

THE VILLAGE MEMO

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – Joseph P. Tursi

As we approach the holiday season I would like to remind you that COVID-19 is still a threat to our community. During this crisis the village has maintained a low infection rate. One of the lowest rates in the county. But we need to remain vigilant in slowing the spread. We must continue to wear masks and practice safe social distancing.

The Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service will be on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 PM. The event will be held via video conferencing. Information on how you can attend the service will be emailed or you can join by following the link on the Village of Hillburn Facebook page. Look for the link on the events tab.

The Brook Church will be having its Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 13th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. This event will be a drive through take-out or delivery only. You can find menus at the post office, on the village Facebook page and they also will be emailed to the residents on the village email list. You can also send a text message for advance orders and delivery to Carla Alexander at 845-821-7751.

The village recently completed Phase 2 of the Road Improvement Project. Utilizing CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program and PAVE-NY) funding the village was able to repave Mountain Avenue, Rockland Avenue and a portion of Fifth Street.

With the cooperation of the Rockland County Sewer District the village recently purchased 40 new Scott Air-packs for the Hillburn Fire Department. The last of the existing air-packs were due to expire at the end of the year. If this equipment was not replaced our fire department and residents would have been critically compromised. I would like to thank RCSD Chairman George Hoehmann and the entire board of commissioners for their undiminished commitment to our village.

The village auditor, Berard & Assoc., recently conducted an audit of the village finances. The conclusion of the auditors is that the village is in a sound fiscal state. Key factors that enabled the village to accomplish a positive outcome were the reduction in hospitalization insurance and the village providing in-house refuse collection.

Brendan Stock, a Boy Scout from Troop 59 from Allendale, NJ recently completed a renovation of the basketball court at the Youth Center. His work included resurfacing and painting new lines on the court and painting the backboards and replacing the nets. On behalf of all the residents I would like to thank him for doing his project in Hillburn and wish him the best as he achieves his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout.

If you would like to be on the village email list please send an email to me at jptursi@hillburn.org.

Have a joyous holiday season and please stay safe.

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

41st Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday, November 24, 2020 – 7:00PM
(Via teleconference)

43rd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration – Sunday, December 6, 2020 – 6:00PM

This special event will be held at Veterans Memorial Park, 4th Street. Join us as we welcome the holiday season to our community by the lighting of our Village Christmas Tree and the singing of carols.

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HILLBURN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – David K. Farrison, Chair

Hopefully our 2020 Hillburn Community Scholarship Awardees (Cole Foster, Gianna Landrum and Daniel Strysko) are enjoying their first college semester. We know how stressful this year has been for everyone, especially for our students requiring distance learning. In January, the Scholarship Committee will begin the planning process for our twentieth Hillburn Community Scholarship Award. The Program has become a traditional part of post High School planning for a generation of our youth. As previously stated, the future of this vital community initiative will be contingent upon new volunteers to serve on the Scholarship Committee. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact me at dfarriso@optonline or (C) 845-368-1644. Thank you in advance and wishing all a Happy Health Holiday Season!

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HILLBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT – Shane Starr, Chief

Fireplaces/Woodburning Stoves – Clean your chimney prior to use. Always use a fireplace screen and be sure combustibles (kindling, newspapers) are kept away.

-Christmas Trees – Keep all trees, artificial and real, well away from fireplaces, radiators, and other heat sources. Real trees should be kept watered at all times.

Fire Hydrants – Please keep the hydrant near your home clear of obstacles so it can be easily located.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the HFD, stop by the firehouse on Wednesdays at 7:00PM.

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HILLBURN LADIES AUXILIARY – Tanya Cirincione, President

Upcoming Events: November 21st Movie Night – Hillburn Youth Center – Doors open at 6:00pm – movie starts at 6:30pm - \$7/person includes popcorn, snacks and a drink

December 12th Christmas Caroling – Santa will be leading the auxiliary around Hillburn singing Christmas songs starting at 2pm.

The Auxiliary is still mourning the loss of our longest running president, Judy Starr. We will do our best to continue all of her traditions. Please stay safe and healthy!

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VILLAGE NOTICES

Village Board Meeting Schedule – Tuesday, November 17th and Tuesday, December 15th - Meetings will be held via teleconference commencing at 7:00PM.

Village Office Hours/Restrictions – In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, the Village Office is open to the public week days from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. All visitors must wear a facemask to enter.

Water Billing Notice – The next bill will be Dec. 1, 2020 for the 4-month period ending Nov. 30, 2020.

2021 Village Election– Tues., March 16th - 12noon-9:00PM - Hillburn Municipal Bldg, 31 Mountain Ave -
Offices to be filled: 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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REMINDERS/REGULATIONS

Leaf Pick-Up – The deadline to place loose leaves at curbside is December 15, 2020. DO NOT PLACE LEAVES IN THE ROADWAY. This not only obstructs traffic but can cause hazardous conditions. Twigs/branches are not to be mixed in with the piles of leaves. Bagged leaves can continue to be placed at curbside for pick up on Mondays. Free leaf bags are available at the Village Office.

Bulk Trash Pick-Up Schedule – November 16, 2020, December 21, 2020 & January 25, 2021 (*Contingent on weather conditions)

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.

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

- Any time when snow is accumulating on the roadway.
 - Any time after snow has accumulated on roadway and before said 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.
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