

THE VILLAGE MEMO

May 2020

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – Joseph P. Tursi

We all are at a point in our lives that no one could have ever imagined. The COVID-19 pandemic has crippled New York and the surrounding area. When this situation confronted New York State, the village had to follow procedures put into place by Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders. Some of these orders were the closing of public offices for the protection of office staff. As of May 18th the village office will be open from 10:00AM - 2:00 PM. You must wear a mask to enter the building.

The Governor's executive orders also mandated the reduction of work force of the DPW and limited the department to refuse pick up. The DPW staff was on call at all times to address any situation that may have occurred within the village. The department began full time operations on May 18th as well and bulk pickup has resumed.

We also had to cancel the 2020 Summer Camp program as we have no way of knowing when this situation will improve. Registrants, who have pre-paid for their children to attend, will be receiving a full refund. We will keep you apprised of any changes.

The upcoming Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled. We are working out a plan to honor our Fallen Americans and we will inform you of that plan when it has been finalized.

We also have had to cancel Hillburn Day. We hope to have the Fall Festival in the fall.

According to the Rockland County Health Department, Hillburn has continuously had the least amount of infections of the COVID Virus in Rockland. While one infection is too many, I believe that our residents acted accordingly to the directives of Governor Cuomo and Rockland County to reduce the spread within our village.

A volunteer effort was organized within the village to assist our neighbors who were unable to get to the grocery store or pharmacy. These volunteers were extremely helpful and responsive and I would like to thank them on behalf of all Hillburn residents.

Sadly, on April 19th, Mayor James R. Brown passed away and his wife Beatrice passed away shortly thereafter. Thank you to the residents who came out to pay last their respects to Mayor Brown on 4/26/2020. Our condolences to his family.

On a more positive note, the village is moving ahead with dealing with the vegetation problem at Veterans Memorial Park and we are still planning to do road repaving in parts of the village. We will provide information as it develops.

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2020 VILLAGE ELECTION – The March 18, 2020 Village Election was rescheduled, in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.26, to Tuesday, September 15, 2020 - 12noon to 9:00PM - Hillburn Municipal Building, 31 Mountain Avenue. The 2020 Ballot is in Place:

Office to be Filled: Office of Trustee - 2 Year Term

Candidates - Bonnie O'Blenis
Richard A. Mellon

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 (held after the 9/15/2020 Village Election)

Date and Time to be Confirmed

This important meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020 in the Hillburn Community Room, 37 Fifth St.

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HILLBURN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – David K. Farrison, Chair

Our Scholarship Awards Ceremony is tentatively scheduled for 2pm on Saturday June 13th in the Community Room. The date is contingent upon where things stand with Covid-19 safety concerns. As we get closer to the event an announcement will be forthcoming.

We are appealing for volunteers to join the Hillburn Community Scholarship Committee. We meet about six times per year and enjoy a friendly volunteer environment. If you are interested, please call me at 845-368-1644, or e-mail at dfarriso@optonline.net. Please stay safe as things will get back to normal. DKF

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HILLBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT – Shane Starr, Chief

-Please keep fire hydrants that are on or near your property clear of grass and branches so they are readily visible to the fire department.

-Keep outdoor fireplaces 20 feet from any structure, porch, house or shed and keep a hose or fire extinguisher close by. It's the law.

-Due to COVID-19, the Hillburn Fire Department will no longer be pumping out water from residents' basements. Homeowners will need to contact a private plumber.

-Help us help you - we need volunteers!

If anybody would like an application to join the Hillburn Fire Department, please contact chief Shane Starr at 845-357-2036 and leave a message with the Village office.

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HILLBURN LADIES AUXILIARY – Tanya Cirincionne, President

Upcoming Events:

Unfortunately due to the COVID -19 pandemic we do not have any events scheduled. We hope to see you all again when events are permitted. Until then stay safe and healthy!

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HILLBURN SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION - Diana DeGroat, President

Due to the pandemic and the need for our members to stay safe, all meetings of the Hillburn Senior Citizens Organization are postponed until further notice. As well, all trips for 2020 have been canceled.

Members were saddened with the loss to natural causes of two of our long-time members: Justine Glinsky on April 6th and "Aunt" Betty Peterson on May 1st.

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Reminder to Dog Owners – In accordance with Village Code Chapter 65, Section 65-5-A(4), it is prohibited to allow your dog to defecate on public property without properly removing the dog waste immediately and **DISPOSED OF PROPERLY**. Violators may be subject to fines. Please take pride in our community and have respect for your neighbors by working together to keep it clean.

Requirement of House Numbers - To ensure proper/timely emergency response, house/building numbers are to be conspicuously displayed as follows: Residential buildings: no less than 3" in height; Nonresidential buildings: no less than 4" in height.

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

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

2020 Bulk Trash Pick-Up Schedule

Weather permitting: Mondays: June 15th July 20th August 17th

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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Congratulations to all our Graduates!!