



# *South Holland* TODAY

NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND  
APRIL / MAY 2018



# MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018

**THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT  
11:00 AM ON 170TH STREET AND  
CONTINUE TO VETERANS PARK.**

**A REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY  
WILL TAKE PLACE AT VETERANS  
PARK AT 1:00 PM. 520 EAST  
160TH PLACE. (160TH PLACE &  
SOUTH PARK AVE.)**



# HAPPENINGS

## NEW RESIDENT BREAKFAST

The South Holland Neighborhood Groups Organizing Committee is pleased to host the **3rd annual New Resident Breakfast** beginning at **9 a.m. Saturday, April 21**, at the South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170th St. New residents interested in attending should send an email to [tnewman@southholland.org](mailto:tnewman@southholland.org) or call 708-210-2947.

## EARTH DAY

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County will celebrate **Earth Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 21**, at Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 S. Paxton Ave. Free activities include hikes, puppet shows, art-making, a tour of Camp Shabbona Woods and Earth Day Jeopardy.

## 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.

## MASTER CHORALE CONCERT

The "Requiem Mass" of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart will be the seventh annual spring performance. Written in the last year of his life, this tremendous work was considered by Mozart to be the music for his own funeral. Come bask in the beauty of Mozart's final work as the Chorale is once again joined

by soloists and the Chicago Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra for its seventh annual spring choral/orchestral concert.

- **Sunday, April 29, 3 p.m.** at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 768 Lincoln Ave., Calumet City.
- **Sunday, May 6, 4 p.m.** at Covenant United Church of Christ, 1130 E. 154th St., South Holland.

For more information, email [chorale@southholland.org](mailto:chorale@southholland.org) or call 708-210-2913.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT NIGHT

Beginning at **7 p.m., Monday, May 21**, eighth-graders from area schools will take the helm to conduct their very own village board meeting. This annual meeting is held in conjunction with the regular scheduled Village Board meeting at the South Holland Community Center.

## HOLIDAY CLOSING

Most municipal buildings and administrative offices will be closed **Memorial Day, May 28**. Police and fire services will remain available 24 hours a day.

## COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

The June **Coffee with the Mayor** is scheduled for **7:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 12**, at the South Holland Community Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**South Holland's**

**Education Fair**

**& Parent Resources**

Sat. August 11, 2018  
10:00am - 2:00pm

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



2nd Annual  
SPRING FLING

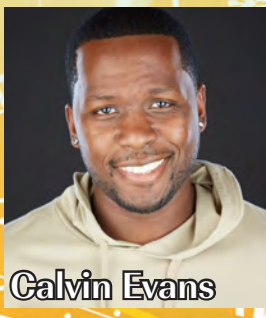
# Comedy Show



Ron Baker Jr.



Chasity Washington



Calvin Evans



Kevin Simpson



Jari Baez



Stick A.K.A.  
Terence McClay

## Saturday, April 28, 2018

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Show starts at 7:00 pm

Dinner served 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Advanced tickets: \$30.00 (Until 4/22)

Regular tickets: \$40.00

Reserve a table when you purchase 6-8 tickets at one time.  
Tickets are sold on a first come first serve basis.

FEATURING

South Holland Community Center

501 E. 170th Street • South Holland, IL 60473 • 708-331-2940

Please help us support **Special Olympics of Illinois**

# COP ON ROOFTOP

"DONATE, DONUT!"

This year marks the 16th anniversary of the Dunkin' Donuts Cop on Rooftop event with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois.

This event has been a huge success over the years, generating more than \$3.9 million through this great partnership.

This year's Cop on Rooftop event will be held statewide on Friday, May 18, from 5 a.m. to noon. Last year, 274 locations participated and raised more than \$720,000, including the South Holland location at 460 E. 162nd St.

The Cop on Rooftop event is a fun, unique and easy way to raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois.

Dunkin Donuts patrons will be able to make donations and purchase merchandise to benefit Special Olympics Illinois.

MAY 18TH  
5 AM - 12 PM

BENEFITING



460 E. 162ND ST, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL



# THORNWOOD'S SPECIAL OLYMPICS

BY AMBRIA ELLISON

Last month, Thornwood High School's Special Olympics Team competed in the Winter State Games for Snow Shoe and a few of their players received medals and ribbons for participating in 50 and 100 meter dashes. Thornwood High School runs Special Olympics all year and has 17 sports, 19 teams, and almost 100 athletes. If interested in participating in Special Olympics, a perspective athlete must have a current medical application signed by a doctor. The application is then registered with the regional office.

Thornwood High School is in Region E. The director is Kevin O'Brien and he can be reached at (708) 991-7564 or [www.kobrien@soill.org](http://www.kobrien@soill.org) for more information. The office is located at 900 Maple Rd, Homewood, IL 60430. For any additional information regarding Special Olympics, please visit the website - [www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org).



**Special  
Olympics**



Thornwood High School student Miguel Castillo runs with the Law Enforcement Torch Run at the start of Area 7 Spring Games. Site source: Special Olympics of Illinois, <https://www.soill.org/thornwood-high-school-has-long-history-with-special-olympics/>



**Special  
Olympics**

## Special Olympics Region E Spring Games

**Saturday, May 5**

**7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Thornwood High School  
17101 South Park Avenue  
South Holland**

# LUANDRA HOWARD KNOWS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THE VILLAGE

BY RONDA WILLIAMS

For South Holland resident Luandra Howard, sitting idly by and waiting for others to take action is not an option. So, when Ms. Howard moved to South Holland with her daughter and three grandchildren, she immediately got involved.

"When I moved here, I would often walk through Riverview Park and notice there weren't any flowers in the flower pots," she said. "So, I called Public Works about it. They agreed to purchase the flowers and I volunteered to plant and water them. The rest is history."

Since that time four years ago, Ms. Howard has enjoyed every summer season choosing the flowers and planting them with her grandchildren.

"I've always enjoyed planting flowers. It's just something I've always liked from a little girl," said Ms. Howard. "My father had a green thumb. Growing up, he would plant gladiolus all around our home. He was so good at planting and caring for flowers and vegetation that our cherry tomato plants would grow to the top of the house, hanging like grapes. It was amazing."

In addition to being a local South Holland gardener, Ms. Howard volunteers with the Cook County Forest Preserve District where she works to protect native vegetation

from evasive plants and trees that are dangerous to animals and people.

Ms. Howard's zeal, adventurous spirit and love of life are infectious. She's eager and ready to take on the next big thing. Soon, toward the end of May, she'll be planting again in Riverview Park, making a positive impact in the community as an example of what it means to be the village that makes change.



Luandra Howard, pictured on the right

And this makes Ms. Luandra Howard a South Holland resident you should know.

If you're looking to get involved with your family or community organization to plant and water flowers this summer, contact Dave Gouwens at Public Works to connect with Ms. Howard.

## ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WAY

The MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Street Resurfacing Program will start in late spring and include the following streets:

- 161st Street from South Park to 600 East
- 166th Place between Greenwood and Woodlawn Ave.
- Woodlawn Ave. between 166th Place and 167th Street
- Woodlawn Ct. south of 166th Place
- Greenwood Avenue between 166th Street and 166th Place
- 157th Street between State Street and Calumet Drive
- 163rd Street between Greenwood Avenue and Woodlawn East Avenue

- Wabash Avenue Alley West from 151st Street north to Dead End

Additionally, a special water main project on 161st Place will be underway in mid-June. The water main and its service lines will be replaced between 420 East 161st Place to School Street. Catch basins will be rebuilt, restoration and the road resurfaced will complete and finalize project.

Restoration from this past winters broken water mains and other repairs will be ongoing this spring and summer.

An advertisement for "Kids Identification and Safety Seat Events 2018". It features the "k.i.s.s." logo and a "FREE photo ID cards and safety seat inspections" offer. The event is held at the Lincoln Southland Oasis on Saturday, May 26th, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. The ad also includes the MBRE logo and contact information for management, leasing, and lost &amp; found.

### RESUME USE OF YARD WASTE TOTERS

Pick-up of yard waste will continue to be on the same day as your regular trash collection. Please keep in mind that if the yard waste toter is full and there is still more waste to dispose, residents can use brown paper yard bags, too. Also, the Public Works Department has resumed special pick-up of outdoor landscape debris, which continues through the fall season. Contact the Public Works Department at 708-339-2323 to request a special pick up. The return of spring also means the village's street seeper will begin making its rounds throughout the community.

# FIRE CADET AND PAID ON CALL PROGRAMS PROMOTE SAFETY AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

BY RONDA WILLIAMS

South Holland maintains its commitment to long-term fire safety and public service through its recruiting efforts for the Fire Cadet program and Paid on Call firefighters. Both of these programs create a path to full-time firefighting while providing training and exposure to safety and service.

Throughout the year, representatives from the fire department attend career days or set up information

tables during lunch hours at local high school events to promote the Fire Cadet program. This program is targeted to youth, males and females, between the ages of 16 and 21.

Fire Cadets volunteer with the department year round and assist with activities that promote community outreach and also participate in ongoing upkeep of the fire department itself. Through this program, young volunteers are exposed to the daily duties of a firefighter and learn firsthand about fire safety.

For adults who are considering a full-time career as a firefighter, starting as a Paid on Call firefighter, may be the way to go. This part-time work provides the same training and requires the same responsibility as full-time firefighters. The commitment to training and safety standards for part-time firefighters is unique to South Holland and shows the village's high level of expectations for public safety.

Anyone interested in participating in the youth program as a Fire Cadet or a POC firefighter is encouraged to call the SHFD or apply for the POC part-time position online year round at [southholland.org](http://southholland.org).



## IT'S TIME TO PUT YOUR LAWN MOWER INTO ACTION

Spring is here and it's time to get your lawn mower into action. Before you do, here are a few safety tips to reduce possible injuries and burns.

- If you use a gasoline engine, be sure to not smoke while fueling your lawn mower.
- Wait for machines to cool before refueling. Wipe up spilled fuel immediately. Never fuel a running mower.
- Store and pour gasoline carefully and keep it in an approved container with a tight fitting lid.
- Check electric mower cords for frayed or damaged spots. Frayed insulation added to a metal mower, damp or wet grass, can cause lethal shocks or severe electrical burns.

- Leave blade sharpening and electric repairs to professionals.
- If you do your own cleaning and tune-up, disconnect the spark plug or remove it before beginning. If a blade is turned by hand, the mower can start if the spark plug is still intact.
- Never leave the mower without turning it off. It only takes a few seconds to run inside and only a few seconds for the mower to run over someone and cause serious injury.



# LEARN TO SAVE LIVES AT THE CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY

The Citizens Fire Academy is a 10-week program designed to teach residents about personal and public fire safety. During this class, academy participants learn CPR, how to use a fire extinguisher, and the basic tenets of what it takes to be a firefighter.

Students participate in a live fire training scenario and car extraction. This class meets once a week and is presented

in a fun, relaxed and engaging way by members of the fire department. At the end of the program, students receive a certificate and participate in a graduation ceremony during Fire Prevention Week in October.

The 2018 class will begin in August. Registration applications can be found at the SHFD and on the South Holland village website - southholland.org.



## DAILY DRYER MAINTENANCE CAN PREVENT HOME FIRES

Doing laundry is most likely part of your everyday routine. But do you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips, you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire. The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.

### CLOTHES DRYER DO'S

- Have your clothes dryer installed by a professional.
- Clean the lint filter before and after each load of laundry. Don't forget to clean the back of the dryer where lint can build up.
- Clean lint out of the vent pipe every three months.
- Inspect the venting system behind the dryer to ensure it is not damaged or restricted.
- Put a covering on outside wall dampers to keep out rain, snow and dirt.
- Make sure the outdoor vent covering opens when the dryer is on.
- Have your dryer cleaned regularly by a professional, especially if it is taking longer than normal for clothes to dry.
- Replace coiled-wire foil or plastic venting with rigid, non-ribbed metal duct.
- Have gas-powered dryers inspected every year by a professional to ensure that the gas line and connection are together and free of leaks.
- Check regularly to make sure nests of small animals and insects are not blocking the outside vent.
- Make sure the correct electrical plug and outlet are used and that the dryer is connected properly.
- Keep the area around the clothes dryer free of items that can burn.

### CLOTHES DRYER DON'TS

- Don't use a clothes dryer without a lint filter or with a lint filter that is loose, damaged or clogged.
- Don't overload the dryer.
- Don't use a wire screen or cloth to cover the wall damper. They can collect lint and clog the dryer vent.
- Don't dry anything containing foam, rubber or plastic. An example of an item not to place in a dryer is a bathroom rug with a rubber backing.
- Don't dry any item for which manufacturers' instructions state "dry away from heat."
- Don't dry glass fiber materials (unless manufacturers' instructions allow).
- Don't dry items that have come into contact with anything flammable like alcohol, cooking oils or gasoline. Dry them outdoors or in a well-ventilated room, away from heat.
- Don't leave a clothes dryer running if you leave home or when you go to bed.



# SH LIBRARY OFFERS MORE THAN BOOKS

The South Holland Public Library is so much more than a place to find books, magazine, and videos. Take a close look at [shlibrary.org](http://shlibrary.org) to learn about the vast array of social engagement for youth, teens, and adults. Here are just a few . . .

**STORY AT PANERA** – April 20 and May 18, 9:30 a.m.  
Families are invited to join the library at South Holland's Panera Bread for stories, milk and cookies - 162nd Street & Wausau Ave.

**JUNIOR SCIENTISTS** – Wednesdays, 4:30 – 5: 30 p.m.  
Through a partnership with the Museum of Science and Industry, South Holland youth have an opportunity to visit the library every week for a fun, hands-on science experiment. Upcoming dates are: April 4th , 11th , 18th , and 25th; May 2nd , 9th , 16th , and 23rd .

**MOVIE MATINEES** – April 13 and May 4, 1 – 3 p.m.  
East Meeting Room A & B

- **Featured film in April** – Three Coins in the Fountain (1954). Three American women working in Rome, Italy, share a spacious apartment and the desire to find love and marriage, each experiencing a few bumps in their journey to romance.
- **Featured film in May** – Singin' in the Rain (1952) This lighthearted depiction of Hollywood in the late 1920s, is the story of three stars portraying performers caught up in the transition from silent films to "talkies."

The South Holland Public Library is located at 16250 Wausau Avenue. For more information, call (708) 527-3150.



## SAVE THESE DATES:

Hold these dates on your calendar for South Holland's outdoor socials and movies in Veterans Memorial Park. June 23, July 28, and August 25. Town Center Socials will be held 4 to 7 p.m. at the Commons, 161st and South Park Ave. Movies in the park immediate follows at 160th Place and South Park Ave.



## • VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKERS •

**South Holland 2018-19 Vehicle Stickers Available May 1 - Must be displayed by July 1st**

- Stickers purchased July 1 thru 31 incur a 50 percent 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

Senior Citizens (65 years & older) receive 50 percent discount.



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

For more information, visit the village website – <http://www.south-holland.org/departments/clerk-collector/vehicle-stickers/>

# TAKE TIME TO DO HOMEWORK FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT

If you're thinking of doing a home improvement project over the warm summer months, take your time to do your homework.

Get multiple quotes from several home improvement contractors, and make sure they are licensed and permitted to work in the village. If you don't know where to start, the village has a list of permitted contractors for you to consider. While the village does not make recommendations on any service, they can at least provide names and phone numbers for you to call.

After you've chosen a contractor to do your home improvement project, make sure either you or the contractor obtains a permit. Without one, you could be fined. Permit fees are based upon the type of work and project cost, so they can range in price. Once received, it lasts for a full 12 months.

It's important to note that maintenance work in your home does not require a permit. You don't need a permit for basic work, like fixing a leaky faucet or replacing deck boards.

Keeping the village involved through major home renovations can be critical to your home's safety and the project's success.

Throughout the project, the village will make inspections and recommendations to ensure all major systems like electrical and plumbing are up to code and well designed. This is critical for every homeowner's safety.

By not partnering with the village to make sure the renovation project is properly vetted and permitted, homeowners risk shoddy, possibly incomplete work from unlicensed contractors. You could end up paying a lot more than the original amount to fix the mistakes of a bad contractor. It usually doesn't pay to skirt around the process just to save a few dollars.

So, before you start on that new home addition, kitchen renovation or backyard deck, check with the village's Planning, Development & Code Enforcement team to make sure you get the most of your home improvement project. Call 708-210-2915 to learn more.



## FREE PROGRAMS AT SAND RIDGE

The Forest Preserves of Cook County provides a multitude of events, activities and classes for residents of the county. At South Holland based Sand Ridge Nature Center, there is never a dull moment, especially for our nature lovers. If you are curious about what this place has to offer the south suburban region, visit the Forest Preserve's website - <http://fpdcc.com>.

Did you know there is a monthly hiking club hosted by Sand Ridge Nature Center? Upcoming dates for the **Live Healthy, Discover Nature! Hike** are **April 7 and May 5, 1:30 p.m.** Naturalist will lead vigorous hikes on the trails of Sand Ridge Nature Center.

Another interesting program is **The Astronomer's Night Sky, May 11, 7:30 p.m.** View celestial wonders through telescopes. Registration is required for this program by May 9. Call 708-868-0606.

Sand Ridge Nature Center is located at 15891 S. Paxton Ave., South Holland.



# GET READY FOR BLOCK PARTY SEASON

Now is the time to begin planning a block party for your neighborhood, and it's certainly not too early to secure your date for a fabulous party.

The South Holland Neighborhood Groups Organizing Committee offers a few fun, yet simple, ideas to coordinating a great block party this summer:

- Gather a few neighbors to form a small planning committee to host the block party and pick a party date that works best for your neighborhood.
- **Reserve your block party date by completing the simple block party registration form, available at [southholland.org](http://southholland.org) or pick up the form at the Development Services Bldg, 16220 Wausau Avenue.**
- Consider ice breakers to give neighbors a reason to chat it up

and build new friendships.

- Host a friendly cook-off. Invite neighbors to compete for best sauces, side dishes, and desserts.
- Create a unique beverage station using a wheel barrel to fill with drinks and ice, and get the kids in on the action with their very own neighborhood lemonade station. Another fun option for the beverage station are snow cones. WikiHow provides an easy guide to set kids up to make their own – <http://www.wikihow.com/make-snow-cones>.
- Consider a bounce house – an affordable activity for kids to spend hours jumping off energy from the sweet treats.
- Kids love face painting, and what goes better with face painting than balloon twisting.

• Music is a great way to liven the atmosphere and neighbors. Perhaps there is a DJ in your neighborhood to take on this party assignment.

• Police and fire vehicles are thrilling for neighborhood kids. If special guest appearances of friendly officers and firefighters would excite your neighbors, simply check the box on the block party form.

• Incorporate fun games for everyone to enjoy. Oldies but goodies, such as tug-of-war and sack races, will keep the party going strong.

*With the collaboration of good neighbors and the support of your community, you'll host a fun block party this summer.*

# NIGHT OF SONG



Men of A-Chord Christian Men's Chorus is pleased to announce their annual "Night of Song" Concerts. Four men's choruses will participate in two concerts this year!

The concerts will be held at First Christian Reformed Church, located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. There is no cost to attend.

**7 P.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018**

**2 P.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018**

**For more information, visit [www.menofachord.org](http://www.menofachord.org)**

# SOUTH HOLLAND MUNICIPAL BAND

## 2018 CONCERT SCHEDULE

**SAT - MAY 5th**  
**Special Olympics,**  
 Thornwood  
 High School, 9am

**MON - MAY 28th**  
 Memorial Day Parade,  
 11 am  
 Remembrance  
 Ceremony  
 @ Veteran's Park,  
 12:30 pm

**THURS - JUNE 14th**  
 7pm, Holland Home

**THURS - AUGUST 9th**  
 Veteran's Park, 7 pm

**TUESDAY - JULY 4th**  
 Veteran's Park,  
 7:30 pm

**THURS - AUGUST 23rd**  
 Veteran's Park, 7 pm

**THURS - JULY 19th** 7pm,  
 Holland Home

**MON - SEPT 3rd**  
 Paarlberg Farm, 3 pm

### Band performance locations:

Thornwood High School - 17101 South Park Avenue  
 Veterans Memorial Park - 160th Place and South Park Avenue  
 Holland Home - 163rd Street and Wausau Avenue  
 Paarlberg Farm - 173rd Street and Paxton Avenue



## PLAYWRIGHT WESLEY PERKINS RETURNS TO SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

The SSC Playhouse announces the return of alumnus Wesley Perkins in a very different role.

"Happy Birthday, Henry Snikrep" is Perkins' first full-length comedy and is also the first play written by a former student to be performed at the college under the direction of South Suburban College's Theatre Program Coordinator and SSC Playhouse Director Bobbie Saltzman.

Perkins majored in theatre while he was a SSC student. He chose South Suburban College because it was convenient. While there, he became a part of the SSC Playhouse, acting in productions such as "Godspell," "Oklahoma," "Grease" and "Man of LaMancha."

Said Perkins, "The main mentor I had was Bobbie Saltzman ... Bobbie has always put these shows together effortlessly, which is something I've always wanted to do. Not just acting in shows, but eventually write them, do the lighting, and build the structures ... She's always been there and she has such a kind and open heart. I've always just looked at her not only as an instructor and mentor, but as family."

Inspired by Tyler Perry's rags to riches story, Perkins' eventual goal is to become an actor and own his own small theatre. Wesley got hooked on theatre early when his fourth-grade class went to see "The Wizard of Oz."

"Working in theatre isn't a hobby, said Perkins. "That's actually what I hope to do."

"Happy Birthday, Henry Snikrep" took about five years to write and is based upon Perkins' own experiences. In this wild comedy, the title character, crabby old Henry Snikrep, is about to have a surprise party, but don't tell him the news. He hates his family and a party would kill him, which it does. Now just about every crazy relative is coming to his funeral. The question is: will any one of them survive the mess? Perkins will also be acting in the play. "This is the biggest play I've written," he said, "and the first one that will actually be open to the community."

**Performances will run April 25 to April 29** with Wednesday through Saturday shows at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call the box office voicemail line at 708-210-5741. Leave your name and phone number and someone will return your call. You may also reserve tickets by e-mail at [boxoffice@ssc.edu](mailto:boxoffice@ssc.edu).

# CARL BUDDIG EXPANDS FOOTPRINT IN ILLINOIS

As Carl Buddig and Co. celebrates its 75th anniversary, the company continues to grow its presence in Illinois and in South Holland.

The company recently acquired a manufacturing facility in downstate Montgomery. The location is the company's fourth manufacturing site in the state. Production at the 280,000-square-foot facility will begin this spring. The sale closed on Jan. 19, and the acquisition will expand the Carl Buddig Illinois-based workforce to more than 1,800 employees.

Last year, the company purchased Rupari Food Services right here in South Holland in a bankruptcy sale that saved the jobs of 200 employees.

"Expanding our manufacturing footprint to relieve pressure from current facilities and add capacity to address growing production demands from our customers has been a #1 priority for the company," said Bob Buddig, CEO.

"When the Montgomery facility became available, we jumped on the opportunity immediately. The new plant enables the company to significantly expand production of existing products and new products to be developed in the future," he said.



Tom Buddig, Executive Vice President of Marketing, said, "It is fitting the company is undertaking this expansion in the same year of celebrating its 75th anniversary. Servicing our customers' needs and serving up great tastes for consumers got us to where we are today. This expansion is an important step in making sure this continues and prepares our family-owned company for the next 75 years and generations to follow."

"It is also important to note the expansion will create an additional 250 to 300 jobs in the coming year," said Dan Wynn, Chief Operating Officer. "We are not simply transferring jobs from our current facilities. We are creating new jobs to accommodate growth and work more efficiently."

## PROVIDENCE BANK ADDS DYKSTRA TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of South Holland-based Providence Bank & Trust recently announced the appointment of Kurt D. Dykstra as a director of the bank.

Dykstra serves as the President of Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights.

**"Kurt is an accomplished business leader and an experienced board member in both the public and nonprofit sectors,"** says Steven Van Drunen, Providence Bank & Trust's President and Chief Executive Officer. **"We are confident that he will add great value to our Board of Directors and that Providence Bank & Trust will benefit from his counsel, insight and judgment."**

In addition to South Holland, Providence Bank has locations in Cicero, Elmhurst, Frankfort, Orland Park, Shorewood, Oak Lawn, Wheaton, IL, and Dyer/St John, Munster and Schererville in northwest Indiana.





# WE'RE ON THE MOVE

In hopes of better serving our residents,  
Thornton Township will undergo building improvements to our  
**South Holland Campus, 333 E. 162nd St.**

All the services in South Holland will be closed  
until the end of the year. However, all of our services will remain operational.

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## **Assessor, Clerk & Administration**

900 E 162nd St. South Holland

## **General Assistance**

900 E 162nd St. South Holland and

Thornton Township Food Assistance 15340 Page, Harvey

*For more information on General Assistance, Clerk and Assessor Office please call 708-596-6040*

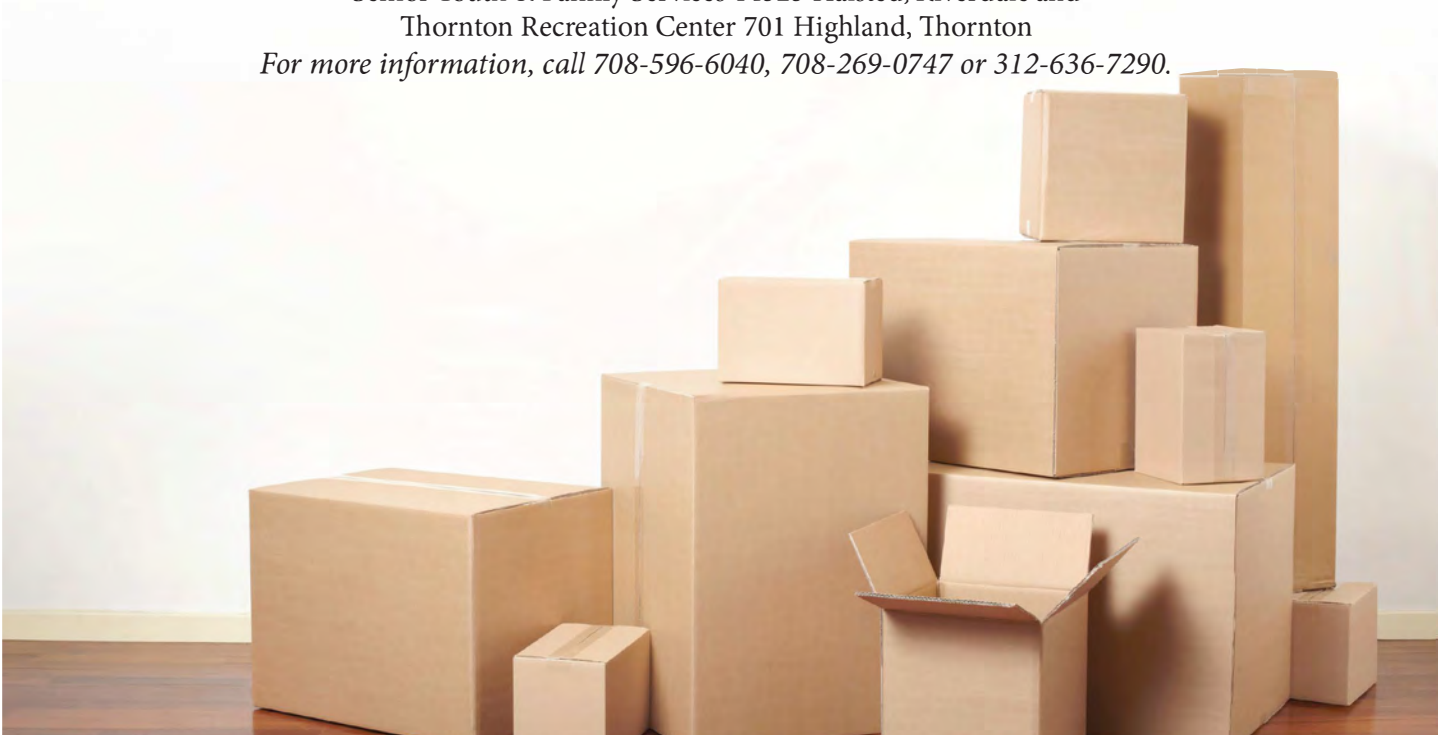
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## **Senior Services**

Senior Youth & Family Services 14323 Halsted, Riverdale and

Thornton Recreation Center 701 Highland, Thornton

*For more information, call 708-596-6040, 708-269-0747 or 312-636-7290.*



# FLOOD INSURANCE

## A WISE INVESTMENT

For those residents living near the Little Calumet River, Thorn Creek, or one of the ditches located in the Village, flood insurance is highly recommended. Even if the last storm or flood missed you or you have done some flood proofing, the next flood could be worse. Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover a property for flood damage.

The Village of South Holland participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. Local insurance agents can sell a flood insurance policy under rules and rates set by the federal government. Any agent can sell a policy and all agents must charge the same rates. Now is a good time to purchase flood insurance in South Holland. Due to South Holland's CRS rating (Class 5), homeowners realize a 25 percent discount from standard flood insurance premiums. Any residence can be covered by a flood insurance policy. Detached garages and accessory buildings are covered under the policy for the lot's main building. Separate coverage can be obtained for the building's structure and for its contents (except for money, valuable papers, and the like). The structure generally includes everything that stays with a house when it is sold, including the furnace, cabinets, built-in appliances, and wall-to-wall carpeting.

There is no coverage for things outside the house, like the driveway and landscaping. Renters can purchase contents coverage, even if the owner does not buy structural coverage on the building.

Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. During the type of flooding that happens in South Holland, there is usually more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure.

Several insurance companies have sump pump failure or sewer backup coverage that can be added to a homeowner's insurance policy. Each company has different amounts of coverage, exclusions, deductibles, and arrangements. Most are riders that cost extra. Most exclude damage from surface flooding that would be covered by an NFIP policy. The cost varies from nothing up to about \$75 for a rider on your homeowner's insurance premium. However, there is a 30 day waiting period once homeowner has applied for flood insurance.

## FLOODPROOFING YOUR HOME

Floodproofing a house means altering it so floodwaters will not cause damage. Different floodproofing techniques are appropriate for different types of buildings. Use the following as a guideline:

- If you have a basement, split level, or other floor below ground level, get a free copy of Guide to Basement Flooding from the Code Enforcement Office. There are lots of ways to protect your basement or lower floor from seepage and sewer backup.
- If your house is on a slab foundation, investigate a low floodwall, berm, or "dry floodproofing" (i.e., making the walls watertight and closing all the openings when a flood comes).
- If your house is on a crawlspace, a low floodwall, berm or "wet floodproofing" will work. "Wet floodproofing" means moving all items subject to damage out of harm's way so water can flow into the crawlspace and not cause any problems. If floodwaters go over the first floor, it is relatively easy to elevate the building to get the first floor above the flood level.
- Properties that are substantially damaged must be brought up to current building codes. Any work needing to be done may require a permit. Contact Code Enforcement to learn if a permit is required.

## VILLAGE FLOOD SERVICES

The Code Enforcement office at 16220 Wausau (708/210-2915) provides the following:

- Information on whether a property is in a mapped floodplain and related flood insurance rate map data;
- Records of past flooding;
- Advice on how to protect a building from water problems;
- Guidance on the laws that govern construction and property improvements; and
- Site visits to view the cause and possible solutions to a problem.

Get a free copy of Guide to Flood Protection from the Code Enforcement Office. Additional information on these measures is available at the Public Library.





# CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE ANSWERS FLOOD OF QUESTIONS

## BE PREPARED FOR UNEXPECTED STORMS

Most of South Holland's flooding and drainage problems occur during and after heavy rain storms. These can happen at any time, but are more common during the summer. There are many things that can be done to prepare for the storm and water problems that may follow, such as:

- Keep ditches, drainage swales, detention basins and storm sewer inlets clear of debris.
- Check with the Code Enforcement office to determine if your house is in a mapped flood plain or if there is a history of flood problems in your area. The code enforcement office can be visited at 16220 Wausau, or reached by calling 708/210-2915.
- Ask the Code Enforcement office about how to protect against water problems.
- During a rain, keep tuned to local radio or television stations to see if there is a tornado or flash flooding hazard.
- Make a record of all personal property. Go through the basement (if not the entire house) and record everything. Videotape or take photographs. Inventory forms are available free from most insurance companies or make one.
- Ask the code enforcement office if an elevation certificate is available for your property.
- Protecting your property is important. Information is available from FEMA publications, including "Homeowners Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your House from Flooding." These resources can be found on [www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/publications.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/publications.shtm).

## FLOOD SAFETY

**Do not walk through flowing water.** Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents can be deceptive—six inches of moving water can knock an average-sized person off their feet. Use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there before going through an area where the water is not flowing.

**Do not drive through a flooded area.** More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers—the road or bridge may be washed out.

**Shut off electricity and gas.** Make sure these utilities are turned off before proceeding with further efforts. Call the fire department at 708/331-3123 for assistance.

**Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.** The number two flood killer, after drowning, is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to the Police Department at 708/331-3131.

**Look before you step.** After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris, including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

**Be alert for gas leaks.** Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames before checking that the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

**Carbon monoxide exhaust kills.** Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machinery outdoors. The same goes for camping stoves. Charcoal fumes are especially deadly—cook with charcoal outdoors.

**Clean everything that got wet.** Flood waters have picked up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms, factories, and storage buildings. Spoiled food, and flooded cosmetics and medicine can be health hazards. When in doubt, throw it out.

**Take good care of yourself.** Recovering from a flood is a big job. It is tough on both the body and the spirit, and the effects that a disaster can have on a family may last a long time. Keep eyes open for any signs of anxiety, stress, and fatigue.

**Create an evacuation plan.** If there is a threat of a flood or an emergency, you should have an evacuation plan for yourself and personal property items.

## WHAT TO DO WHEN IT FLOODS

South Holland's *Flood Warning System* is designed to supply Village officials with necessary data to make informed decisions in times of potential flooding in order to provide residents and businesses with timely assistance so that appropriate actions can be taken to minimize flood loss and casualties. Everyone did fine in previous floods and the system worked per design. But here are some reminders for residents:

If it is raining hard, tune to a local radio station to see if a flood watch or warning has been issued. For residents watching cable television, the public access cable channel override will issue a message. Tune to Cable Channel 4 (Comcast), 6 (WOW), and 99 (AT&T) for more information (provided by the Village in emergency situations). Otherwise, an initial notification may come when residents are addressed by a police car public address system. Be sure to follow safety tips.

The National Weather Service issues two types of flood notices: a flood watch and a flood warning. A flood watch indicates flooding is possible within the area described by the notice. A flood warning indicates flooding is imminent or occurring in the area described in the notice.

An extra measure of protection is wise for people living close to the Little Calumet river, Thorn Creek, or other drainage waterways. A NOAA weather radio can be purchased at local electronic stores for \$10-\$20 and will enable residents to monitor National Weather Service notices directly.

# WISDOM FROM OUR CHURCHES

## COME HAVE A SEAT ON THE COUCH

Johnny Carson hosted "The Tonight Show" for 30 years. It ran from 1962 to 1992. One of the show's features was highlighting new comedians on the scene. Agents of comedians would search for the next big booking for their clients in order to bring them great exposure to the entertainment industry. A struggling comedian - after traveling the circuit from one comedy club to the next, after not making enough money to pay their bills, after sometimes living in their car - wished for a call from their agent informing them that they were booked on "The Tonight Show." Such comedians were Jerry Seinfeld, Eddie Murphy, Jim Carrey, Roseanne Barr, Jay Leno, David Letterman, and Joan Rivers.

The comedian would work on the best jokes to get the audience on the edge of their seats from laughter. The comedian would only have a few minutes to captivate the audience, but the true heart of the comedian was to captivate the heart of Johnny Carson. This was the moment they waited for. One would think that everything the comedian worked for, sacrificed for, would have been for the moment they ended their comedy segment and heard laughter and loud applause from the audience. This was supposed to be the highlight of the comedian's career. The truth of the matter was that the highlight and the hope was to not only have Johnny Carson give you an "OK" sign, but the anticipated climax was for Johnny to beckon the comedian to come sit on his couch for a brief conversation. The invitation to sit on Johnny's couch would change the life of the comedian. It meant no more underground comedy clubs, no more sleepless nights wondering where the next meal was coming from. It was this invitation that would open big doors for the comedian. It would mean that all of the comedian's hard work paid off.

Can you just imagine, from all your hard labor, work day after day, running after your passion, that at the end of your presentation, the Heavenly Father invites you over to His couch, to sit in His presence to converse with you? You must be in hot pursuit after your purpose and destiny. Continue to sharpen your skills; not for the applause of men, but to hear the Father extend an invitation for you to come sit with Him. It's when you sit with Him, that He gives His

stamp of approval for what you do; letting you know He's pleased with you. Are you making the needed effort to sacrifice to live out your passion? The Bible says, "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9. After society has applauded you and has given you accolades, it's the heart of the true servant to hear God say, "Well done." Make it your desire to have that face-to-face experience with Him. It's in His presence where you can have pleasures forever more! Come, have a seat on the couch!

S. Don Clark, Pastor  
*The Eagle's Nest Worship Center*



Please join us for the

# Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:30 a.m.

Spirit of God Fellowship  
(Fellowship Hall)

16350 State Street, South Holland, IL

*Speaker:* President Kurt Dykstra  
(President of Trinity Christian College,  
former mayor of Holland, Michigan)

*Fee:* \$5.00  
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