

THE VILLAGE MEMO

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**Village of Hillburn
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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – Joseph P. Tursi

I hope that you all had a joyous holiday season and are looking forward to spring.

As we begin to enter the second year of the COVID-19 crisis I would ask you to continue to be mindful of the threat that it poses. While vaccine distribution is expanding it will be some time before we are able to return to some sense of normalcy. Please visit the Rockland County Health Department website for more information concerning Vaccine eligibility.

Go to www.rocklandgov.com and navigate to the Health Department page.

On a positive note, after many hours spent in Rockland County Supreme Court, Village Attorney Terry Rice was successful in bringing an end to the illegal dumping that has occurred at the Creelman Road property. While the property has been vacated, the village is seeking restitution for damages both physically and monetarily for the unauthorized use of the property. As I have stated in the past, Hillburn is not a dumping ground, and we will continue to take a stand against anyone who attempts to violate village code.

The Village Board recently approved a Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$125,000 to fund the purchase a new Ford F-550 truck for the DPW, new computer equipment for the Village Office and to replace the DPW equipment building on Fifth Street.

After a one year trial period, the hazardous material and E-waste program that the village instituted last spring will now be a regular service provided by the village. Residents were very receptive to the program and it has been a way for us all to preserve our environment. Thank you all for making it work.

Repairs were recently made to the village water system. The village contracted with Northeast Water Technology, a leak detection company, to locate any compromise in the system. They confirmed a leak that was suspected at the Hillburn Industrial Park and another leak was discovered on Suffern Road. Both have been repaired.

Please remember that I am always available to address your concerns, grievances or ideas to keep our village moving forward. I can be reached at 845-570-0050.

As we celebrate Black History Month, I would like to end with a quote from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way."

Please stay safe and I hope to see you all around our beautiful village.

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2021 ASSESSMENT ROLL & HEARING OF COMPLAINTS

The Village Board of Trustees recently appointed Scott Shedler to serve as the Village Assessor, in the place of the Board of Assessors/Village Board of Trustees. Mr. Shedler is exceptionally knowledgeable and very qualified for this position.

-The 2021 Tentative Assessment Roll is on file in the Office of the Village Clerk-Treasurer. The Board of Trustees and the Assessor will meet virtually for the purpose of completing such assessment roll and hearing and determining grievances in relation thereto on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., via GoToMeeting. The GoToMeeting address can be obtained by calling the Village Clerk's office or on the Village website, www.hillburn.org. Grievance application forms are available at the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer and the grievance application forms must be filed on or before February 16, 2021.

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2021 VILLAGE ELECTION – Wednesday, March 16th - 12noon to 9:00PM - Hillburn Municipal Building, 31 Mountain Avenue

<u>Offices to be filled:</u>	Office of Mayor	- 2 Year Term
	Office of Trustee	- 2 Year Term

NOTICE: The Village of Hillburn does not have a Voter Registration Day. To register, Voter Registration Forms (available at the Village Office) are to be submitted to the RC Board of Elections.

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ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – Monday, April 5, 2021 – 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 3/16/21 Election will take place. Annual appointments will be made and the Mayoral Address will be given.

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VILLAGE BUDGET

The 2021-2022 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.

HILLBURN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – David K. Farrison, Chair

The Scholarship Committee is planning for our 20th Award Program. This year we are naming the award in honor of Kathleen Davies, who will be retiring as an active Committee member. Over the past 20 years, Kathleen has served with distinction as our only Treasurer and former Chair. Scholarship Applications will be made available at Hillburn Village Hall, Suffern High School Guidance Office, or by sending a request to dfarriso@optonline.net. To be considered, applicant must be a resident of the Village of Hillburn, graduating from High School in 2021 and attending college or vocational studies in the Fall. Applications must be complete and arrive by the deadline, no exceptions. If you know of an eligible student, please provide him/her with the above information.

This unique program can only continue with sufficient volunteer support. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call/text to (c) 845-368-1644, or e-mail to dfarriso@optonline.net. Donations are being received at our P.O. Box 705 Hillburn NY 10931, made payable to; The Hillburn Community Scholarship Fund. Thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer and/or your generous donation!

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HILLBURN SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION – Diana D. DeGroat, President

The Hillburn Senior Club is missing our long-time Treasurer Valerie Mariano, who passed away on December 12, 2020.

She served the Club as an Officer for many years and was one of two Trip Coordinators. Valerie also provided us with “Humor Time”, telling jokes at the end of every membership meeting. She was honored by the Village of Hillburn by being named Citizen of the Year in 2019.

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HILLBURN LADIES AUXILIARY – Tanya Cirincione, President

Upcoming Events:

May 8th Mother’s Day Plant and Bake Sale – Hillburn Fire Dept. 5th St. – 9:00AM-12:00noon
(DEPENDING ON COVID-19)

We hope everyone is safe and healthy!

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HILLBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT – Shane Starr, Chief

- Keep hydrants in the area of your home clear of snow. (In accordance with the NYS Fire Code)
- Make sure that chimneys and fireplaces/woodburning stoves are properly cleaned and fires extinguished.
- Check batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Volunteers are Needed. 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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BUILDING/FIRE INSPECTOR – Adam L. Gordon

Hello to all residents. I hope everybody is healthy and had a great holiday season.

Helpful Tips for Proper Maintenance of Home Clothes Dryers – According to the USFA, improper dryer maintenance is the leading cause of home clothes dryer fires and occur more in the fall & winter months.

- Have a professional install your clothes dryer and clean regularly. Keep area around dryer free of flammable items.
- Make sure the correct electrical plug and outlet are used and that the dryer is connected properly.
- Clean the lint filter before and after each load of laundry and use a nylon brush at least every six months. Clean the back of the dryer also where lint can build up. Inspect and vent pipe every 3 months for lint and animal nests.
- Put a covering on outside wall dampers to keep out rain, snow & dirt and make sure it opens when the dryer is on.
- Replace coiled-wire foil or plastic venting with rigid, non-ribbed metal duct.
- Don’t use a clothes dryer without a proper lint filter. Don’t overload the dryer.
- Don’t dry anything containing foam, rubber or plastic (i.e bathroom rug). Follow manufacturer’s instructions.
- Don’t dry items that have come into contact with anything flammable like alcohol, cooking oils or gasoline.
- Don’t run dryer you leave home or when you go to bed. Unplug dryer if you will be away for an extended time.

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Seasonal Parking Restriction – In accordance with Local Law 2, 2016 (adopted 5/12/16) parking on Village streets is prohibited as follows:

- At any time when snow is accumulating on the roadway.
- At any time after snow has accumulated on roadways but before snow has been cleared from roadways.
- Between the hours of 12:00AM and 6:00AM, if snowfall has been forecast by the National Weather Service.

Snow Removal

-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.

Street Lights - Please report any street light outages to the Village Office, as soon as possible.

Household Garbage - Garbage is to be placed in proper receptacles. Receptacles are not to be placed at curbside any earlier than the night before the scheduled pick-up date and must be removed from curbside the day of pick-up.

2021 Bulk Trash Pick-Up Schedule

Weather permitting: Tuesday, February 16th Monday, March 15th Monday, April 19th

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.

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