



South Holland **TODAY**

NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND
DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018



Winter Wonderland

December 1 & 2 – 6 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Park
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SOUTH HOLLAND'S

• **WINTER** •

WONDERLAND

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 6:00 P.M. • OPENING NIGHT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 6 P.M. • THE FUN CONTINUES
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK • 520 E. 160TH PLACE

**JOIN THE VILLAGE BOARD FOR
WINTER WONDERLAND'S OPENING NIGHT!**

OPENING NIGHT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **TREE LIGHTING**
- **MRS. CLAUS**
- **HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES**
- **ICE CARVING**
- **PUPPET SHOW**
- **LIVE MUSIC**

BOTH NIGHTS (DEC. 1 AND 2) INCLUDE:

- **VISITS WITH SANTA: OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN**
(Check-in for Santa: event night at Veterans Park, no pre-registration available at the Community Center)
- **KIDS TRAIN RIDES**
- **FACE PAINTING AND BALLOONS IN THE HEATED TENT**
- **AMAZING DISPLAY OF HOLIDAY LIGHTS**
- **KID'S CRAFTS** (December 2, 2017 only)
- **REFRESHMENTS AND MORE!**



**WINTER WONDERLAND'S AMAZING DISPLAY OF
HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ALL MONTH LONG!**

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY - 6 P.M. FRI., DEC. 1ST

Happy Holidays

For unto us a child is born...

~ Isaiah 9:6 ~

As a community of faith and family, we in South Holland have great cause to celebrate the reason for the season – God’s gift of the Christ child. Never before has it been more vital for us to follow His example to humbly give, serve and share God’s love through volunteerism, mentorship, friendship, and stewardship.

As a village board and administration, it is our prayer that the spirit of love and servanthood will fill your heart, your home, our community, and our nation. It is also our desire that you and your family will experience the hope, peace, joy, and love that are reflected during this Christmas season.

As we move forward collectively as a village, we are confident the spirit of the Christmas season will unite us and provide a bright future for our community.



Trustees: (Top row) Andrew Johnson, Jr, Larry DeYoung, Vickie Perkins, John Russell, Prince Reed, and Cynthia Nylen. (Bottom Row): Mayor Don De Graff and Clerk Dr. Sallie Penman.

On behalf of our village board, administration and staff, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Don A. De Graff, Village President



CARBON MONOXIDE DANGERS ARE GREATEST DURING WINTER HOME HEATING SEASON

By Ronda Williams

Invisible and odorless gas may seep into your home due to inadequate maintenance of furnace and air ducts

For most people, home furnaces have been idle during the summer. As temperatures go down, it's important to understand the possible dangers that lurk when restarting a dormant furnace.

In a typical home heating system, carbon monoxide comes from the burning of natural gas. If the system is operating correctly, carbon monoxide escapes through the chimney. However, problems arise if the system hasn't been cleaned or inspected by a licensed heating-cooling professional. Over time, blockages or breaches in the duct work may prevent the noxious gas from escaping the home, creating an invisible and deadly gas cloud in your home.

Carbon monoxide is an invisible and odorless by-product caused from the incomplete burning of fuels, such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane. It is known as the silent killer.

Like oxygen, carbon monoxide enters the body when breathing. Carbon monoxide poisoning can be confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning, and other illnesses. Some symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light headedness, or headaches. High levels can be fatal causing death within minutes.

Gas ovens or range tops can also leak poisonous fumes and should never be used to heat a home.

BE A GIVER! SUPPORT THE SHFD ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

The South Holland Fire Department and members of Firefighters Local 4109 are hosting their annual toy drive in support of Restoration Ministries.

They're hoping village residents will join them in helping local families in need during the Christmas holiday. Anyone wishing to participate can 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.



The South Holland Fire Department offers some simple steps that can prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed within 15 feet of every bedroom or where people sleep.
- Have at least one alarm installed on every level of your home, including the basement.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Test alarms at least once a month.
- If your alarm beeps, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window and doors and call for help. Remain at the fresh air location until emergency personnel say it is okay.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries or other trouble indicators.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call your South Holland firefighters at 708-331-3123.

FIRE HYDRANTS NEED LOVE, TOO

It may sound funny or even a bit weird, but fire hydrants need attention, too, especially during the winter months when snowfall can pile on top of the hydrant. When this happens and a fire occurs, firefighters have difficulty finding the hydrant and quickly accessing it to save homes.

You can help the South Holland Fire Department by adopting a hydrant and making sure that it is easily accessible throughout the winter season, especially during any major snowfall.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Shovel the area around your adopted fire hydrant after each snowfall. Clear a path approximately three feet around the hydrant, as well as, a path from the street or roadway up to the fire hydrant so that the hydrant is visible and accessible. Even when there is no snow, it is important to make sure that the same three-foot path around your adopted hydrant is free of weeds, shrubbery, flowerbeds, etc.

And if you're looking to make new friends or simply show kindness, consider clearing snow from a fire hydrant in front of your neighbor's home who may not be able to do so themselves because of disabilities or physical limitations. Random acts of kindness go a long way and can save lives in the event of a fire.



HELP SOUTH HOLLAND KEEP THE WREATH RED

As you're gathering this holiday season with family and friends around a warm fire, or opening gifts by the lights of your Christmas tree, make sure that you've thought about everyone's safety. Unfortunately, many people don't and end up with deadly fires due to poor planning and oversight.

To help residents remain mindful of fire safety, the South Holland Fire Department is participating in the holiday fire safety campaign, *Keep the Wreath Red*.

During the month of December, a holiday wreath with red lights will be displayed outside the South Holland fire stations. The red lights represent safe homes throughout the village. If a fire occurs that is the result of holiday decorations, a red light will be replaced with a white light.

The wreath display is a visual reminder to everyone to have a safe holiday season.

This program was the idea of Paul Boecker, a 23-year-old part-time lieutenant for the Naperville Fire Department in 1954. *Keep the Wreath Red* has become an annual event, with fire departments participating all across Illinois.

Staying safe is tantamount to a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. So, here are seven easy ways you can ensure a safe holiday season.

1. Limit the use of extension cords.
2. If you use extension cords, check for cracked or split insulation, and have appropriate grounding.
3. Keep all electrical wiring out of walkways or places where they may become pinched or worn.
4. Read the packaging for all lights to be sure you are not overloading your electrical circuits.
5. Check the electrical wiring often for possible problems.
6. Do not use candles on or near combustible decorations.
7. Do not leave burning candles unattended.

BE READY TO SHOP SAFELY THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

BY RONDA WILLIAMS

For those who get a kick out of trekking through the malls or shopping online for the perfect holiday gift, take heed. Not everyone has the best intentions and could be looking to ruin your Christmas spirit.

While there's no need to be afraid, keep in mind the following safety tips when shopping this season.

WHEN STORE SHOPPING:

- Trust your instincts. If you are uncomfortable with a person or place, get away.
- Shop with a friend.
- Never leave your purse in a shopping cart.

WHEN IN YOUR VEHICLE:

- Do not approach your car if suspicious people are nearby.
- Store your valuables in the trunk.
- Have keys ready before arriving at your car.

WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE:

- Use credit cards not debit cards when shopping online as they provide better protection.
- Be aware of criminals who may post as charity workers and couriers.
- Store gifts in areas where they cannot be seen from windows.

WHEN OUT WITH CHILDREN:

- Keep your children close by.
- Never leave children alone in a car.
- Be sure children know their name, address, and phone number in case of emergency.



tip 411
HELP FIGHT CRIME.
Text anonymous tips to the
South Holland Police Department.



Text
SHPD
+
your tip
to
847411

SECURING OUR SENIORS PROGRAM

BY RONDA WILLIAMS

The South Holland Police Department has created a program that regularly checks in on seniors who are not mobile or easily connected with family.

If there are extreme weather conditions or if a senior has not been seen in a while, police officers knock on the door of those registered in the Securing our Seniors program for a well-being check.

"It's unfortunate, but not everyone has family nearby who looks in on their loved ones," said Officer Kirk Kremski. "We have had circumstances where residents have died and no one knew for days. We have an opportunity to make sure those senior citizens are doing okay during extreme cold, heat, or at a neighbor's request."

While all senior citizens may want to participate, Securing Our Seniors is particularly for the most vulnerable, like shut-ins and others who would find it difficult to quickly reach family and friends. Participants must also be able to communicate easily and do not suffer from dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

Residents who meet this simple criterion are required to provide emergency contact details for two people and a short description of any serious medical condition so officers are generally aware of health related issues. In most instances, officers conduct home checks in extreme weather and, if needed, provide assistance for temporary housing if the residence is found to be unsuitable for living.

"Everyone can play a part in being a good neighbor," said Officer Kremski. "We all have a responsibility to look in on the people who live right next door or across the street. We just want folks to get involved and look out each other."

If you or someone you know would benefit from the Securing our Seniors program, contact the South Holland Police Department (708-331-3131, option 2) to inquire about a home visit and get registered.

SOUTH HOLLAND COMMUNITY POLICING MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of every month - 10 a.m. • 4th Monday of every month - 7 p.m.

CONNECT & BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

All meetings are held at the
South Holland Community Center
501 East 170th Street
Questions? Call 331-3131, option 2

Send an anonymous tip via text to the
South Holland Police Department.
Text shpd and your tip to 847411
It's Fast. It's Effective. It's Anonymous.



FOR AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911

HOLIDAY CHEER AT THE SOUTH HOLLAND LIBRARY

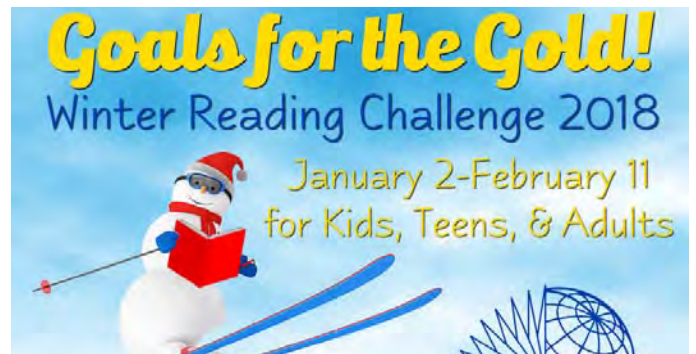
THE SOUTH HOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY IS MORE THAN A PLACE TO BORROW BOOKS, MOVIE DVD'S, AND VIDEO GAMES. IT IS ALSO A MEETING PLACE FOR FUN ACTIVITIES WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, YOU'RE INVITED TO ENJOY FESTIVE CHEER IN ONE OF THE BUSIEST PLACES IN TOWN – THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ADULT HOLIDAY MUSICAL PROGRAM WITH THE CHANSONETTES



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 7:00 PM
Held at Holland Home, 16300 Louis Ave
Enjoy an evening with The Chansonettes as they perform show tunes, pop standards, and classic holiday music. This year, the South Holland Public Library will bring this event into the community. Holland Home is graciously hosting the program. Space is limited, so registration is required.

GOALS FOR THE GOLD: WINTER READING CHALLENGE 2018



The library's Winter Reading Challenge begins January 2, 2018. Pick up your Reading Log Book and enjoy special fun activities. This annual event is for kids, teens, and adult readers. Read or listen to books to enter weekly drawings!

CANDY HOUSE CREATIONS



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 6:30 PM
This holiday season, join in the fun of making your very own spectacular gingerbread candy house! Children, teens, and families are invited to make this fun holiday decoration. Registration is required.

MIÉRCOLES, 10 DE ENERO



MIÉRCOLES, 10 DE ENERO,
12:00-1:00 PM
East Meeting Room
Leeremos *De Como Las Muchachas García Perdieron el Acento* por Julia Alvarez y estará disponible en el mostrador de Circulación. ¡Échale un vistazo al libro y únete a la discusión! Para más información llame al: 708-527-3160.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 12:00-1:00 PM
East Meeting Room
We will be reading *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent* by Julia Alvarez and it will be available at the Circulation Desk. Read the book and join the discussion! For more information call: 708-527-3160.

THE SOUTH HOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY IS LOCATED AT 16250 WAUSAU AVENUE.
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING PROGRAMS, CALL 708-527-3150
OR VISIT ONLINE AT WWW.SHLIBRARY.ORG

PROTECT YOUR WATER PIPES FROM FREEZING

BY RONDA WILLIAMS

When temperatures stay below 32 degrees for an extended number of days, it's important to make sure your water meter and water pipes along outside walls are properly insulated and at room temperature. This prevents them from freezing and possibly breaking, causing major problems inside the home.

Here are six ways to help keep your pipes from freezing:

KEEP THE HEAT ON

The heat does not have to be kept high, but keeping it set above 50 degrees is a good idea. This should provide enough heat to keep the pipes warm and to prevent any water inside from freezing.

ALLOW FAUCET TO DRIP

If you are afraid a pipe will freeze, you can allow the faucet to drip slightly.

Allowing the faucet to be open like this will relieve pressure in the system. If a pipe freezes, it is actually the pressure that is created between the blockage and the faucet that will cause the pipe to burst. Allowing the faucet to be open will prevent this pressure from building up and, thus, keep the pipe from bursting.

KEEP INTERIOR DOORS OPEN

Pipes are often located in cabinets. When the temperatures drop, it is a good idea to keep these cabinet doors open so that the heat from the rest of the house can keep the pipes warm as well. You should also keep all interior doors open so that the heat can flow throughout the home.

TAKE CARE TO MOVE YOUR CAR THIS WINTER

During a snowfall of two inches or more, all cars and trucks, must be removed from the street to allow for proper snow removal and salt distribution.

Snow plows go from the center of the street to the curb in the direction of the traffic. The snow shoveled from the driveway aprons should be deposited on the right side of the driveways. This will help reduce the amount of snow during a storm at the foot of your driveway.

Cars left on the street in heavy snowfall make it difficult for the village to properly clean the streets and make them safe for you and your neighbors. So take care to move your car when a snowfall is two inches or more.

SEAL UP CRACKS AND HOLES

You should seal any holes or cracks that exist near pipes. This should be done on both interior and exterior walls. Doing so can help keep the cold air out and the warm air in.

APPLY HEATING TAPE

For pipes that are easily accessible, electrical heating tape may be an option to keep them from freezing. This tape can be applied directly to the pipe.

There are two types of heating tape. One type of heating tape turns on and off by itself when it senses heat is needed. The other type of heating tape needs to be plugged in when heat is needed and unplugged when not in use.

Much like a space heater, these products can be dangerous, so you must follow the product's direction and safety procedures exactly.

ADD EXTRA INSULATION

Pipes that are located in areas that do not have proper insulation, such as basements or attics, may need extra insulation to keep from freezing. Pipes in basements or attics are not the only ones that may not be properly insulated from the cold. If you have had a problem with pipes freezing anywhere in your home, extra insulation could be the cure.

Pipes can be fitted with foam rubber or fiberglass sleeves to help decrease the chances of freezing. This can be an easy solution for pipes that are exposed, but can get expensive if walls, floors or ceilings have to be opened in order to properly insulate the pipe. Additional insulation can also be added to walls and ceilings to keep the pipes warm.

RECYCLING YOUR E-WASTE IS THE ONLY WAY TO GO

Everyone has old electronics that are collecting dust or taking up space in drawers, basements or garages. Instead of letting those items clutter up your residence or our landfills, please take advantage of South Holland's e-waste collection program.

E-waste includes radios, toasters, DVD players, VCRs, laptops, modems, televisions, etc.

The next collection date will be Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 8 a.m. to noon behind the South Holland library and is specifically for South Holland residents.

Residency will be verified by South Holland police or ESDA personnel through your state ID or village vehicle stickers.

WATER BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Village of South Holland provides fast and convenient bill payment options for water customers.



Quick
Convenient
Reliable

Residents can visit the village website at www.southholland.org and pay their bill online via the IL E-Pay system. Just click the Pay Your Water Bill button. This convenient payment option is also available through the village's app.

Residents can also sign up for Direct Debit, which allows the village to deduct payments from the water customer's checking account.

Save Time . . . Pay Your Water Bill Online

Scan QR Code (right) with mobile device to pay water bill online
or visit southholland.org



In addition to water bill payments, residents can also use the website to pay parking, local ordinance, building code and red-light tickets online.

For questions regarding convenient water bill payment options, contact the South Holland's Collector's Office at 708-210-2900.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



Ashley Medical Supply is owned and operated by Ashley Savage (pictured center right), a registered nurse, and her sister Lauren Savage-Crawford (pictured center left). Located at 1006B E. 162nd Street, the retail store provides quality durable medical supplies, with a commitment to deliver superb customer service and patient care. Ashley and Lauren take pride in helping to enhance quality of life and maintain independence of those suffering from various diseases. On November 8, Ashley Medical Supply celebrated its grand opening with the help of members of the Village of South Holland Board of Trustees and administration, as well as, board members of the South Holland Business Association.

RESIDENT YOU SHOULD KNOW: YOUNG WOMAN GAINS CONFIDENCE FROM PAGEANTRY

BY AMBRIA ELLISON

Brionna Middlebrooks grew up in South Holland, where she was raised in a Christian household.

Her grandfather was the pastor and founder of the elementary school she attended from preschool to sixth grade, Liberty School of Christian Education. Upon entering seventh grade, Brionna was enrolled at McKinley Junior High School, where she experienced bullying for the first time.

"I was called ugly every day, I experienced physical abuse, and it was just a rough time for me. ... I didn't want anyone to notice me so I just stopped talking, which I think hindered my communication skills."

Brionna didn't let these negative actions hinder her confidence.

She decided to overcome this bullying by enrolling in pageants. Inspired by MTV's television series *Made*, Brionna learned of Kyle Haggerty, a pageant and performing arts coach.

"I saw him turn this tomboy into a pageant star and thought, maybe he could help me," she said.

Although Haggerty lived in Virginia, this did not stop Brionna from tackling her goal. So, with her new love for MTV's *Made* and their transformations of the lives of so many individuals, and her newly inspired idol Haggerty, Brionna registered for her first pageant in 2015.

"I didn't have a coach, but a woman in my university's Honor's College knew Kyle. I didn't get to coach with him, but I was able to coach with someone he previously coached," she explained.

From this learning experience, Brionna was appointed a CCP (Cisco Cisco Productions) Ambassador. Her role was to be a positive role model for young women across the nation. She also attended gala balls to advocate for breast cancer survivors.

"At one ball, Kyle Haggerty came to surprise me. He told me I was beautiful, that I looked like a pageant queen, and he could work with me!"

After this encounter, Brionna took a break from pageantry, but in March of 2017, she competed in IJM (International Junior Miss), where she placed third runner up and Miss Illinois as first runner up. Shortly after, Haggerty reached out to Brionna and appointed her to Miss Indiana.

"He saw something special in me and told me I had a lot of potential. So, I hope to keep in touch and keep working with him."

From a past life of wanting to go unnoticed to becoming a pageant enthusiast, Brionna shared her reasoning for getting started: "I got into pageantry because I thought I could use it as my platform to gain my confidence. Pageantry is all about being comfortable expressing yourself in front of a big group of people ... and this was going to force myself out of the fear of wanting to blend in with the wall. It was hard ... I can't tell you how many times I wanted to quit, but I had to keep telling myself that what other people think of me is none of my business, and that's what got me through the pageants."

Brionna is in the process of writing a memoir in hopes of encouraging young women who, too, have experienced bullying and a loss of confidence. She also plans to compete in the Miss Illinois pageant in March 2018 and ultimately wants to win Miss Global United States.



IMPORTANT REGISTRATION DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2018

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Begins January 1
South Holland Community Center
501 E. 170th Street
Parade Date: May 28, 2018

WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMS – EARLY REGISTRATION

South Holland Community Center
January 4, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.: Residents Only
January 5, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.: Open Registration
(online registration opens)
January 6, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Open Registration
*Classes are held January – May 2018

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

January 13 and 27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
South Holland Community Center

EASTER EGG HUNT

Begins February 1
South Holland Community Center
Easter Egg Hunt: March 24, 2018

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, VISIT
SOUTHOLLAND.ORG/RECSERVICES

Fall Rental Promotion

Sept. 1, 2017 - Feb. 28, 2018

“Fabulous Fall Rate”

\$60.00 Res. / \$75.00 Non Res.

Per room on Friday or Sunday only
Plus \$250 refundable damage deposit

Book & Host your special event for any Friday
or Sunday during the months of Sept. - Feb.

Event start time must be after 3:30 PM



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

For more information, please call a rental associate at 708.331.2940 or visit us online at www.southholland.org/rentals

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2018 CLASSES AT SSC

BY AMBRIA ELLISON

Open registration for the Spring 2018 semester at South Suburban College is in progress. Spring classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018, at the college's Main Campus and Oak Forest Center. However, the deadline to apply for financial aid for the spring semester is Jan. 6, 2018.

Students can apply online at www.ssc.edu to begin the enrollment process. New students will receive an SSC email account and a "My SSC" username and password via email, which will allow access to the online schedule and

class registration. Current and prospective students are encouraged to complete FASFA at www.fasfa.gov using institution code 001769. Students who wish to use financial aid as payment for spring classes must have an official high school or GED transcript on file. Transcripts can be hand-delivered to the Admissions Office or mailed to: Office of Admissions (15800 S. State St., South Holland IL 60473). If a transcript is hand-delivered, it must be in the original sealed, unopened envelope.

SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

Weigh More Options.



Contact the Office of Admissions at 708-210-5718 for enrollment information. Para Información En Español Llame: 708-210-5740.

The Main Campus is located at 15800 S. State St. in South Holland. The Oak Forest Center is located at 16333 S. Kilbourn Ave. in Oak Forest.

SSC FOUNDATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DONOR DRIVE

BY AMBRIA ELLISON

Do you know any local college students who would benefit from assistance in furthering their education?

Well, the South Suburban College Foundation is seeking year-end gifts from those who wish to help make a difference. The foundation offers scholarships to all students pursuing a higher degree. Whether the student is a high school graduate, an unemployed resident looking for a career change, or a single parent pursuing their college degree for the first time, these donations can help individuals and families who are unable to receive financial aid.

One hundred percent of contributions provide scholarship assistance each year to students who would otherwise be unlikely to begin or complete their college education. The

foundation has awarded over \$100,000 in total scholarship to students in 2017 and has granted over \$1.9 million since 1987. If you wish to make a difference, please consider donating.

All scholarship contributions to the foundation are tax deductible. Also, new scholarships can be established with a \$1,000 donation. All donations may be made online at www.ssc.edu/foundation via PayPal to foundation@ssc.edu or mailed to:

SSC Foundation, 15800 S. State St., South Holland, IL 60473

For more information, please contact the Foundation Office at 708-596-2000, ext. 2463 or foundation@ssc.edu.

THORNTON'S OPENS IN SOUTH HOLLAND

BY ANGELA HARRIS

Thornton's gas station and convenience store has come to South Holland.

The company extended their services and hospitality to the south suburbs and Chicagoland area on Friday, Sept. 22, when they opened at 1141 E. 162nd St. The conveniently located station welcomes residents and passersby as they enter and leave the village from the Bishop Ford Freeway.

Thornton's exemplifies South Holland's desire to maintain a "clean, bright and beautiful" community. The grounds are consistently kept clean and tidy, and the building provides an inviting brightness during the night hours to the corner of 162nd and Woodlawn East. The structure is beautiful and adds a contemporary cheerful ambiance to the village.

In addition to providing gas, Thornton's also serves hot, made to order food items for breakfast and lunch. The menu includes warm biscuits with sausage and egg, grilled polishes, hot dogs, wraps and burritos. They also have vegetarian items such as fresh salads and fruits. The store has a variety of items to satisfy just about every traveler's tastes. To see everything Thornton's has to offer, stop by and grab a bite to eat before or after you fill up your gas tank. You'll be so glad you did!



Among its many service and product offerings at the new Thornton's Gas Station is an expansive line of coffee flavors.



Another clean, bright, beautiful facility is celebrated in South Holland, as the new Thornton's Gas Station opened at 1141 E. 162nd Street.

VINTAGE SCRIPTS PHARMACY COMING TO SOUTH HOLLAND

BY AMBRIA ELLISON

Coming to a location near you, Vintage Scripts is expected to make its way to the northeast corner of 162nd Street in South Park in the spring of 2018!

A pharmacy of the future, Vintage Scripts combines traditional medicine with ancient, natural, and holistic healing. With the use of essentials oils, owners Robin Brown and Alan Alston aim to give customers natural alternatives to common health medications.

Vintage Scripts is expected to offer health supplements, an organic coffee and juice bar, and a healthcare team for its customer's needs.

South Holland's motto of "Faith, Family, and Future" is what brought Vintage Scripts to the community.

"We love the people in the town," said Alston. "It represents a large population ...it's a very welcoming community."

"I didn't even know the property was available," said Brown. "God's intervention is what brought us to South Holland."

With more people wanting various supplements of health care under one roof, the owners are hoping eventually to expand Vintage Scripts to the Englewood and Bronzeville neighborhoods of Chicago's South Side.



"People want to be involved in things that benefit them," said Alston. "We're here to supplement the services physicians are providing ... we're not in it for the money, we're in it for the healing."

When customers enter Vintage Scripts, they can expect to feel warm, welcomed, and a sense of calmness. Not only will customers be able to relax and enjoy healthy beverages, they will also gain knowledge on various medications, gain knowledge of their own health conditions from information kiosks, and have access to classes for communal events and functions.

"We want to heal the mind, the body, and the spirit," said Brown. "There's powerful healing in the word of God, and I think the community of South Holland understands that more than the average community."

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES: BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL TIME IS UNDERWAY!

BY ANGELA HARRIS

Many times when we think of entities requiring a business license, we think of large corporations or a business that we can all see from a sidewalk.

But village ordinance requires that every business located in South Holland has a business license, regardless of the number of employees. Even if you have a home-based business and you're the only employee, a business license is still required.

Contractors fall into this same category. If you are a contractor that operates in South Holland and your billing address is also located in South Holland, you need a business license in addition to your contractor's license. You are considered a BC (business contractor).

Consumers call the village regularly to ask if a business is licensed. Help keep a good customer base by making sure the answer we give them is "yes." The application process is friendly and there is always someone available

to assist you. Fees vary and depend on the type of business and number of employees. Call Angela in the Economic Development Department at 708-339-8749 if you have questions.

Remember to have the proper supporting documentation when you complete a new application:

- A sales tax ID document from the State of Illinois (where applicable)
- Articles of Incorporation
- Signed lease or closing document
- If the entity is incorporated as a sole proprietorship, an assumed business name certificate from Cook County is required.

Please visit our new office at 16220 Wausau Ave. (the Development Services building) or visit our website at <http://www.southholland.org> for further information.

**** Remember, license renewals are currently in process for 2017. All existing business licenses must be renewed before they expire on DECEMBER 31, 2017.**

SOUTH HOLLAND ACCURATE DISPERSIONS AWARDED

The Sherwin Williams South Holland Accurate Dispersions facility has been awarded OSHA'S Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) Star Status. According to OSHA, to earn VPP status management, labor, and OSHA establish cooperative relationships at workplaces that have implemented a comprehensive safety and health management system. Approval into VPP is OSHA's official recognition of the outstanding efforts of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health.

The VPP Star status is the highest of three levels, and is defined as, recognition for employers and employees who demonstrate exemplary achievement in the prevention and control of occupational safety and health hazards the development, implementation and continuous improvement of their safety and health management system.

We are proud to announce this recognition, says Human Resources Manager Ryan Gray. It now means South Holland joins Accurate's sister Homewood facility as a VPP Star Site, and spotlights the commitment Sherwin-Williams has to our customers and our community.



Pictured (l-r) are: John Watson, South Holland Director of Economic Development; Trustee Larry De Young, Village of South Holland; George Gunkel, South Holland Director of Public Works; Ron Reinstein, EHS Director of Compliance; Nevena Stanley, Safety Specialist; Lee Gomez, Plant Manager; and David Banas, Area Director, OSHA

Founded in 1986, Accurate Dispersions is a major supplier of colorants for coatings used in the coil, aerospace, maintenance, light industrial, automotive, transportation, trade sales paint and packaging markets. In 2004, they were purchased by the Sherwin Williams Company. The South Holland facility employs approximately 150 people, with plans to add potentially 20 more.

WISDOM FROM OUR CHURCHES

As we embark on a joyous holiday season and the prospect of a wonderful new year, I am reminded of the spirit of giving that fills our hearts during this time of year. In November, we gave thanks for the many blessings of family, hearth and home. In this month (December), we will experience various displays of generosity that will be expressed, both individually and in the community through our many churches, community organizations and businesses. When we open our hearts to the spirit of giving, the Christmas season undoubtedly becomes the most charitable time of the year.

As we both give and exchange gifts, I am reminded of a popular song entitled, "Give Love on Christmas Day." After toys are put away and outfits are

eventually given away, love continues to give. Of the many gifts that we can both give and receive, love is truly the gift that keeps on giving. 1 John 4:8b says, "God is love." What better gift to give than the one that has eternal dividends through Jesus Christ our Lord. He is truly the greatest gift that one can both give and receive.

So let me encourage you, along with all other gifts, to give "love" this Christmas Day. May God richly bless you in this joyous holiday season and may the new year bring expressions of love to you and your families.

Pastor Phil Tarver
United Faith Center Ministries International

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Immerse yourself in the
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4 p.m. Sunday, December 3

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

3 p.m. Sunday, December 10

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

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HAPPENINGS

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Most South Holland municipal buildings and administrative offices will be closed Saturday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 25 for Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 30, and Monday, Jan. 1 for New Year's and Monday, Jan. 15, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Police and fire services will be available 24 hours a day.

COFFEE WITH FIREFIGHTERS

Residents can meet and talk with members of the South Holland Fire Department from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at Fire Station 1, 16230 Wausau Ave. The December event will take place Dec. 2

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

The December Coffee with the Mayor is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170th St.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TRIBUTE

The annual South Holland Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Christ Community Church, 1151 E. 170th St. Dr. King's legacy will be honored in song and scripture.

SOUTH HOLLAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY PARTY

The South Holland Business Association will host its annual Holiday Party from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13.

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 www.shba.org.



JETS WIDGETS PLAY IN SUPER BOWL

BY JOHN WATSON

The South Holland Jets Youth Football and Cheerleading Organization has completed a successful 45th season, punctuated by having all four football teams qualify for the playoffs, with one advancing to the Super Bowl. The Widgets (7-8 years old, 80 lbs), playing the championship semifinal game on their opponents home field, notched an impressive 12-6 upset victory in a triple overtime thriller against perennial league power and the previously undefeated Eastside (Kankakee) Bulldogs. The win advanced them to the 25th WCKYA Super Bowl, where they fought valiantly but ultimately lost to the Chicago Cowboys. The Jets have had at least one team participate in all but four of the 25 league Super Bowls. The organization will celebrate this success at their annual banquet on December 2, 2017 at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. The banquet will also honor members of the 2017 Jet Scholars program, which recognizes participants that have no grade lower than a 'B' on their report cards.



For tickets, please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/south-holland-jets-2017-year-end-banquet-tickets-38828168096>.

Registration for the 2018 season of the Jet begins on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at the South Holland Community Center.

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