



South Holland TODAY

NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017



Remembering TRUSTEE SULLIVAN

"If you build it, he will come." (Field of Dreams, 1989) Led by his devout Christian beliefs and passion for restoring the human spirit of individuals who lost their way due to addictions, the late Trustee Dr. John F. Sullivan built and they came. He was a man of honor, deep spiritual conviction, and a limitless capacity to love mankind. Trustee Sullivan left his imprint and **legacy to benefit generations for years to come.**

Dr. John Sullivan, affectionately known by many as "Doc," peacefully completed his life's journey in his South Holland home on Friday, June 23, 2017, surrounded by devoted family members. He was 82 years old.

His true passion in life was spiritual development and engagement, and in lifting souls suffering from drug and alcohol addictions. This passion led Doc and his wife, Barbara, to establish and pastor Spirit of God Fellowship from their South Holland home in 1972. They also founded Restoration Ministries in 1988 with the purpose of helping men recover from addictions and restore their lives through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Doc and Barbara's vision expanded to include women, children, family, and seniors in Harvey.

Doc put thought, passion and energy into every project. As a result, 163rd and State Street became the site for Spirit of God Fellowship, while

Restoration Ministries opened its facility in Harvey. In recent years, Restoration Ministries opened a thriving Thrift Store in South Holland. He built and they came. Through the church and organization, tens of thousands of lives have been impacted because of Doc's vision, compassion, active engagement, and lifelong commitment to restore life and happiness in others. He built and they came.

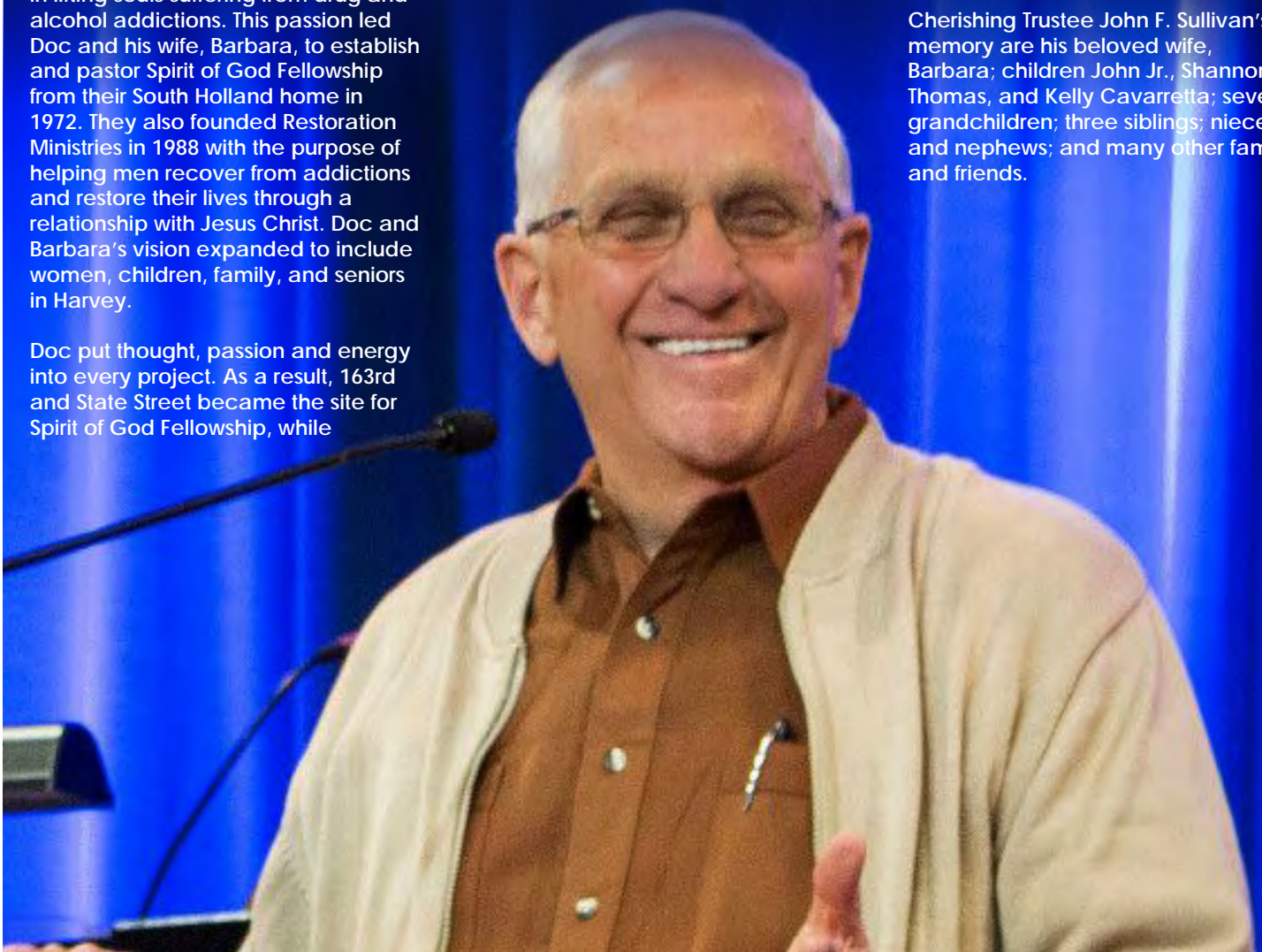
In addition to serving as the founder, chief executive, and chairman of Restoration Ministries, Doc served as chairman of District 205 Academic Enrichment Foundation, vice chairman of Calvary Academy Elementary School, and he was a member and former chairman of SASI, a Chicago based drug treatment center.

A beloved dentist in South Holland, Doc was an active partner in Gorman & Sullivan dental practice for 50 years. As a practicing dentist, Doc was a member of the Chicago Dental Society and past president of the South Suburban Dental Society.

Doc Sullivan served as a Village of South Holland Trustee from December 2005 until his death. He was chairman of the board's Finance Committee, and served as an active member of the Community Development and Public Safety Committees.

He was a member of the South Holland Ministerial Association and School District 150 School Board. In **2001, Doc was the first recipient of South Holland's Mayor's Award for Faith Leadership.**

Cherishing Trustee John F. Sullivan's memory are his beloved wife, Barbara; children John Jr., Shannon, Thomas, and Kelly Cavarretta; seven grandchildren; three siblings; nieces and nephews; and many other family; and friends.



HAPPENINGS

MUNICIPAL BAND CONCERTS

The South Holland Municipal Band will put on a concert at 7 p.m. August 24 at Veterans Memorial Park, 520 E. 160th Place.



COMMUNITY SOCIAL

The Town Center Commons Social will take place from 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Town Center Commons, 16109 South Park Avenue.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

The August Movie in Vets Park will take place Saturday, Aug. 26, at dusk at Veterans Park, 160th Place and South Park Avenue. The film will be "Beauty and the Beast."

COFFEE WITH FIREFIGHTERS

Residents can meet and talk with members of the Fire Department from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sept. 2, and the first Saturday of every month, at Fire Station 1, 16230 Wausau Ave.

PAARLBERG FEST

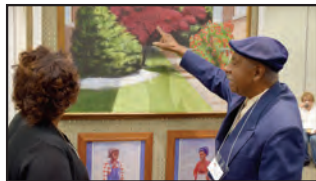
Paarlberg Fest, hosted by the South Holland Historical Society, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Labor Day, Sept. 4, at Paarlberg Park, 172nd and Paxton Avenue.

MAYOR'S COFFEE

The next Mayor's Coffee is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 12, at the South Holland Community Center, 501 East 170th Street.

ARTISTS GALLERY

The time is now to register for this fall's Artists' Gallery. The annual event features a unique collection of oils, watercolors, pastels, graphite and colored pencil, prints, photographs, sculptures, pottery, and miniatures. The gallery, scheduled October 5-7, is currently recruiting local artists to participate. To register, stop by the Department of Public Relations & Marketing at 16220 Wausau Ave. to complete a registration form. The form is also available online at southholland.org.



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A THROWBACK TO COMMUNITY POLICING

By Ronda Williams

Years ago, police officers were assigned to beats or areas where they walked through assigned neighborhoods. On foot, officers had the time and opportunity to see residents and stop for a chat. It's often noted that this old school patrol had a positive impact on the community, where neighbors knew, talked with and trusted the police who daily walked past their homes.

Recently, the South Holland Police Department took a page from the past and implemented foot patrols, where officers assigned to designated areas, walk through the community and take time to interact with residents. In an effort to continue positive community relations and extend communication, the SHPD is clear in its homage to old school patrols.

Officers are on foot patrols for three hours at a time from noon to 6:30 pm during the week and 10 am to 2 pm during the weekends. Just as if they were driving, officers are in pairs but wearing shorts, sneakers, their vest and duty belt.

"Our main focus is to reach out and talk to the residents, listen to any issues they have, find out what they are concerned about, and provide them with assistance," says Officer Kirk Kremiski. "We are very proud of our community

and this is another form of outreach that we believe will continue to build positive relationships."

Residents and business owners have enjoyed the personal interaction with officers and appreciate the face-to-face communication.

"Walking through the community, we get to see more and observe things you can easily miss when driving in a squad car," says Officer Kremiski. "It's satisfying when people just come up to us and start talking. The residents are excited to see us coming and love the fact that we're walking through their neighborhood."

Implementing this new patrol took time and coordination from the SHPD. Officers are walking beats outside of their regular work schedule to maintain regular coverage.

"We are not pulling officers on duty, we are adding police coverage," says Officer Kremiski. "The police department was determined to get this done and it's working out very well."

So, keep a look out for South Holland police officers walking down your street through early fall. And if you're so inclined, stop and have a friendly chat.



Every 1.6 hours a pedestrian is hit and killed by a car, and pedestrians are one and a half times more likely to be killed than a passenger in a vehicle from a car crash*. So, as you prepare your children for the upcoming school year, make sure they understand the importance of paying attention to their surroundings, especially while walking to and from school.

It's easy to be caught up in the latest news or gossip on your phone but nothing is more important than ensuring everyone reaches their destination safely. So before your children head out the door, remind them to put the phone down and stay focused on the road. Here's some tips to keep them safe:

- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone
- If texting, move out of the way of others and stop on the sidewalk

- Never cross the street while using an electronic device
- Do not walk with headphones on
- Be aware of surroundings
- Always walk on the sidewalk if one is available; if a child must walk on the street, he or she should face oncoming traffic
- Look left, right, then left again before crossing the street
- Cross only at crosswalks

And remember: Just because you see a car doesn't mean they see you. They may be on their device and not looking at the road.

*[CDC.gov/motovehiclesafety/pedestrian_safety](https://www.cdc.gov/motovehiclesafety/pedestrian_safety)



August 5 ★ 1 to 4 p.m.

16330 SOUTH PARK AVENUE

Featuring "Going Back to School Giveaway"

★ **COMMUNITY FUN!** ★

FACE PAINTING, BALLOONIST, LIVE REPTILES, GIVEAWAYS
MAGICIAN, BURGERS & HOTDOGS, PRIZES, & MORE!

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 8 - 14, 2017

SHFD ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 7, 2017 - 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

According to the National Archives and Records Administration, Fire Prevention Week is on record as the longest running public health observance. Commemoration of this important week began in 1922.

Fire prevention became more widely recognized as President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed October 4-10, 1925 as the first National Fire Prevention Week. This presidential action began a tradition of the office of the President of the United States. It is observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls, in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire. The fire began October 8, 1871, and did most of its damage October 9, killing more than 250 people, leaving 100,000 homeless, destroying more than 17,400 structures, and burning more than 2,000 acres.

The Village of South Holland joins in commemoration of National Fire Prevention Week by hosting the annual Parade of Lights on October 10. Themed "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!," the week of October 8-14 is an opportunity for communities to reinforce why every resident needs to have an escape plan.

The National Fire Protection Association's key campaign messages are as follows:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Leading into the week, the South Holland Fire Department will host its annual Open House on Sat., Oct. 7, at Fire Station 1, 16230 Wausau Avenue. Residents are invited to take part in fire station tours and look inside fire apparatus that are dispatched to address local emergencies. Other activities are planned for the day, including the graduation for members of the 2017 Citizens Fire Academy. Open House is expected to run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To learn more about fire prevention, visit the National Fire Protection Association website – nfpa.org.



NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 8 - 14, 2017

22ND ANNUAL FIRE & RESCUE PARADE OF LIGHTS - OCTOBER 10, 2017 - 7 P.M.

The South Holland Fire Department will host the annual PARADE OF LIGHTS in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14, 2017.

The department will be joined by many other suburban fire departments in a silent tribute to fallen firefighters and citizens who have suffered a loss in fire emergencies. Firefighting apparatus, including fire engines, fire aerial ladder trucks, squad cars, and ambulances, will form a lights only parade that will wind through the streets of the villages of South Holland, Thornton, and Homewood.

The Parade of Lights has been attended by hundreds of residents since its inception in 1996. This is a very quiet, reverent way that fire departments can pay their respect to not only the firefighters who have lost their lives in fires, but also to the civilians as well. "The way the emergency lights of the fire apparatus light up the night is really something to see," said a South Holland resident last year as the parade passed by her on 170th Street last year. Annually, nearly forty various firefighting apparatus participate in this parade. The PARADE OF LIGHTS will take place on TUESDAY,

OCTOBER 10, 2017. There will be a brief public service 7 p.m. at Thorn Creek Reformed Church (1875 E. 170th Street); the parade will begin there at 7:30 p.m. The parade will then wind through the streets of South Holland, Thornton and Homewood, ending at the Homewood Fire Station (17950 Dixie Highway) in honor of Homewood Firefighter, Brian Carey, who gave the "supreme sacrifice" while fighting a structure fire in Homewood.

PARADE ROUTE

The parade starts at Thorn Creek Reformed Church. It will head west on 170th Street, turn north on Cottage Grove Avenue, turn east on 166th Street, turn north on Dobson Avenue, turn west on 165th Street, turn north on Cottage Grove Avenue, turn west on 162nd Street (Route 6), and turn south on South Park Avenue. The parade will continue onto Eleanor Street in Thornton, turn south on Williams Street, turn west on Margaret Street, and continue through to Ridge Road in Homewood. Finally, turn north on Dixie Highway to end at the Homewood Fire Station, 17950 Dixie Highway in Homewood.

NEW TESTING FACILITY

MABAS Division 24 (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System), a consortium of south suburban fire departments for which the Village of South Holland is an active member, recently opened a new testing facility for aspiring firefighters candidates. This ambitious move aligns local hiring practices with national standards.

Aspiring firefighters can take the nationally required Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) in Homewood, IL. CPAT, now administered at the new facility, is considered legally defensible and non-discriminatory. Both the International Association of Fire Fighters and the International Association of Fire Chiefs endorse CPAT.

CPAT is an eight-event course of job-specific actions, such as a hose drag, ladder raise, and search and rescue that candidates must complete in less than 10 minutes and 20 seconds. The test serves as a true replica of the agility and ability needed to serve as a firefighter.

For now, the new Homewood facility will offer two testing sessions per month, with the potential to expand to as many as three times a week within a year, based on local demand.

Aspiring entry level firefighters can register online to take CPAT at the Homewood facility for \$125. The fee includes

a packet with exercises to help candidates prepare for the eight-event course, as well as provide an opportunity for candidates to attend orientation sessions. Additionally, candidates have the option to attempt two timed practice runs for \$39 each.

The Homewood facility also will provide computer-based testing for entry level firefighters, law enforcement officers, corrections officers, and emergency communications applicants.

CPAT, as a standardized and national recognized test, it is transferable to any department across the country that requires it. This means that a certified firefighter candidate can apply for multiple departments without having to travel or repeat the tests multiple times.

"This is a profession and we hold our people to high standards," said South Holland Deputy Fire Chief Bryant Krzik. "Now we have a consistently applied standard, physical fitness standard, to bring people in the door and establish that level of credibility, that level of professionalism, and that level of ability to respond to what the community needs," continued Krzik.



KEEP OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL

South Holland is as gorgeous as it gets! From our neighborhoods to our businesses, the village radiates its vision of a clean, bright and beautiful community. The village takes pride in maintaining the vibrancy of the community and we have the Department of Planning, Development and Code Enforcement (Code Enforcement) to thank. One of Code Enforcement's tenets is to keep our community beautiful one lawn at a time.

With summer in full swing, there are some challenges that come around this time of the year. One challenge is lawn care. We sometimes get too busy to think about our lawn and when we do find time, it's too hot outside! Luckily, Code Enforcement is very clear about the village's expectations. As documented by village ordinance, grass or weeds that exceed 6 inches is recognized as a code violation. This results in a code violation notice, which is

placed on your doorknob. It explains what the issue is and grants three days to fix the problem, i.e., cut your grass.

If the issue is not taken care of within those three days, Code Enforcement encourages you to call them and let them know why. They are understanding of many situations and may consider granting you an extension if your reason is valid. If the issue is not resolved and no phone call has been made, then Code Enforcement fines you a minimum of \$100 and sends out a service to cut the grass. This cost is also added to your initial fine amount.

Scheduling time to cut your grass is important in the village's efforts of maintaining the beauty of South Holland.

For questions concerning this ordinance, call 708-210-2915.

STAGNANT WATER

Stagnant water is a potential hazard and a violation of the village ordinance. It invites mosquitos, which carry many diseases that can be harmful to your health. The ordinance states that any stagnant water in pools, vaults, or garbage cans is against village code. If a resident is in violation, Code Enforcement sends a notice alerting residents of the timeframe in which to correct this violation. This notice states you may have 15-30 days to correct the violation. However large the body of water is the determinant of how long your period is to correct it.

If your water has been stagnate for a long period of time, Code Enforcement comes out and inserts Altosid Brickquets, which kill the mosquito larva, preventing them from growing. This chemical lasts for 90 days and is environmental friendly. Stagnant water may seem harmless, but it can become a serious issue should it be left alone for an extended period of time.

If you have questions about this ordinance, contact code at 708-210-2915.



WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE IN EFFECT THRU SEPTEMBER 14

Owners and/or occupants of premises having odd numbered street addresses may use Lake Michigan water for the purpose of lawn and garden sprinkling or car washing only on odd numbered days of the month, Monday through Saturday, and only between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Owners and/or occupants of premises having even numbered street addresses may use Lake Michigan

water for the purpose of lawn and garden sprinkling or car washing only on even numbered days of the month, Monday through Saturday, and only between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m.

These regulations are in effect from May 15 through September 14 of each year. Thank you for your cooperation!



INVESTING THEIR BEST IN THE CENTER

By Mikael Perkins

The South Holland Community Center is modernizing itself once again. Recreational Services, the managing department of the center, aims to please each and every customer. Recreational Services has made it a priority to keep the Community Center up-to-date and relevant. This fall, the center will undergo several projects that will enhance the customer experience.

One modernization project expected to be implemented this fall is the upgrade to the latest state-of-the-art exercise equipment in the Fitness Center. In 2014, Recreational Services secured a four-year lease agreement for cardio fitness equipment. Now is the time for Recreational Service to select new cardio equipment for the Fitness Center.

Customers appreciate and enjoy working out on equipment that they know is up-to-date and will give them the most efficient workout.

Along with cardio equipment upgrades, areas within the Community Center will undergo a makeover. These spaces include remodeling of the large conference room and restrooms. Also, vibrant artwork will line the walls to liven up corridors and hallways.

The Community Center is a signature space in South Holland for everyone's enjoyment and to meet desired recreational interests. The delivery of excellent customer care remains a top priority for the Department of Recreational Services, and they are glad to invest their best by providing the high quality service.




Family Swim Nights

◦ AUGUST 18 ◦ SEPTEMBER 22 ◦ OCTOBER 20
◦ SEPTEMBER 8 ◦ OCTOBER 6

Fridays
7:00-9:00pm **\$4 res. / \$7 non-res.**
NO ONE ADMITTED AFTER 8 PM

SOUTH HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER ◦ 501 E. 170TH STREET ◦ 708.331.2940



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SMALL STEPS TO CLEAN, BRIGHT, BEAUTIFUL

By Mikael Perkins



"Clean, Bright and Beautiful" is more than just a tagline in community beautification campaign. It is one of the four living and breathing themes of South Holland's Vision 2022 plan. Through the creation and promotion of aesthetically pleasing areas and by engaging residents and businesses in the process, the village is making tremendous strides towards the vision.

Achieving the vision of a clean, bright and beautiful community is a significant undertaking that requires dedication, perseverance, and patience. It does not happen overnight. Rather, the vision comes alive one project at a time.

The Department of Public Works took charge of the most recent community beautification project, which is on display as residents and visitors pass by Village Hall on 162nd Street and Wausau Avenue. Department team members

worked diligently this summer to install brackets on light poles, followed by placing hanging baskets filled with vibrantly colored flowers from the poles. This small investment has proven to be a beautiful investment in the community.

Although only a few light poles around Village Hall and in the Town Center District are donned with flower hanging baskets, this is the first phase of the project. Additional brackets and baskets will be installed next year along portions of Cottage Grove Avenue.

From aesthetically attractive exteriors of local businesses and homes to the creation of new public spaces and features, such as Town Center Commons and the new nature observation deck at Veterans Memorial Park, the Village of South Holland is taking small steps to a clean, bright and beautiful community.

EXERCISE MIND AND BODY AT SHPL

South Holland Public Library has a lot to offer this month to strengthen the mind and body.

BEGINNING YOGA

6 p.m. Monday, August 7
North Meeting Room

Yoga has the power to calm the mind and strengthen the body. Bring a mat or towel and water. Chairs will be available. Call 708-527- 3160 to register.

BEGINNING COMPUTERS & INTERNET CLASSES

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 8
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, August 10

LEARN SOUL LINE DANCING

hosted by Dawn the Dancing Deeva
2 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays in August (9, 16, 23, and 30)
North Meeting Rooms. All dance levels are welcome. Call 708-527- 3160 to reserve your spot in line.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Featured book: Secrets of a Charmed Life
2 p.m. Thursday, August 17

NATURAL HAIR CARE TIPS FOR CHILDREN

hosted by Renosha Hill
6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 17
North Meeting Room

Hair is an important cultural reflection for a child and caring for it correctly should be simple and routine. Prizes, crafts and fun for the entire family. Call 708-527- 3160 to register.

TAI CHI: A GENTLE WAY TO FIGHT STRESS

hosted by Brian Thompson, B Fit, B New 4 Life
7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 29
North Meeting Room

Often described as meditation in motion, tai chi promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movements. RSVP by calling 708-527- 3160.

The library's address is 16240 Wausau Avenue.



Aug. 26 - Dance

Town Center Commons

Social Event

3-8pm

161st Street & South Park Ave.
South Holland, IL

Line Dancing | Dance Contests
Live Band Performances
Face Painting | Caricature Artist
Food Trucks | Frozen Treats
Raffle Prizes

EVENT PARKING AVAILABLE:
Corner of 160th Place & South Park Ave.,
Veterans Park, & Roosevelt Park
(161st & Louis Ave.)



Movie in the Park
featured film,
Beauty and
the Beast,
follows the social
at Veterans
Memorial Park

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• VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKERS •

South Holland 2017-18 Vehicle Stickers
STICKERS PURCHASED AUGUST 1 OR LATER
INCUR A \$100 LATE FEE.

• Stickers purchased August 1 or later incur a \$100 late fee.
Reminder: Any vehicle registered to a South Holland address is
required to have a South Holland vehicle sticker regardless of
it being parked on the street, in a driveway, or garage. It is the
law.

PRICES:

Passenger Car: \$40
Truck & Motor Home: \$55
Truck C & Higher: \$95
Motorcycle: \$20



**GARAGE SALE PERMIT: \$5
& DOG TAG/LICENSE: \$10**

Senior Citizens (65 years & older) receive 50 percent discount.
For more information, scan QR code or visit the village website -
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vehicle-stickers/](http://www.south-holland.org/departments/clerk-collector/vehicle-stickers/)

SOUTH HOLLAND MUNICIPAL BAND

2017 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Thursday **AUGUST 24TH**
Veteran's Park - 7 p.m.

Monday - **SEPTEMBER 4TH**
Paarlberg Farm - 3 p.m.

Locations:

Holland Home - 163rd & Wausau Avenue
Veterans Memorial Park - 520 East 160th Place
Paarlberg Park - 172nd & Paxton Avenue

RESIDENT YOU SHOULD KNOW: CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, RANDY MOES, CHOSEN AS VAN LUNEN FELLOW

By Ronda Williams

Calvin Christian principal and South Holland resident, Randy Moes, was chosen as a Van Lunen Fellow for the 2017-2018 school year. This year-long program developed for Christian educators in leadership roles in the U.S. and Canada helps them to develop and strengthen executive management skills in this dynamic educational environment.

Leading a school requires professional expertise in marketing, communications, organizational development, strategy, revenue growth, and financial management, all of which can be overwhelming and challenging. This often overshadows the Christian school movement.

The Van Lunen Center provides executive management guidance, support and structure for Christian administrators to thrive in a Christian school environment.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to be one of twenty fellows chosen," says Randy Moes. "This is something I have wanted to do for a while and I am so grateful."



Moes's calling into Christian education actually started on a quest to be an architect. But God had plans for Randy that would bring him to South Holland as Calvin Christian's principal.

With encouragement and support from his family and friends, Randy recognized and accepted the calling on his life.

Growing up in British Columbia, Canada, Moes had the opportunity to learn leadership skills and grow in his calling as an educator. "I loved the opportunity to be around kids, mentoring and volunteering at summer camps," says Moes. "Being a youth group leader and a member of student council was just a part of my DNA."

After receiving his degree from Trinity Western University in BC, Canada, Moes taught third and fourth grade for several years at his elementary school. He later moved to the Dominican Republic where he taught third grade for two years and also was blessed to meet his wife.

They later moved to South Holland and have been residents for 14 years. Moes and his wife have three children, who all attend Calvin Christian, and a foster child.

"Now in my seventh year at Calvin, I hope that through this Van Lunen fellowship I am better prepared to lead our students to be further equipped as disciples of Jesus Christ."

Calvin Christian School has been a part of South Holland for 106 years. It boasts a student body of 250 from pre-k through 8th grade. As a diverse Christian body of students and faculty, the school emphasizes Christian perspectives in every single subject.

"From the arts and physical education to core curriculum, we believe Jesus is Lord of our lives and is reflected in every subject that we teach," says Moes.

Moes began his fellowship in July 2017 and will complete the program in July 2018.

The Van Lunen Center
EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT IN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
A Center of CALVIN COLLEGE

BUDDIG BUYS RUPARI FOOD SERVICES

A wholly owned subsidiary of Carl Buddig and Co. has reached an agreement to purchase all assets of Rupari Food Services, producer of branded and private label restaurant-quality barbecued meats, including Tony Roma's and Butcher's Prime retail brands.

Rupari expects the sale will be completed within 90 days.

"Acquiring the assets of Rupari makes good business sense for Buddig as we expand our portfolio of fresh, great tasting and affordable meats. It gives us immediate access to an attractive pre-cooked BBQ segment and allows us to strategically grow our nationwide footprint," said Bob Buddig, CEO of Carl Buddig and Co.



"We have worked diligently to overcome our capital structure issues, along with legacy legal issues the company has been struggling with for the past few years. We are very pleased with our progress from an operational efficiency standpoint, however, the company still faces liquidity issues," said Rupari CEO Jack Kelly. "After careful review of a wide range of available options, management and the board of directors determined that a sale of the company is in the best interests of all constituents, including our valued customers and employees."

Buddig added, "We are also excited to welcome an experienced and dedicated team of employees to the Buddig family and we are confident that the team will continue to provide the highest levels of service to their customers."

Rupari Foods (pictured above) is located at 15600 Wentworth Avenue, South Holland.

COOK COUNTY BOARD APPROVES TAX INCENTIVE FOR VILLAGE BUSINESS

Cook County commissioners have approved a proposal from board President Toni Preckwinkle's Bureau of Economic Development that will provide a tax incentive to a business in South Holland.

The Class 8 incentive, which will create three new jobs and save 50 existing jobs, was approved for Eagle Express Lines. Other incentives were approved for Oak Forest, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg, and Streamwood.

"The companies receiving these incentives have demonstrated their commitment to our communities and residents," Preckwinkle said. "I'm pleased that we are able

to use our tax incentive tools to either keep or expand businesses in Cook County."

Eagle Express Lines is a truck repair and storage facility at 16901 Van Dam Road. The company is using its incentive to expand its facility. That expansion will create three full-time jobs, retain 50 full-time jobs and support five construction jobs.

For more about the tax incentive programs offered by the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, visit www.cookcountyil.gov/economicdevelopment.

CMAP OUTLINES VISION

The South Holland comprehensive planning process is nearing completion. Readers may recall learning that the Village of South Holland was successful in securing a local technical assistance grant through the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) for the purpose of creating a comprehensive plan for the Village. A comprehensive plan outlines the vision of what a community desires to become, as well as, the process that will allow it to realize that vision. It also provides a framework for development and investment goals, and explores changing community trends, identifies emerging challenges, and promotes new opportunities.

The Village's current comprehensive plan was adopted in 1989; however, Vision 2022 was adopted in 2012 and spoke to many of the elements normally included in a comprehensive plan. The four main themes of Vision 2022 are as follows: Responsible and Progressive Leadership, A Connected Community, Clean, Bright and Beautiful, and Signature Spaces and Places. Each of these themes has its own specific goals, strategies, and action steps.

Because of the thoroughness of Vision 2022, CMAP did not see value in identifying entirely new directions for the Village. Instead, they felt that the new comprehensive plan should help structure and implement the recommendations of Vision 2022, and identify high priority recommendations for action.

At the June 20, 2017 Mayor's Coffee, CMAP was present to provide an update on the comprehensive plan and discuss potential recommendations based on the following elements:



- Land Use and Development

- Economic Development
- Housing
- Transportation and Circulation
- Natural Environment and Water Systems
- Community Facilities
- Image and Identity.

These elements were then matched with Vision 2022's elements and goals to create the following draft priority recommendations:

1. Strengthen and expand South Holland's economic base to provide a more diverse and robust economic base for the Village
2. Town Center District, Interstate Zoning District, and the Route 6 Corridor – develop near and long term strategies for South Holland's Town Center District and Interstate Zoning District (IZD), and improve the Village's main commercial corridor
3. Support for South Holland's industrial sector by building on the sector's existing strengths and focusing on the future.
4. Living In South Holland – identify South Holland's most important assets and address its deficiencies to strengthen community pride and attract new residents
5. Flooding and Water Supply – strengthen the Village's water and sewer infrastructure system, reduce flood impacts, and protect water quality.

Each of these priority recommendations had various strategies attached to them. These draft strategies were communicated to the audience for their feedback and comments, some of which generated a fair amount of lively discussion!

The next step is for a final draft of documents to be reviewed and then posted online for public review, which is expected to happen in August 2017. Following the public review period, the final draft is expected to be presented to the Village Board for adoption in September 2017.



At a recent Mayor's Coffee, Stephen Ostrander (pictured) from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, along with his colleagues Donald Hughes and Kate Evasic, outlined the agency's recommended comprehensive plan for the community.

MOTHER, SON RECEIVE GEDS IN CEREMONY AT SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

By Ronda Williams

Like all spring High School Equivalency graduations at South Suburban College in South Holland, this year's ceremony marked the culminating event of an amazing educational journey. Clad in the traditional light blue caps and gowns and marching to Edward Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance, the graduates were led in the procession by South Suburban College's Board of Trustees and executive leadership. This year's ceremony was unprecedented as two of those walking across the stage to receive their diplomas were mother and son, Silvia Huizar Navarro and Guillermo Herrera.

This mother and son duo provided each other with the perfect recipe of love and support to ensure each successfully completed High School Equivalency classes at South Suburban College.

"My husband and I have worked together to give our children a better life," says Huizar Navarro. "I wanted to get my General Education Diploma (GED) to teach my children that they have to continue studying if they want to have a better life. It was amazing walking across the stage with my son. It was an incredible experience."

Herrera echoed those sentiments. "It felt a little weird sharing the stage with my mom, but the experience has provided inspiration to keep doing what I love to do. I'm more than proud of my mother for graduating, and others were proud of both of us."

What Herrera loves to do is work with computers and hopes to continue his education by enrolling in computer hardware and engineering courses at South Suburban College. His plan is to eventually transfer to a four-year university. "In 10 years, I see myself owning my own computer company while also doing something computer-related in the entertainment industry."

Mom feels her journey is just beginning, as well. Huizar Navarro, a native of Guadalajara, Mexico, admits that her biggest obstacle to success was the lack of formal education in her country and the language barrier as a student in the United States.

"I had to split my time between caring for my children, working on weekends, and studying in my free time," she said. Passing the English portion of the GED test was the first hurdle that she overcame. Like her son, Huizar Navarro sees obtaining her GED diploma as the

beginning of her educational journey.

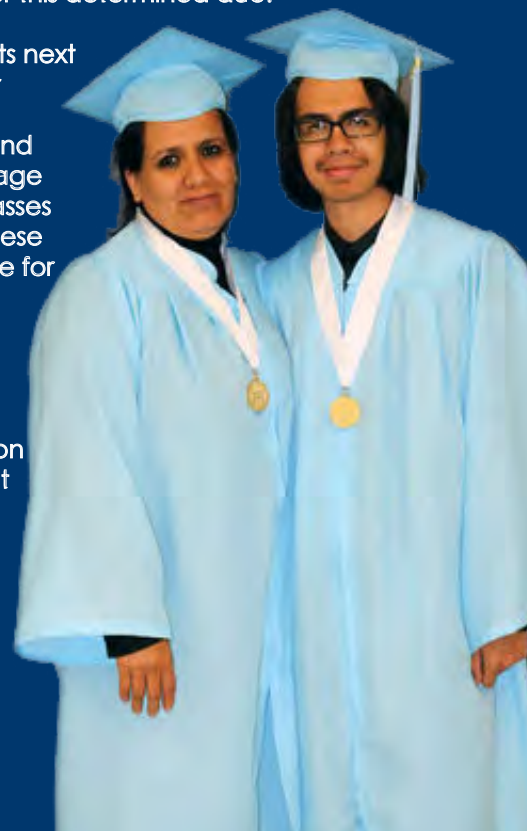
"My dream now is to become a registered nurse in a hospital. I'm already studying to become a Nursing Assistant," she said proudly.

Both Herrera and Huizar Navarro credit SSC's supportive Adult Education Department for their academic success. Huizar Navarro describes her months at SSC as "incredible and interesting," while Herrera says it was a "great experience meeting new people and having a supportive teacher."

Seeing the admiration and love each has for the other, there's no doubt that the personal support system they've developed over the past few months will continue to inspire them to attain their future respective goals.

Huizar Navarro went on to state, "I hope the adult education program at SSC lasts for generations for people who did not finish their studies. It's very rewarding when you finish." Perhaps another mother/son walk across the SSC Performing Arts Center stage in the future for this determined duo!

SSC will have its next registration for High School Equivalency and English Language Acquisition classes Sept. 11-13. These classes are free for all Illinois residents. For more information, contact the Adult Education Department at 708-596-2000, ext. 2385 or ext. 2240.



WISDOM FROM OUR CHURCHES

EXPERIENCING LIFE

"Hello," South Holland. I have some questions for you, as well as, answers that are sure to work. What do you do when life "happens?"... When you are feeling overwhelmed?... When you feel that you are "on top" of things and then you get a diagnosis from the doctor that devastates you to the very core of your soul?... What do you do? How do you respond to the challenges and vicissitudes of life?... Death of a loved one, crime, lack of agreement on governmental issues, hunger, racism, terrorist activities, and everyone doing what they seem as right in their eyes just as the people did in Judges 17:6 - "In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

There are many solutions that come across the minds of people who ponder the conditions which are affecting their lives today. However, the answer that I propose and the answers that I know will work for us is found in the Bible, the Word of God. God tells us in John 16:33 - "These things I have spoken unto you that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." So as we look only unto Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith, we can, with confidence, believe that He is a shield for us during

these times. He is Jehovah Rapha, our Healer and He is the lifter up of our heads. God is our only source. It is He who delivers us and is our refuge and strength, a very present help in the time of trouble. It is He who is our "hiding place" because of His mighty power and because there's nothing that He cannot do.

We are in the season of summer. And because of the brightness of this new season, which is in the SON, we can face the challenges of life with hope in Him because He has our best interest at hand. God knows the plans that He has for us.....plans to prosper us and give us an expected end.

Evangelist Betty Wilson
Breaking of Bread Fellowship



SOUTH HOLLAND MASTER CHORALE, ALBERT M. JACKSON, DIRECTOR GALA 20TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

Organized in the early 1970s as the South Suburban Chorale by professor J. Albert Kindig at what was then Thornton Junior College, the South Holland Master Chorale has been a major cultural force in the Chicago south suburbs, providing the finest in choral literature, performed with a high degree of professional artistry. For the past 20 years the Chorale has flourished under the direction of Albert M. Jackson, who has continued the original legacy of

the group, which now operates under the auspices of the Village of South Holland. This gala 20th anniversary season serves as a retrospective of two decades of musical excellence, and as a preview of future seasons which promise to be as exciting and fulfilling as the past. Further information and details are available on the website, www.southhollandmasterchorale.org

Looking Back, Looking Ahead

*Two concert dates/locations:

Sunday, October 8, 2017
4:00 pm

St. Irenaeus Catholic Church
78 Cherry St.,
Park Forest, IL 60466

Sunday, October 15, 2017
4:00 pm

First Reformed Church of
South Holland
15924 South Park Ave.,
South Holland, IL 60473

17th Annual Christmas Concert

*Two concert dates/locations:

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017
4:00 pm

St. Victor Catholic Church
553 Hirsch Ave.,
Calumet City, IL 60409

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017
3:00 pm (please note time!)

St. Maria Goretti
Catholic Parish
500 Northgate Dr.,
Dyer, IN 46311

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute

Saturday, January 13, 2018
10 a.m.

Christ Community Church
1151 East 170th Street,
South Holland, IL 60473



The Mystery of Mozart: Requiem Mass

*Two concert dates/locations:

Sunday, April 29, 2018
3:00 pm (please note time!)

Covenant United Church of
Christ
1130 E 154th St.,
South Holland, IL 60473

Sunday, May 6, 2018
4:00 pm

St. Andrew the Apostle
Catholic Church
768 Lincoln Ave.,
Calumet City, IL 60409

LEAGUE CHAMPS



South Holland Little League Majors Champions, SH Angels, sponsored by Anytime Fitness.

NIU STUDENT GLENNITA WILLIAMS SHARES STAGE WITH MICHAEL PHELPS

South Holland's own Glennita Williams was invited to Washington D.C. by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, the nation's largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. The program honors middle and high school students for outstanding service, and has recognized more than 120,000 young people since it was created in 1995.

Williams was an award recipient in 2011, and this year she was invited to share the stage with Olympian Gold Medalist Michael Phelps during the program's annual gala and awards dinner at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. As a guest speaker, Williams spoke on a panel about her experiences in nonprofits and as an undergraduate student at Northern Illinois University (NIU), where she is pursuing a degree in political science with an aspiration to become a U.S. Senator and to work on the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs.

The recognition is due in part to the nonprofit Williams founded in 2008 at age 11, America's Guardian Angels (AGA). AGA is a foundation committed to supporting men and women serving the United States of America.

As a young student in South Holland's School District 150, Williams started AGA when her friend's father was deployed to Iraq. She emailed him to see what he needed, and he told her he was craving Twinkies. Williams decided to ask her fifth grade teacher and classmates to help her collect Twinkies.

In just 10 days, Williams collected and shipped more than 1,000 Twinkies to Iraq. The project grew each year, and to date, thousands of soldiers have benefitted from her efforts and hundreds of veterans have received care packets. Currently, Williams is developing projects through AGA that she hopes to bring to NIU to raise awareness about those who serve in the military.



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 (708) 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.



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Paarlberg Fest

Hosted by the South Holland Historical Society.

Labor Day

September 4

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at the historical Paarlberg Park,
173rd and Paxton Avenue.

Featured at Paarlberg Festival will be the South Holland Municipal Band and the South Holland Master Chorale, line dancing by Janelle, dramatic reading of Sojourner Truth, kids activities, arts and crafts vendors, and food vendors.



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