

THE VILLAGE MEMO

February 2016

**Village of Hillburn
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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – Craig M. Flanagan, Jr.

Happy New Year! As we go into 2016, I am looking forward to the spring. I am sure you are as well. In the coming year we will be working on a project at the Michelle A. Noel Youth Center. This project will provide more parking and better lighting making it safer for picking up and dropping off the children.

It's that time again! We would like to start planning Hillburn Day 2016. This is a community event that everyone in the village and their families look forward to. This would not be a successful event without the help of volunteers. If you are interested and would like to serve on this committee, please call the Village Office and leave your name and contact information by February 19th. We would like to have our first meeting at the end of February.

As always, I am always open to any questions, concerns or comments. I look forward to the next year serving as your Mayor.

2015 VILLAGE ELECTION – Tuesday, March 15th – 12noon to 9:00PM - Hillburn Municipal Building, 31 Mountain Avenue

Offices to be filled: Office of Trustee - 2 Year Term

NOTICE: The Village of Hillburn no longer holds a Voter Registration Day. To register, Voter Registration Forms (available at the Village Office) are to be submitted to the RC Board of Elections.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – Monday, April 4, 2016 – 7:00PM

The Annual Organizational Meeting will be held in the Community Room, 37 5th Street, commencing at 7:00PM. Installation of the officials elected at the 3/15/16 Election will take place. Annual appointments will be made and the Mayoral Address will be made.

VILLAGE BUDGET

The 2016-2017 Tentative Village Budget is under preparation. A Public Hearing will be held in April. Notice of date and time will be published and posted. Interested residents should attend this meeting.

WATER RATE INCREASES

Reminder – New Water Rates Effective February 1, 2016 and August 1, 2016 – A detailed breakdown of the fees was included with recent water bills. Extra copies are available at the Village Office.

HILLBURN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – David K. Farrison, Chair

The Scholarship Committee is planning our fifteenth Hillburn Community Scholarship Award. Each year, the Scholarship is named for a person who has contributed significantly to Hillburn youth. We are proud to name the 2016 award in honor of Thomas Ulysses Alexander. Mr. Alexander played a critical role in the hiring of Thurgood Marshall, a young NAACP attorney and eventual Supreme Court Justice, who led the fight to desegregate Hillburn Schools in 1943.

Scholarship applicants must be residents of the Village of Hillburn who are graduating high school seniors planning to attend college or vocational programs in the fall of 2016. Applications will be available at the Village Office and the Suffern High School Guidance Office and are due by Friday April 15, 2016.

This vital program is made available solely by the funding of private donations. Your generous contribution can be made payable to: The Hillburn Community Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 705, Hillburn, NY 10931. Thank you in advance for supporting this vital community program. Any questions should be referred to me at 357-7262, dfarriso@optonline.net.

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HILLBURN LADIES AUXILIARY – Judy Starr, President

April 23rd – Benefit Dance for the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Suffern American Legion, Pavillion Rd., Suffern, NY, 7pm to 12 midnight. For tickets, call Judy (753-2638)

May 7th – Plant and Bake Sale, 9am to 12noon, at the Hillburn Fire House

May 14th – Street Fair, 10am to 3pm – Vendor space available; \$30 for Hillburn Residents and \$35 for non Hillburn Residents – for information, call Eleanor (304-3697)

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HILLBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT – Edward Kelly, Jr. Chief

Seasonal Reminders:

- Please remember to keep hydrants in the area of your home clear of snow.
- Make sure that chimneys are properly cleaned and fireplaces/woodburning stoves are properly extinguished after use.
- Check batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the H.F.D. can obtain an application at the Hillburn Firehouse on Wednesdays at 7:00PM.

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HILLBURN SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION - Margaret Gulick, President

At the 2/1/2016 meeting, the Hillburn Seniors started their forty-first year by recalling its organization. In 1975, a Resolution authorizing the establishment of the Hillburn Senior Citizens Organization was adopted by the then Village Board: Mayor Lester Lepori, Trustee Harvey Coleman and Trustee Brian Miele. Minutes of the organization’s first meeting were read. To mention a few of our founding fathers (and mothers): Tracey Powell, John Canty, Blanche Powell, Mary Brown, Ethel Stead, Bertha Boddy, Florence Gulick, Grace DeFreese and Anne Sovak. In the beginning, meetings were held in the old fire hall building and then moved to the basement of the Ramapo Presbyterian Church. When the new fire hall was built, the club moved back to 5th street where they continue to have their meetings on the first and third Monday evenings.

In the upcoming months, the club has planned: a day trip to the Westchester Broadway Theater ("Cirque Ziva") and a three day, two night trip to see "The Castles of New York". For further information on these trips, please call Pat Van Dunk 357-3464 or Valerie Mariano 357-4227. We will also have some interesting guest speakers and a Military Bridge on April 15th.

March Meetings will be held on March 7th and 21st. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME ☺

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HILLBURN YOUTH CENTER – Angela Flanagan, Program Director **368-3679**

Our Christmas party was a huge success! It was well attended and everyone found something to enjoy. Santa arrived and gave the children gifts and candy canes. The smiles were never ending! We would like to extend our thanks to our many friends & volunteers who made the day memorable. Mr. Jeremy Honey, Rhonda Toone, Shelly & Joe Ramos, Bev Flanagan, Grace De Groat and Face Painter: Tanya Van Dunk. A special thanks to Ken & Camille Conklin and the USMC Toys for Tots.

2016 Summer Camp & Swim Programs- Youth entering grades K- 8th - July 11- August 12th – 5 weeks! Camp Program – held at the Youth Center- fee is \$425.00 per child, with a \$25 discount for siblings. Swim Program- held at Spook Rock Pool- fee is \$55.00 per child. (Transportation is provided) Register for these programs at the Youth Center on Friday, March 4th at 6-8pm and Saturday, March 5th at 10-12 noon. Fees and immunization records are due at registration. Parents, please take advantage of these specific dates, for spots not filled will then be available to non-residents the following week.

Michelle A. Noel Scholarship - For those needing help with Camp fee, Scholarships are available. Applications can be picked up at the Youth Center or on line at info@rocklandgives.org. Application deadline is March 1st.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny- Saturday, March 19th, 9:00am–12noon @ the Youth Center. Please come and support the Youth Center.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday, March 26th, 10:00am at Veterans Memorial Park (Rain Date April 2nd)

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

-Overnight Parking Restriction between 12:00midnight and 6:00AM remains in effect through April 15th.

-Residents are responsible to keep sidewalks adjacent to their respective homes clear of snow and ice. Snow is not to be shoveled onto the roadway.

-For tenants to receive the Village Memo, landlords must supply the names/addresses to the Village Office.

-Residents, please report any street light outages to the Village Office as soon as possible.

-Recycling – Plastic bags are no longer recyclable. Please do not place them in the either recycling bin.

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2016 BULK TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

3rd Monday of each month. (Exception: February – Pick-up will be Tuesday, 2/16/16)

–Please do not place trash at curbside any earlier than the weekend before the scheduled pick-up date. Once the DPW has collected bulk trash from your street, you CANNOT place any additional bulk trash at curbside. Construction debris will NOT be collected and is not to be placed at curbside.

