



South Holland **TODAY**

NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017



Love Thy Neighbor Dessert Social October 23, 2017 7 - 8:30 pm



**LOVE THY NEIGHBOR DESSERT SOCIAL IS HOSTED BY
SOUTH HOLLAND NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL - 17101 SOUTH PARK AVE

RSVP BY CALLING 708-210-2947 OR EMAIL TNEWMAN@SOUTHHOLLAND.ORG

HAPPENINGS

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT

Between 4 and 7 p.m. Tues., Oct. 31, children can trick or treat for Halloween.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

In observance of upcoming holidays – Columbus Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day, most municipal facilities will be closed on October 9, November 10 and 23. Police and fire remain open 24 hours a day.

MAYOR'S COFFEE

The next Mayor's Coffee is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Dec. 12, at the South Holland Community Center, 501 East 170th Street.

COFFEE WITH FIREFIGHTERS

Residents can meet and talk with members of the Fire Department from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Oct. 7, and Nov. 4, and the first Saturday of every month, at Fire Station 1, 16230 Wausau Ave.

SOUTH HOLLAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Monthly meetings are held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the South Holland Community Center. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. The topic or speaker is posted on the SHBA calendar at its website at www.shba.org.

COMMUNITY POLICING MEETINGS



The South Holland Police Department hosts two Community Policing Meetings every month - one daytime and one evening, for the convenience of residents. The meetings, held at the South Holland Community Center, are open to all South Holland residents and will address the concerns of the Village of South Holland as a whole.

Daytime Meeting:
2nd Tuesday of Every Month
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Evening Meeting:
4th Monday of Every Month
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



DON'T LET THAT FRIED TURKEY RUIN THANKSGIVING DINNER

By Ronda Williams

With the holiday season coming soon, it is important to think about fire safety and prevention as you're preparing your annual family meal. 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 can be prevented.

COOKING

Home fires on Thanksgiving Day cause more property damage and claim more lives than home fires on other days in the year. The increase is troubling as it applies mostly to cooking fires in homes. In 2014, cooking fires accounted for over 1,700 reported home structure fires on Thanksgiving – that's almost four times the daily average.

It is easy to get wrapped up in entertaining guests, but it is important to monitor meal preparations since most cooking fires start when cooking is left unattended.

Another of the recent culprits for the increase of cooking fires during holidays is the turkey fryer. Turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at high temperatures, and many units currently available for use pose a significant tipping danger. The use of turkey fryers by consumers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries, and the destruction of property.

The following safe cooking tips can help to make your holiday dinner safe and enjoyable:

1. Always use cooking equipment tested and approved by a recognized testing facility.
2. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
3. Keep anything that can catch fire - potholders, towels or curtains - away from your stovetop.
4. Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
5. Wear short, close fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire.
6. Never use a wet oven mitt, as it presents a scald danger if the moisture in the mitt is heated.
7. Always keep an oven mitt and lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, put on an oven mitt and smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Don't remove the lid until it is completely cool.
8. If there is an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you and your clothing. Have the oven serviced before you use it again.

Source: NFPA

STAYING COZY AND WARM IN WINTER MEANS BEING FIRE SMART

Did you know that half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January and February? Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths. But it doesn't have to be. With a few simple safety tips and precautions, you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, such as the furnace, fireplace, wood stove and portable space heater.
- Have a "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

- Remember to turn portable space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Make sure the fire place has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Install smoke alarms in your home and test them monthly.
- Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning.
- If you smell gas in your home leave the home immediately and call the Fire Department.

If you have any questions regarding fire safety, call South Holland Fire Department's non-emergency number at 708-331-3123.





- Firefighter Memorial Dedication
- Live Extrication Demo
- Fire Prevention & Safety Tips
- UCAN Helicopter Onsite
- Station Tour
- Meet & Eat lunch with the South Holland Firefighters
- Climb in our fire trucks and ambulances

For more info:
(708) 331-3123
or
southholland.org

South Holland Fire Department

2017 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK (October 8-14)

"Every second counts: Plan two ways out!"

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 7, 2017

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Station #1 - 16230 Wausau Ave.

22nd Annual Fire and Rescue PARADE OF LIGHTS

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

7:00pm Service

Thorn Creek Reformed Church, 1875 East 170th St.

**Parade will begin immediately after the service, starting from Thorn Creek Reformed Church and concluding at the Homewood Fire Department, 17960 Dixie Highway.*



NEW LOCK BOX PROGRAM OFFERS NEEDED HELP TO SENIORS

By Ronda Williams

No one ever wants to consider worst case scenarios, but for seniors and physically handicapped adults who are often alone, being prepared for medical or safety emergencies is critical. So, the South Holland Fire Department offers residents a lockbox program that allows home access when a medical emergency or imminent danger arises.

When a resident dials 911 they may not be able to open the door when paramedics or firefighters arrive, increasing the likelihood of forcible entry and property damage. For seniors, the most common type of medical emergency is an unexpected fall. It's at this critical time that every second counts. In this case first responders would be forced to break through a door or a window causing damage, costing money and wasting valuable time.

Having a lockbox available for first responders to enter the home would eliminate these impediments. The program is open to all eligible South Holland residents who either live alone or are left alone on a regular basis. This applies to:

- Elderly or physically handicapped
- Senior residents with a major medical problem which may result in the need for immediate emergency assistance.

HERE'S HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

1. The eligible participant will contact the South Holland Fire Department Fire Prevention Office to receive the

- requirements for installation of the lockbox. 331-3123
2. A time and date will be scheduled for installation. Prior to installation, the resident must provide a spare house key to the door being accessed.
3. The Fire Department will determine the best location for the lockbox. The location will allow quick access for emergency responders, but will not be readily visible to pedestrian traffic.
4. The lockbox will only be used following an emergency call and when responders can't gain access without using force.
5. There is no cost for this program other than the cost of the spare key that you supply. However, once funds from the Fire Prevention Fund and other donations run out, there will be a \$35.00 fee for the lockbox.
6. A participant may withdraw from the lockbox program at any time by contacting the Fire Prevention Office. The lockbox will be removed from the home and the key is returned to the participant.
7. Participants will be contacted annually to insure records stay current and door locks haven't been changed.

This program is currently funded through South Holland's Fire Prevention Fund and also through donations from local organizations which include the Full-Time Firefighters Local 4109 and the Fire Department Association.



SOUTH HOLLAND HONORS FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS IN ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS

The South Holland Fire Department, along with the Homewood and Dolton Fire Departments, will host the **22nd annual Parade of Lights in honor of firefighters who have died or have been injured in the performance of their duties.**

The Parade of Lights will take place 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 10 starting with a remembrance service at Thorn Creek Reformed Church, 1875 East 170th Street in South Holland. **Following the service, fire and rescue vehicles from surrounding south suburban communities will**

travel through South Holland, Thornton, and Homewood, ending at the Homewood Fire Department, 17950 Dixie Highway, Homewood IL.

This annual event coincides with National Fire Prevention Week, the longest national public health observance in history. The longevity of this observance shows the **commitment and importance of fire awareness and safety for everyone, everywhere.**

Residents, families and friends are encouraged to attend the service and parade.





TRICK-OR-TREAT! HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Nothing is more fun for kids on Halloween than trick-or-treating. Collecting candy 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 ten safety tips 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.
- Join the fun at a local Trunk or Treat.
- Don't hesitate to call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.

**OCTOBER 31,
4 TO 7 P.M.**

ENJOY YOUR
TRICK-OR-TREATING
AND
REMEMBER TO BE SAFE!

BE A GIVER! SUPPORT THE SHFD ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

The South Holland Fire Department and members of local 4109 are hosting their annual toy drive in support Restoration Ministries, and they're hoping you'll join them in helping local families in need during the Christmas holiday. Anyone wishing to participate must donate new and unwrapped toys. All toys collected are then given to Restoration Ministries for their annual toy sale, where parents can purchase new toys for pennies on the dollar.

This program allows many families a chance to give their children gifts on Christmas day. The proceeds of the sale support other year-long programs at Restoration Ministries. Anyone wishing to donate toys can drop them off at Fire Station 1, 16230 Wausau Ave, between November 26th and December 16th.

Your contributions are appreciated.

FALL BACK November 5 - 2 a.m.



Reminder to
change clock
and change
batteries
in smoke
and carbon
monoxide
detectors.

SOUTH HOLLAND NAMES NEW CHIEF



Newly appointed Police Chief Shawn Staples pictured with his predecessor, Retired Chief Greg Baker (center) and Mayor Don A. DeGraff.

Deputy Chief Shawn Staples has been selected to become the South Holland Police Department's new police chief. Staples succeeds Chief Greg Baker, who retired October 2, after 34 years in law enforcement and 8 years with the department.

"I'm excited to appoint Deputy Chief Shawn Staples to become our new South Holland Police Chief," said Village Mayor Don De Graff. "Shawn has 25 years of experience in all facets of police work, supervising, training, investigating, conducting surveillance, and leading a variety of policing initiatives. Shawn is a born leader who has unique gifts to not only carry on Chief Baker's great legacy, but to plan and create additional public safety nuances that will utilize modern technology and provide new cutting edge policing techniques. He will work ahead of the curve to maintain and increase South Holland's Police Department's recognition as the best in the region, providing the highest level of safety and security for our South Holland residents and businesses."

Deputy Chief Staples joined the SHPD in 2002 as a patrolman and worked his way up through several promotions to become the Deputy Chief in 2016. Shawn has spent time as School Resource Officer at Thornwood HS, SWAT, and Detective Lieutenant. He is a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), where he is an active leader.

"I believe God chose me to go into law enforcement," said Deputy Chief Staples. "My interest in law enforcement started as a child and grew into a passion to serve the community I live in. My vision is to carry on the best of what South Holland has to offer and enhance community relationships between the SHPD, residents and businesses by working together on new initiatives."

Retired Chief Baker is grateful for his time as Chief of SHPD. Under his leadership, the village recorded its lowest crime statistics in 2013 and 2014, launched National Night Out, Meet the Chiefs and Walk and Talk. These programs exemplify the SHPD's commitment to working within and in partnership with residents and businesses. It was also under his leadership that he mentored Deputy Chief Shawn Staples to take on the role of Chief.

"I am extremely grateful for Chief Greg Baker's experience and outstanding years of service," said Mayor De Graff. "He has taken on roles that provide strong regional leadership within the Chicago Southland, as well as, being the chief architect to plan, lead and direct our South Holland Police Department to be the best public safety force in the entire Chicago Southland region. Greg has had a great career and has earned the respect of all of his peers and of those he has confidently lead throughout his many years of service. He will definitely be missed."

Andrew Johnson, Village Trustee and Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, said, "We are so grateful for Chief Baker's service. His professionalism, organized manner and heart for the community showed in every program he introduced. And we look forward to working with Deputy Chief Staples, who has shown great dedication to the SHPD. I am confident that his vision will carry on the great work that Chief Baker started."



Employment Opportunity

U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration is hiring a wide-range of temporary employees (loan specialists, lawyers, IT specialists, loss verifiers, administrative support, etc.) to assist with disaster relief efforts this hurricane season from September 1st to December 31st, 2017.

Please find below links to information regarding these temporary positions. Note: Bilingual language skills a plus.

IMPORTANT! For questions and instructions on how to apply, please refer to the individual job descriptions for more information. Please direct all correspondence to the specific email and/or phone number listed in the description.

SBA Disaster Assistance info: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance>

The SBA provides low-interest disaster loans to help small businesses and homeowners recover from declared disasters.

SBA Hurricane Response Job Descriptions:
<https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/hurricane-response-jobs-sba>

Positions as of 9/13/17:

- **Damage Verifiers**
<<https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/hurricane-response-jobs-sba#section-header-0>>
- **Lawyers, Paralegals and Legal Assistants**
<<https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/hurricane-response-jobs-sba#section-header-2>>
- **Loan Specialists**
<<https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/hurricane-response-jobs-sba#section-header-4>>
- **Program Support Assistant and Call Center Specialist**
<<https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/hurricane-response-jobs-sba#section-header-6>>
- **Customer Service Representatives and Public Information Officers**
<<https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/hurricane-response-jobs-sba#section-header-8>>
- **Customer Service Representatives**
<<https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/hurricane-response-jobs-sba#section-header-10>>
- **Information Technology Specialists (Customer support)**
<<https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/hurricane-response-jobs-sba#section-header-12>>
- **Construction Analysts (Loss Verifiers)**
<<https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/hurricane-response-jobs-sba#section-header-14>>
- **Administrative Support Assistants**
<<https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/hurricane-response-jobs-sba#section-header-16>>

Office of Intergovernmental Affairs U.S. Small Business Administration | www.sba.gov<<http://www.sba.gov>> <https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance>

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS COMPLETED AND UPCOMING PROJECTS

South Holland Public Works continues to create clean, bright and beautiful spaces throughout the village. This summer, Public Works completed several road resurfacing, and parks and public spaces projects for residents and guests to enjoy. Here's a list of some of their recent activities.

ROAD RESURFACING TOOK PLACE EARLIER THIS SUMMER AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- o 167th Street from Drexel Avenue to Ellis Avenue
- o 167th Place from Cottage Grove to Greenwood Avenue
- o Avalon Court off of 169th Street
- o 171st Court off of Paxton Avenue
- o Service Road leading into Paarlberg Park
- o Maicach Park parking lot
- o Municipal Park entrance
- o Community Center Lot was crack sealed and seal coated

PARKS/PUBLIC SPACES PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- 2 Pergolas and 2 safety bollards were installed this summer at the Town Center Commons.
 - o Tables and benches to be added this fall
- New bike rack installed at Veterans Parks
- Sidewalk and grading was completed at the observation deck and nesting boxes to attract local and migrant birds were installed at North Pond
 - o STET
- Planter baskets were installed along Wausau Avenue and Veterans Park area
- Landscaping was installed around the new gateways signs
 - o New playground equipment to be installed in various parks this fall to replace out dated equipment
- Elevated Water Tower at Fire Station 2 was equipped with LED lighting

PW UPCOMING EVENT:

- The next Electronic Recycling date will be Saturday, October 28th from 8am-Noon at the SH Library. This is a service available to South Holland residents only.



E-WASTE COLLECTION OCTOBER 28

The next 2017 E-Waste Collection is scheduled 8 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday this month in the rear parking lot of the South Holland Public Library.

Electronic waste, or "e-waste", is known as old electronic devices that are broken, outdated, discarded, or at the end of the useful life. This includes cell phones, laptops, desktop computers, monitors, tablets, PDAs, televisions, printers, fax machines, scanners, and many other electronic devices.

Collection Day: Saturday, October 28, 2017 - 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. South Holland residents only.

SEE WHAT'S NEW AND KICKING WITH REC SERVICES



By Ambria Ellison

As the South Holland Community Center transitioned into fall classes, new rigorous and invigorating options have been added to the roster. Among several new classes are Delta Force Kickboxing and Step Aerobics.

Delta Force Kickboxing combines core training, cardio kickboxing, boxing drills, high tempo music, and much more into a high-intensity interval training (HIIT) workout designed to burn anywhere from 500 to 1000 calories.

Step Aerobics, an oldie but goodie, emphasizes calorie burning, abdominal training and improving the cardiovascular system to ensure better heart health and stronger body composition.

Convenient online registration for classes and programs is available at southholland.org. Please contact the South Holland Community Center at 708-331-2940 for more information or questions.

HARVEST PARTY

By Ambria Ellison

October 26, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, the South Holland Community Center will host its annual Harvest Party. Children ages 3 to 12 are welcome to sign up to come out and enjoy multiple activities, such as costume judging contests, craft projects, candy bags, and pumpkin decorating. If interested in pumpkin decorating, children must bring their own pumpkin. Materials will be provided.

Registration is required and available until October 13 or while space remains. This event is free to South Holland residents, but proof of residency is required upon registration. For further questions, please contact the South Holland Community Center at 708-331-2940.



SOUTH HOLLAND MASTER CHORALE GALA 20TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON



LOOKING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD CONCERTS

Sunday, October 8, 4:00 p.m.
St. Irenaeus Catholic Church
78 Cherry St., Park Forest

Sunday, October 15, 4:00 p.m.
First Reformed Church
15924 South Park Ave., South Holland
(reception follows this concert)

The South Holland Master Chorale begins their 20th Anniversary Season with the first piece ever performed under the direction of Mr. Jackson – the mighty “Last Words of David” by American composer Randall Thompson.

Other works from the chorale’s first season are coupled with favorites from throughout the past 20 years, as well as, new works never yet sung by the chorale. A preview of works to be heard in the chorale’s Christmas and spring concerts, and their ever-popular presentation of spirituals, will round out the program. SHMC invites you to come to either (or both!) of their concert venues to hear works by Randall Thompson, Gabriel Faure, Nathaniel Dett, and many others, as well as, selections from Vivaldi’s “Gloria” and Mozart’s “Requiem.” For more information, email chorale@southholland.org, call 708-210-2913, or visit the chorale’s website – southhollandmasterchorale.org.

SOUTH HOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY ISN'T JUST FOR READING

By Ambria Ellison

Have you ever wanted to get involved in your community but didn't know how or where to go? Well, look no further! South Holland's Public Library hosts multiple events throughout the year to keep its citizens engaged and active through community events. Just to name a few, in recent weeks, the library has hosted a historical seminar on the Chicago Stockyards, yoga and Pilate sessions, tips for retirement planning, a movie viewing of Like Water for Chocolate, holiday card making, and a book discussion of “Everything I Never Told You” by Celeste Ng. In South Holland having fun isn't hard when you have access to the local library!

Don't miss . . .
POWER PILATES
with Coach Robin Renee
Tuesdays: October 3 & 10
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

For more information regarding future events, please contact the public library at 708-331-5262. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 10AM – 9PM, Friday 10AM – 6PM, Saturday, 10AM – 5PM, Sunday closed.



SOUTH HOLLAND UPHOLDS QUALITY OF LIFE AS TOP PRIORITY

By Ronda Williams

Quality of life attracts new residents to South Holland and is a value that long-term residents treasure. As a community founded on faith, family and future, a positive and thriving neighborhood made up of engaged residents and businesses is a value that everyone can agree upon.

Working collectively, the village can maintain these values. To do that, the South Holland Police Department has compiled a list of village ordinances that keep the community focused on creating a positive quality of life for all.

PETS

- All dogs must have a Village dog tag and it must be displayed when off owner's property.
- Dog tags must be purchased every year.
- Limit to 3 dogs / cats within a residence. A litter of animals may only be kept for a limit of 4 months.
- It is illegal for an animal to be a public nuisance, for example barking and disturbing your neighbors.
- It is illegal for an animal to defile or defecate on public property or the property of another without the immediate removal by pet owner.
- NO DOGS are allowed in South Holland parks.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash 6 feet or less.
- It is unlawful to keep exotic or wild animals.

RECREATIONAL SERVICES

- Parks may be used from dawn until sunset unless otherwise specified.
- NO alcoholic beverages are allowed on park property.
- NO unauthorized motor vehicles on paths or grassy areas.
- Permits are required for the following situations:
 - o Groups of 30 or more
 - o Sale of any item on park property
 - o Use of a sound amplification system

- o Use of special facilities
- o Meetings, assemblies, celebrations, socials, recreational and athletic events
- o Camping

- Permits for park use can be obtained from the South Holland Community Center located at 501 E. 170th Street.

RESIDENTS

- All residences with an alarm installed are required to obtain an alarm permit and to renew that alarm permit yearly.
- Curfew for children under the age of 17 is Sun-Thu 11 PM, Fri-Sat 12:00 AM.
- No gambling.
- Unreasonable noise prohibited.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

- No walking in a roadway where sidewalks are available (which is also a State Law).
- No playing games in the street.
- No depositing snow on the roadway.

VEHICLES

- All vehicles registered to South Holland are required to have a current Village sticker.
- Loud music, heard more than 75 feet, from a vehicle is prohibited and is a mandatory vehicle impoundment.
- Inoperable vehicles may not be in public view.
- Oversize vehicles, trailers and boats must be stored behind the residence.
- No parking on or over sidewalks.
- No parking on grass or landscaping.
- Vehicles are required to have current registration.

ALCOHOL

- Retail sale of alcohol is prohibited within the Village of South Holland.
- Public intoxication is prohibited.



South Holland Police reminds residents that parking on or over sidewalks is prohibited.

NEW ART EXHIBITION AT SSC'S THIEL GALLERY

By Ambria Ellison

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Art and Design Department of South Suburban College (SSC) is pleased to present a solo exhibition in The Dorothea Thiel Gallery, entitled *Silent Witness* by Carmen Chami through October 11. On September 21, Chami delivered an art historical lecture at SSC on traditional pictorial techniques popularized in the 17th century and their relationship to her artistic techniques.

Chami (Mexico City, 1974) graduated with a degree in Art Restoration with a specialization in the great Masters of the seventeenth century of New Spanish Baroque. Her interest in Spanish Baroque allowed her to not only study a forgotten technique, but to recreate styles and patterns in unique work of art filled with rich color and light. Her paintings belong to important institutions, such as the Mexican Presidency, Marines Secretary, National University of Mexico,

Milenio Group, and the National Death Museum.

The public is welcome to view this new art exhibit at no charge. The Dorothea Thiel Gallery is located on the fourth floor and open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The galleries are closed weekends and holidays.



South Suburban College is located at 15800 South State Street. For more information, please contact at 708-596-2000 ext. 2316. Para Informacion En Español Llame 708-210-5740.

**THE HISTORY OF
SOUTH
HOLLAND
ILLINOIS
AND THE
FIRST
REFORMED
CHURCH**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17
7 P.M.**

**AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL,
443 E. 157TH STREET
PRESENTED BY RICH ZIMMERMAN.**

*The presentation is hosted by the
South Holland Historical Society*

DISTRICT 150 WANTS PARENTS INVOLVED

SOUTH HOLLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 150

EXCEEDING THE LIMITS!

By Ambria Ellison
As the school year progresses, there are multiple activities and events for students to partake in, but these activities don't exclude parents. Parents, if you have a child within District 150, please save the date for the activities and events that you and your child can partake in.

For example, Greenwood Elementary School has hosted Family Reading Night, Walk-a-Thon, Hispanic Heritage Celebration, and Harvest Day Celebration.

Also, McKinley Junior High hosted a Social Media Presentation catered to parents. Coming up within District 150 . . .

**Greenwood's Little King and
Queen Dance
November 18, 2017
16800 Greenwood Avenue**

Please contact Greenwood Elementary School at 708-339-4433 and McKinley Junior High at 708-339-8500 for more information, include a list of future events

SALUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES

Join us for a patriotic celebration honoring our military personnel, reservists and veterans for their courage and dedication.

Thursday, October 12, 2017 • 1 – 3 p.m.

Doors open at 12:00 p.m.

DoubleTree by Hilton

5000 West 127th Street • Alsip, IL

For additional information contact Joanna Voorhees at 708-781-4401

- **Noted Guest Speakers**
- **Honorees receive commemorative pin**
 - **Color guard ceremony**
- **POW – MIA Remembrance Service**
 - **Fellowship and appreciation**
- **Complimentary Refreshments**

If You Wore the Uniform... or know someone who did, contact us.

All local military personnel and veterans are invited to attend this memorable event.

Registration forms are due by October 6th. Mail form to:

Vitas Hospice, 8525 W. 183rd. Street, Tinley Park, IL 60487 or fax to 708-781-4365

Call Joanna Voorhees at 708-781-4401 or Joanna.Voorhees@Vitas.com for additional information

WISDOM FROM OUR CHURCHES

Fall is my favorite season. The crisp air of early morning sharpens my senses to the beauty around me. Deep green yields gradually to gold, yellow, brown, beige, red and orange. These stand out, bold and bright, a kaleidoscope of color on a canvas of brilliant blue. Autumn breezes rustle the leaves until they let go. They meander this way and that on their way down for a soft landing. The wind stiffens, producing a shower of leaves.

"O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:1a).

Have you noticed?

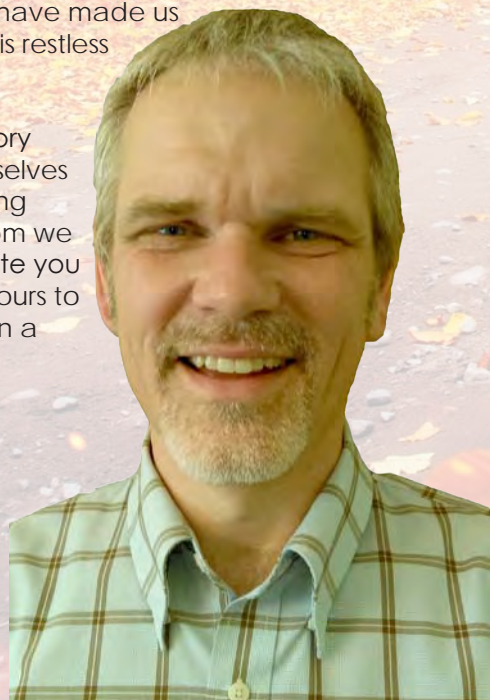
I know. You've been on the run all day, every day. It's all you can do to ensure everyone is where they need to be, armed with lunch-inclusive backpacks and still get to work on time. No traffic or train issues, please! You leave work and do it all in reverse. Today is soccer and violin. What about supper? By the time you flop in your favorite chair, it's dark.

I invite you to set aside one hour. You've got time. Step outside. Breathe in deeply. Through your nose. Smell Fall. Look up. Someone has prepared a visual feast for you. Listen. He is calling your name, inviting you to enjoy a glimpse, a whiff, a taste of his glory and beauty.

"You stir man to take pleasure in praising you," mused St. Augustine, "because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

The fleeting and fading glory of Fall point beyond themselves to the forever and unfading glory of Jesus Christ in whom we find true joy and rest. I invite you to set aside a few more hours to encounter him in worship in a South Holland church. He is calling your name.

Richard Zekveld,
Pastor of Covenant
Fellowship Church of
South Holland



BBB & COMED WARN OF UTILITY SCAMS

The Better Business Bureau and ComEd, which have a long standing business alliance of more than 90 years, are teaming up to warn consumers around the Chicago and Northern Illinois areas to watch out for fraud.

According to the Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker Risk Report, "Home Improvement Scams" were the #1 riskiest scams in the USA. Steve Bernas, president and CEO of BBB Chicago and Northern Illinois says, "Consumer safety is at the core of our mission and deceptive door-knockers often con consumers into agreements for shoddy home services or make attempts to steal money and I.D. information with false claims regarding their alarm, cable, or electric services."

Fidel Marquez, senior vice president of Governmental and External Affairs, ComEd, says they continue to see trends in a variety of energy-oriented scams. Those problems range from utility impersonators conning customers at their doorsteps to scammers calling to threaten service disconnect unless an immediate payment with a prepaid credit card is made.

"We are continuing to see an unsettling number of scams, including phone impersonations where scam artists call customers claiming they are a utility representative and proceed to swindle unsuspecting victims out of money or financial information," said Marquez. "We are committed to keeping our customers informed of activity that could impact their service or accounts, and we are pleased to join efforts with the Better Business Bureau to get the word out and raise greater awareness among our customers."

BBB and ComEd urge anyone encountering any type of scam to report it to the BBB Scam Tracker, and to call police if anyone attempts to scam you at your door. Anyone who believes he or she has been a target of a phone scam is urged to contact the Illinois Attorney General's office toll free at 1-800-386-5438 (TTY 1-800-964-3013) or visit the Illinois Attorney General's "Protecting Consumers" web site.

Customers can avoid being scammed by taking a few precautions:

- Do not feel compelled to open the door to anyone you don't know and always ask to see a company photo ID before allowing any worker into your home or business.
- Never provide social security or personal information to anyone initiating contact with you claiming to be a utility representative or requesting you to send money to another person or entity other than your local utility providers.
- When in doubt, check it out. Be skeptical of individuals wearing clothing with old or defaced company logos. If you have any doubts, ask to see a company photo ID.
- Never make payment for services to anyone coming to the door.
- For home repairs, always take the time to check references and ratings of the company before doing business with them.
- If customers have concerns about the status of their ComEd account, they can also contact the company at 1-800-EDISON1.

To learn more, visit ComEd.com/ScamAlert

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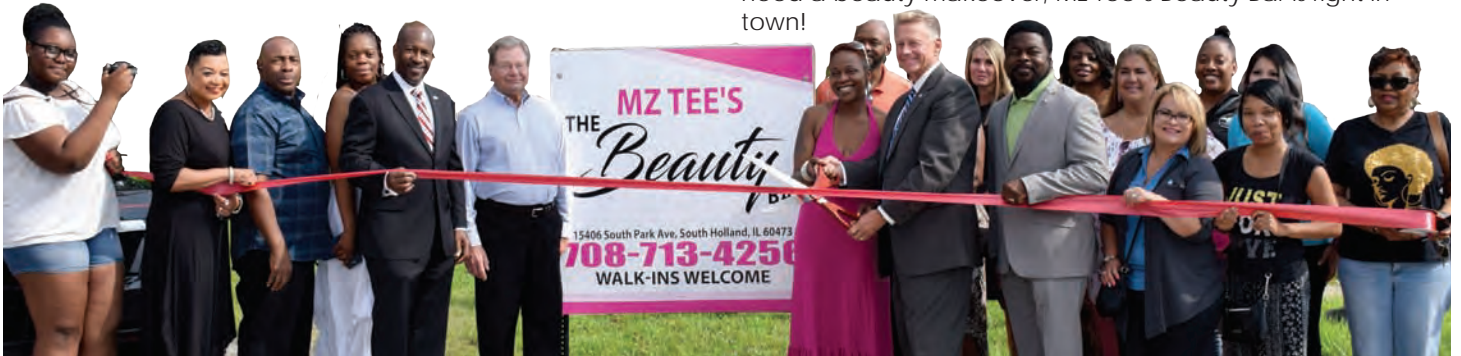


MZ TEE'S BEAUTY BAR BRINGS STYLE AND FLAIR

By Angela Harris

Tanika Covington recently turned her childhood passion into a lifetime career. Tanika transformed her love of creating unique hairstyles into her dream job right here in her hometown of South Holland, when she opened Mz Tee's Beauty Bar, located at 15406 South Park Avenue.

The salon is inviting and warm, offering customers a pampered retreat. Stylists are attentive and personalize hairstyles to give customers the right look and flair from traditional to modern, to adding highlighting colors and textures. There is no need to travel outside of South Holland to get the look that fits your style and personality. If you need a beauty makeover, Mz Tee's Beauty Bar is right in town!



A NATURAL APPROACH TO WELLNESS

Coming soon to the Village of South Holland is Vintage Scripts, a pharmacy with a more natural approach to health and wellness.

Vintage Scripts is currently under construction in the Town Center District at the northeast of 162nd Street and South Park Avenue. This new Business enterprise is a partnership of Robin Brown and Alan Alston that will provide customers with access to traditional medications, as well as, a line of natural holistic alternatives, such as essential oils and crystals. Also under construction at this site is The Grind, featuring coffee products, smoothies and fresh juice blends.

Vintage Scripts and The Grind, which are expected to open March 2018, recently hosted a dedication

ceremony, as pictured. Many members of the South Holland board and administration attended the ceremony, including Mayor Don De Graff, Village Clerk Sallie Penman, Trustees Cindy Nysten, Larry DeYoung, and Prince Reed.

Also in attendance at the dedication ceremony were members of the South Holland Business Association, as well as, village officials from the Village of Lynwood where Robin Brown is a resident. Also present were project developer Ralph Edgar, representatives of the building design team from JMA, the construction and project management team from Lagestee-Mulder Construction, and many family and friends of business owners Brown and Alston.





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