at Fire Station 1, 16230 Wausau Ave.

Keep the Wreath Red

The South Holland Fire Department is again participating in the holiday fire safety campaign entitled “KEEP THE WREATHS RED.” Starting December 1st and continuing until December 31st, holiday wreaths will be displayed on the exterior of both fire stations in South Holland with red lights. To help “KEEP THE WREATHS RED,” residents and business are asked to take the necessary safety precautions during the holiday season to prevent fires.

If a fire should occur during the month, which was caused by holiday decorations, a red light in the wreaths will be changed to a white light. It is hoped that the display of the wreaths will be a visual reminder to everyone to have a fire free holiday season.

Focus on Fire Safety

HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

With the onset of the holiday season, it is important to focus on fire safety and prevention. The celebration of the season brings with it increased usage of electric lights, decorations, candles, and the ever popular Christmas tree, all of which can be potential fire hazards. Additionally, cooking fires increase during the holidays as families and friends gather to celebrate. By following general fire safety precautions, potential holiday fires, deaths, and injuries remain preventable.

CHRISTMAS TREES

What’s a traditional Christmas morning scene without a beautifully decorated tree? If your household includes a natural tree in its festivities, take to heart the sales person’s suggestion – “Keep the tree watered.”

Christmas trees account for hundreds of fires annually. Typically, shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles,

lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-watered trees are not a problem. A dry and neglected tree can be.

Selecting a Tree for the Holidays

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too soon and, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

Caring for Your Tree

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Disposing of Your Tree

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

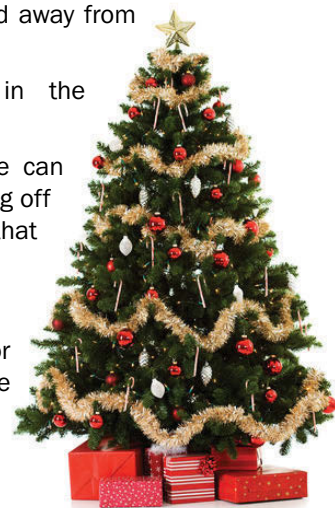
Maintain Your Holiday Lights

- Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.
- Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets
- Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires – they should not be warm to the touch.
- Do not leave holiday lights on unattended!

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

- Use Only Nonflammable or Flame Retardent Decorations
- All decorations should be placed away from heat vents.
- Never Put Wrapping Paper in the Fireplace
- Wrapping paper in the fireplace can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers that may result in a chimney fire.
- Artificial Christmas Trees
- If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

– Source US Fire Administration



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



South Holland Welcomes New Business

Nabors Family Funeral Home Mayor Don De Graff (center) embraces business owner Lillie Nabors in celebration of the grand opening of Nabors Family Funeral Home, located 17135 Westview Avenue, Suite 101. Also attending the ribbon cutting ceremony were members of the South Holland board and administration, representatives of the South Holland Business Association, along with several members of the Nabors Family. To learn more about Nabors Family Funeral Home, call (708) 566-4091.

Lillie Nabors also celebrated the relocation of **A New U Hair Salon**, sharing the building with Nabors Family Funeral Home at 17135 Westview Avenue. While both of Nabors' businesses share the same facility, there are separate entrances (funeral home's main entrance is on 171st Canal Street). To contact the salon, call (708) 331-3005.



Innovation Breakfast

The Department of Economic Development hosted area businesses from the South Holland Industrial Corridor at its 1st annual Innovation Breakfast. Held at the South Holland Community Center, the event offered the capacity crowd the opportunity to learn of new businesses and expansions in the area, to learn more about region initiatives that positively affect the area, and an opportunity to connect with community resources that can help businesses positively affect their bottom line, whether through increased revenues, reduced costs or both. Mayor Don De Graff also provided insight into Vision 2022 and how the industrial corridor businesses are critical to that ten year plan.

The South Holland Industrial Corridor is a key reason for the excellent quality of life that we enjoy. Collectively, their businesses comprise the largest amount of commercial square footage in the Village, and employ the most people.



Anytime Fitness Breaks Ground

Anytime Fitness, a global fitness center that offers "change of life" experiences for its customers in a 24/7 convenient environment, has found a new home in South Holland. Village President Don A. De Graff, along with South Holland trustees and members of the administrative team, officially welcomed Anytime Fitness to the corporate family during an official groundbreaking ceremony last week at 911 East 162nd Street. The new South Holland location is a project of J. Wynsma and long-time developer, Ralph Edgar.



RECREATIONAL SERVICES

By Ronda Williams

South Holland Makes it Easy to Keep Active Through Winter

The Department of Recreational Services keeps residents young and old coming back to the South Holland Community Center for more fun, engaging and healthy activities. The full range of classes give the entire family a way to stay active while spending time together.

If indoor activities are too confining, take a trip outside to visit some of the villages amazing parks for a brisk walk or build a snow castle. Don't let cold and snowy weather keep you from getting out to exercise. Have some family fun outdoors at the village sledding and ice rink located at Municipal Park, 164th St. and South Park Ave. Bring hot chocolate or a cup of coffee to warm up afterwards. You'll be thankful for the fresh air and family time!

Mother & Son Super Hero Party

Friday, March 4, 2016 • 6:30-9:00 PM

With every Super Hero, there is a Super MOM! Attention all boys, ages 3-10, come dressed in your favorite super hero costume and enjoy an evening of food, dancing, games, pictures and more. Mothers are encourage to dress up as well, (Costumes optional). This will be a MARVELous evening you don't want to miss!

Pre-registration is required! Advanced tickets go on sale on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. \$25 per parent and 1 Super Hero (\$10 per additional Super Hero).

Summer Day Camp

South Holland Recreational Services will start accepting Day Camp registrations in January. Take advantage of the payment plans to ensure your child has an awesome summer. There are 7 & 8 week options available. Free Lunch Included! Camp Starts June 13, 2016. Check the winter spring program book for pricing and more information.



The Village of South Holland
Faith, Family, & Future

South Holland Recreational Services Presents:

Daddy daughter Princess Party

Friday, February 5, 2016
6:30-9:00 PM

SOUTH HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER * 501 E. 170TH ST

Ages 3-12

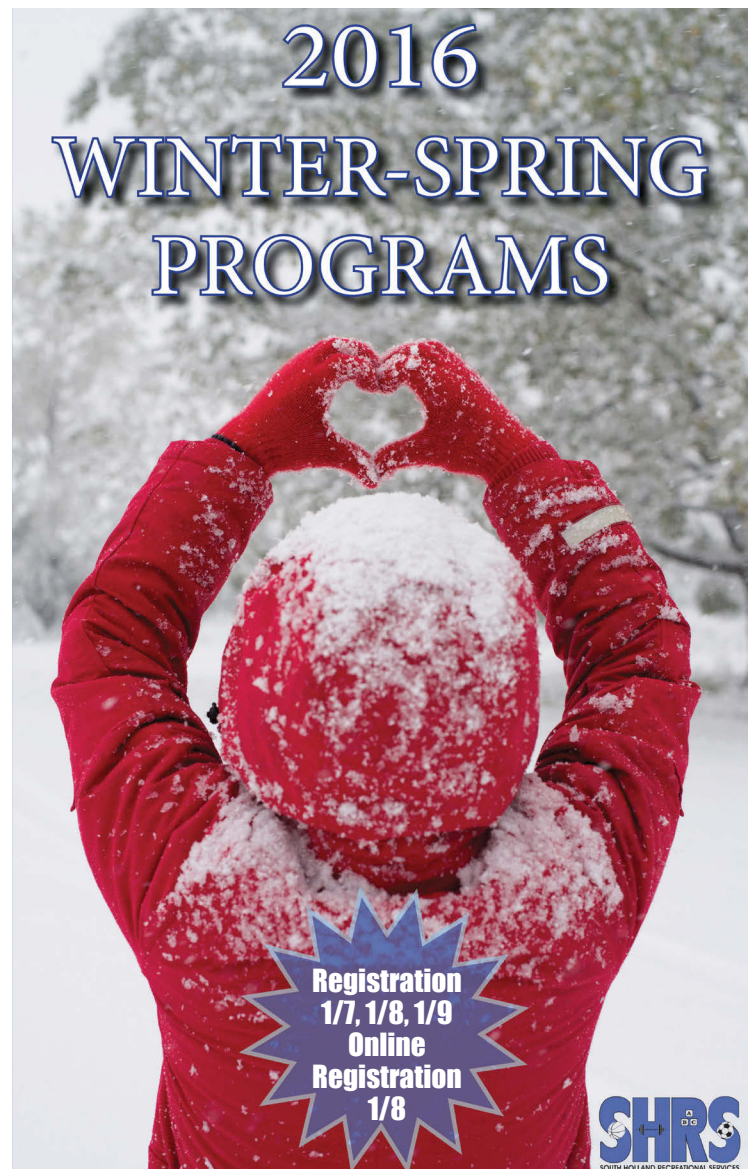
Advanced Tickets (Jan. 2 - Jan. 23)
\$25 per couple, \$10 additional princess

Regular Price Tickets
\$35 per couple, \$15 additional princess

Music Food & fun


Tickets can be purchased online at www.southholland.org or at the Community Center. For more information, please contact us at 708.331.2940

SPACE IS LIMITED



2016 WINTER-SPRING PROGRAMS

Registration
1/7, 1/8, 1/9
Online
Registration
1/8



SHRS
SOUTH HOLLAND RECREATIONAL SERVICES

LOCAL NEWS

ComEd Program Benefits South Holland Residents

By Bob Bong

A partnership between Commonwealth Edison and the City Colleges of Chicago to create job opportunities has definitely paid off for four South Holland residents.

Dion Ballentine, Johnie Harris Jr., Trevion Martin and Stefan Norfleet all have good jobs with ComEd thanks to the Dawson Overhead Electrical Line Worker Program, which was launched in 2006 as a training program for Chicago-area residents interested in careers with the utility. Since its inception, 319 students have graduated and 239 have jobs in the electric or related industries.

“Job creation is the lifeblood of a healthy economy and vibrant communities,” said Anne Pramaggiore, president and CEO of ComEd. “Today, we celebrate a decade of a successful partnership that has trained hundreds of people and put them to work in good-paying jobs. We’re tremendously proud of all the graduates, and the efforts this program has made to bring solid career opportunities to local communities throughout northern Illinois.”

“There are expected to be about 4,000 electrical power line installer and repair jobs coming to our region over the next decade, a 13 percent increase from today,” said City Colleges Chancellor Cheryl Hyman. “I want to thank ComEd for their partnership and look forward to working together to expand this program to ensure Chicagoans are prepared to seize the growing job opportunities.”

“The Dawson Overhead Electrical Line Worker Program has created jobs and given opportunities to hundreds of Chicagoans over the last decade,” said Sen. Donne Trotter. “At a time when we’re hearing about state programs getting cut because of funding, I’m pleased that ComEd and the City Colleges of Chicago are continuing their partnership to make sure jobs are available to those who want them. I’m proud to support this program and congratulate the graduates who are being celebrated at today’s luncheon.”

Since 2006, 319 students have graduated, with 171 hired by ComEd (57 percent of total graduates) and 136 are currently employed at the utility as overhead helpers, supply helpers, planners, meter readers, and have since advanced into the



roles of overhead electricians, cable splicers, work planners and first line supervisors.

Harris, Martin and Norfleet are meter readers while Ballentine has advanced to an overhead electrician.

Those interested in applying should call the Dawson Technical Institute Admissions Office at 773-451-2100.

The training program lasts 5 1/2 months. The first six weeks are classroom teaching in Math, English, Professional Development and Vocational Physical Training (both in class and outdoors and in the Exercise Room at Dawson). Vocational Physical Training runs for the entire 5 1/2 month time frame to make sure students are in good shape for pole climbing and construction work when they get into the Pole Climbing Yard.

Students graduate with an advanced certificate and are eligible for hire at ComEd or other utilities. Program graduates receive a certificate of completion from the City Colleges and 30 hours of college credit. Financial aid is available. The program generates 40-60 graduates a year.

Tuition and fees are approximately \$5,500. Financial aid is available through the City Colleges’ Office of Financial Aid. Applicants to the OELW program are tested on basic skills, and evaluated for climbing proficiency, strength and stamina. Anyone 18 years of age or older with a high school diploma or GED is eligible for admission.



LOCAL NEWS

Owner of South Holland-Based Syrup Business Joins Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame

By Bob Bong

When Michele Hoskins started her syrup business in her mother's basement 31 years ago, she had no idea that she would end up in a Chicago area hall of fame for entrepreneurship.

"I'm with a very prestigious group of individuals. I'm very proud to be an African-American woman in this group," Hoskins says. "To be mentioned with this group can be described as a job well done. "My product has been on the shelves for 31 years."

The Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame, part of the Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago, recently honored 20 local business owners at a gala at the Field Museum in Chicago, during the institute's 30th anniversary celebration. The new inductees are being recognized for building successful businesses and fostering a thriving economic engine in Chicago.

Hoskins makes "Michele's Syrup" in three flavors: Maple Crème, Honey Crème and Butter Pecan. A family recipe that was passed down to Hoskins has turned into a multimillion-dollar business that has her products in 10,000 stores nationwide, such as Kroger, Albertson's, Jewel Foods, Publix, Safeway, and Mariano's. The syrups are produced at a plant at 16117 LaSalle St. in South Holland.

Hoskins says that she made a name for herself despite getting minimal help from people in the food industry.

"When I first started, there weren't any mentors for me to follow in this industry," Hoskins says. "From a business standpoint, I persevered and I believed in myself and I was excited to enter the industry I'm in."

Nancy Harvey, the executive director of the Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies at UIC, released a statement congratulating Hoskins and the other inductees:

"These entrepreneurs — and those that came before them — exemplify the depth, diversity and vibrancy of entrepreneurship in this great global city that is Chicago. We are privileged to recognize these men and women as icons of Chicago entrepreneurship."

The Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame is the oldest and one of the most prestigious Chicago area entrepreneurship awards. It celebrates entrepreneurs whose contributions have had an enduring commercial and social impact; enhanced their communities; and brought transformative innovations to life. Since 1985, the hall of fame has inducted nearly 500 business people who are role models for aspiring entrepreneurs. Notable previous inductees include John H. Johnson of Johnson Publishing.

Hoskins became a force in the food industry despite being diagnosed with breast cancer survivor back in 2009. Due to her diagnosis, she is looking into the possibility of collaborating with either the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, or Sisters Network, Inc. (a national African American Breast Cancer Survivorship Organization) in a fundraising campaign.

Hoskins hopes more African-Americans would join the food industry, thereby having more command of their dollars.

She also gave advice to young people who might want to follow in her footsteps as an entrepreneur. "Once you locate your passion and find out what it is, pursue it and be persistent. Always go by faith."

For more information on Michele Foods, visit www.michelefoods.com.



"We need to teach our children how to become wealthy by being entrepreneurs. I'm all about consumer awareness."

— Michelle Hoskins

WISDOM FROM OUR CHURCHES

Be Grateful

**Dr. Melvin L. Moore, Sr., Senior Pastor
New Beginning Full Gospel Ministries**



Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Blessed Kwanza and Season's Greetings – any way you say it, these are terms of endearment and special blessings this time of year. The holiday season is here and it can elicit lots of stress, anxiety and pressure. So for a moment, let's set aside the hustle and bustle of buying gifts, rushing to one celebration after another, cleaning and all the other stressful activities the season brings. Just sit still for a moment, take a breath; you can do it; you have the time and it's very important.

Now as you inhale think "being," as you exhale think "peaceful." Do it at least three times before you continue reading this article. I know you feel better already, don't you? It can be that easy. Do you want to feel more joy? Then start thinking of the things that you are grateful for. People who maintain a grateful attitude are among the happiest people in the world.

What are you grateful for? Make a list. I did this exercise and was amazed at how much I already had. Here's part of my list:

- I am grateful for my family.
- I am grateful for my health.
- I am grateful for my friends.
- I am grateful for free speech and expressions.
- I am grateful for my country.
- I am grateful that we live in a diverse world and can celebrate our own uniqueness.

Gratitude opens our hearts, encourages us to savor each gift that comes our way. It lets us celebrate today; it is a reminder that one can always find reasons to be glad. Keep an attitude of gratitude for everything you have, and everything you get to do. Share your grateful heart with others. Gratitude is the best attitude.

Be blessed and have a wonderful Holiday Season!

LIBRARY



The South Holland Public Library is making some changes! Stop by to see renovations in the Youth Services and Public Services departments. Also, visit the new Purple Leaf room (lower level), a new space for the Young Adult books and for teens, food, games, and fun for all ages.

In December, come to the library for all sorts of holiday fun. The annual Holiday Music Program will be Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. Come to enjoy music, entertainment, and refreshments. Bring your kids and teens to the library to create their own gingerbread house on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. All supplies will be provided.

January kicks off the library's annual Winter Reading Program: Time Flies with a Good Book. Be sure to sign up for great raffles and prizes.

SPORTS



Thornwood Student Wins Bronze at Special Olympics

Thornwood High School student Miguel Castillo won big at the Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles over the summer.

Castillo, a junior, came home with a bronze medal in men's soccer for being part of the U.S. team that competed against Belgium (the gold medalist), the Netherlands (silver), Costa Rica and Faroe Island.

The Special Olympics World Games are held every two years. This year's event ran from July 25 to Aug. 2 and hosted more than 6,500 athletes from 165 countries.

Castillo's coaches, Amelia Keorpes and Sara Hlad, nominated him for the Games last summer.

"We nominated Miguel, then he tried out in Bloomington in June of 2014," Keorpes told the Daily Southtown. "We got the email in late July saying he'd made it."

Castillo spent the next year training with his teammates, traveling to Bloomington and Carbondale and even Indianapolis on weekends.

At 16, he was the youngest member of the team. The oldest player was 52.

Mary Wimmer, one of Castillo's teachers and Thornwood's Special Olympics athletic director, called him "a natural athlete." She said that in addition to competing in local and state Special Olympics soccer, basketball and golf events, he plays on the high school soccer team, which combines student-athletes from Thornwood and Thornton high schools. He also plans to participate in track in the spring.

"Miguel is the ideal student," Wimmer said. "He embodies everything Special Olympics stands for."

To celebrate Castillo's medal-winning effort, his classmates

held an indoor parade, complete with the school's marching band, cheerleaders and mascot. Students and teachers lined the halls and cheered for Castillo as he passed. Beaming, his father, also named Miguel Castillo, walked in the parade with him.

Castillo, a forward, scored a goal during the U.S. team's win against Faroe Island. He said participating in the World Games was a great experience.

Castillo was the first athlete from Thornwood to be sent to the World Games.

South Holland Players Lead South Suburban College Basketball Squad

Seton alum Russell Robinson Jr. and Thornwood graduate Rashaad Alexander are among the team leaders on the South Suburban College men's basketball team this year.



The Bulldogs were ranked No. 19 in preseason polls.

All SSC home games are broadcast on WJOB 1230AM Radio, and you can listen to the games globally at www.wjob1230.com.

For more information call: John Pigatti, Head Men's Basketball Coach, South Suburban College at (708) 596-2000 x2524, or send an email to jpigatti@ssc.edu.

Home Tips for the Holidays

Winter brings holiday traditions and celebrations with family and friends. Here are a few tips to prepare your home for fun and joyous festivities.

- Prep your yard for winter by removing leaves and debris, storing yard furniture, protecting plants and the A.C. Compressor. Applying a winter lawn treatment is a bonus for a spring preparation.
- Clean out gutters of leaves and debris to ensure melting snow and rain water are draining properly.
- Keep walkways well lit. When displaying seasonal holiday lighting, be sure to remove them two weeks following the holiday celebration.
- Ensure your walkways are clear of snow by piling the snow onto grassy areas and not onto the streets or other public walkways.
- Have a licensed professional tune up your heaters or boilers for a warm home. They should check filters, burners and other operating elements for optimal use.

SOUTH HOLLAND SALUTES

SSC Occupational Therapy Students

On Oct. 16, four South Suburban College class of 2016 Occupational Therapy Assistant students volunteered to help at the 2015 Muscular Dystrophy Association Muscle Team Gala held in the ballroom at Navy Pier in Chicago.

Their hard work, energy and enthusiasm helped the event to raise over \$440,000 to support MDA services, programs and research.

The students who participated (pictured from left) were Ulices Maldonado, Kelly Moriarty, Hope Franzen and Jodi Daebelliehn.



South Holland Master Chorale Christmas at St. Victor's

**December 6, 2015, 4:00 PM
St. Victor Catholic Church
553 Hirsch Ave. • Calumet City**

Tradition continues as the Chorale presents its 15th annual Christmas Concert in the beautiful sanctuary of St. Victor Catholic Church. Voices, organs, and brass combine to provide thrilling music of the season, including works by Berlioz, Victoria, Gabrieli, and the tremendous Gloria of John Rutter with the Gargoyle Brass Ensemble! Joining the Chorale this season are the angelic voices of Southlake Children's Choir, under the direction of Michael Cierski. All Chorale concerts are free. Donations are gratefully accepted, and 100 percent tax-deductible.

For more information, visit the website, email,
or call the chorale director, Al Jackson.
www.southhollandchorale.com
shchorale@southholland.org
708-210-2913

STAFF WRITER POSITION

South Holland Today Magazine

The Village of South Holland has immediate openings for contractual staff writers. We seek dynamic, self-motivated individuals with a strong work ethic and experience in community news reporting, feature writing, editing, photography, and layout/page design. Staff writers use creativity, originality and clarity to develop, write and edit materials for the community publication, South Holland TODAY. Writers work closely with the Assistant Editor to ensure consistency and quality of content.

Responsibilities:

- Routinely pitch story ideas based on the people, businesses, schools, services, and events in South Holland.
- Write stories as assigned related to community, local business, school/youth, arts/culture, lifestyle, and government news.
- Attend and cover select community events (business openings/ribbon cuttings, community award receptions, festivals, etc.).
- Format and edit all stories (AP Style).
- Take photo assignments (experience with DSLR cameras is preferred).
- Ensure deadlines are met in a timely fashion.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of AP writing styles.
- Attention to detail.
- Ability to work independently or as part of a team to meet deadlines.
- Well-developed writing skills and passion for storytelling.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills to interact with administrators, staff, and the public.
- Excellent spelling, punctuation, grammar and proofreading skills to write and edit copy for accuracy, consistency of format, and professional appearance and style.
- Basic knowledge of the Village of South Holland.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in English, Communication, Journalism, Public Relations, or a related area.
- At least two (2) years of work experience in a professional position writing or editing materials for publication.

Please submit cover letter, resume and 2-3 news writing samples to Mary Ann Thornton, mthornton@southholland.org.



Must be a least 5 homes participating to enter contest.
Neighbors working together using holiday decorations - bows, wreaths, lights, bells, etc.

Location of Neighborhood & Number of Homes Demonstrating Holiday Spirit:

Location: _____ # of Homes _____

Contact Name _____

Address: _____

Best Contact Phone Number(s): _____

RETURN TO VILLAGE HALL BY DECEMBER 1, 5:00 PM. JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE DECEMBER 19th



**Mayor Don A. De Graff,
Clerk Dr. Sallie D. Penman &
the Village of South Holland Board of Trustees
*present***

2016 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute

**Saturday, January 16, 2016
10:00 AM**

**Hosted At
Covenant United Church of Christ
1130 E. 154th Street
South Holland, IL**

**REV. CAROLYN MCKINSTRY
Guest Speaker**



Rev. Carolyn Maull McKinstry, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, was present on September 15, 1963, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. She was the young girl who took the threatening phone call, warning of the bomb that would moments later kill her four friends. Also, Rev. McKinstry was among thousands of students hosed by fireman during the 1963 marches, and she survived a second bomb explosion that destroyed a portion of her home in 1964. She believes that God spared her life on September 15, 1963, so that she could continue to live in service to others. Rev. McKinstry authored a book, "While the World

Watched," detailing her life growing up in Birmingham and "lessons learned" from her experiences and involvement in the Birmingham Civil Rights Movement.

Rev. McKinstry has shared her experiences on major media outlets, including The OPRAH Show. She has travelled nationally and internationally, such as Israel, Ireland, Rome, Spain, and India. She spends her time lecturing with young people, public and private educators and institutions, about her experiences of the 1960s, making them relevant to today's environment.

Featured Music: South Holland Master Chorale



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During the entire month of November, Local 4109, in conjunction with the Fire Department, will once again collect new, unwrapped toys, which will be donated to Restoration Ministries. They can be anything from baby toys to baseballs, Barbie dolls to bicycles. Donations of gift-wrapping paper and bows are also welcomed. The fire department will also collect children's gloves and mittens.

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