

THE VILLAGE MEMO

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – Joseph P. Tursi

Veterans Memorial Park Pond – This project, that is being undertaken to restore adequate water supply for the pond, is progressing with the installation of a new well and pump. Funding for this project includes the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and a SAM Grant.

Construction of DPW Garage on 5th St – The construction of the new building is underway and will provide much needed storage for Village vehicles and equipment. The cost of this project is being funded through a SAM Grant and a BAN.

6th St Culvert Repair – This project to repair damages caused by Hurricane Ida, will proceed upon receipt of additional funding being requested through federal & state grants.

Village Code Chapter 184 - Property Maintenance

Brush Grass and Weeds – Local Law No. 4 of 2024, adopted 7/16/2024 enacts amendments to Chapter 184 regarding prohibiting the growth of noxious weeds, long grass and other rank growths that are harmful and or unsightly due to lack of maintenance. Upon failure to comply with an Order to Remedy issued for a violation of overgrown brush, weeds and grass on private property, the Village is authorized to undertake appropriate action to remedy the condition at the expense of the respective homeowner. including labor, materials and equipment use, shall be billed to the respective property owner. If not paid, the expenses will be levied on the respective property owner's Village tax bill, with interest.

The Village of Hillburn is a beautiful place to live. However, it can only remain so with the cooperation and consideration of all our residents. Keeping homes and yards neat and clean is one way. Another is teaching our children not to vandalize public parks and equipment. We have recently incurred two such acts: one at the Youth Center (swings removed) and one at Veterans Memorial Park (sides of gazebo smashed in by bikes). These damages not only deface our community, they also cost taxpayers' dollars to repair. To prevent, installation of cameras throughout the Village is being reviewed. In this way, future damages to public property can be borne by the individual, not the entire community.

Hillburn Recreation

We are thrilled to announce the return of our beloved After-School Recreation Program at the Michelle A. Noel Hillburn Youth Center this fall. For nearly 30 years, this center has been a cornerstone of our community, and we are excited to open its doors once again.

This program holds a special place in the hearts of many residents, and we are committed to keeping its legacy alive. We're also proud to have two of the center's alumni, Orianna Lee and Gabriella Caccamo, leading the charge as they pilot this year's program.

Stay tuned for more updates and information about all the exciting activities that are being planned. Here's to a fantastic school year filled with fun, learning, and community spirit!

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2024 VILLAGE TAXES

Reminder: The deadline to pay 2024 Village taxes is November 1, 2024. Taxes remain unpaid at that date will be forwarded to the County of Rockland for collection, and will be assessed additional penalty fees.

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HILLBURN DAY – Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 11:00AM to 5:00PM – 5th Street (Rain Date: 9/22/2024)

T-Shirts order forms are available at the Village Office. Please join us for a FUNFILLED DAY OF Music, Food, Face Painting, Games, Prizes and much more!! Vendors are welcome – for a table, please contact Trustee Tarantino at 845-570-1102 or by email at batarantino@hillburn.org.

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HILLBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT – Nelson Scott, Chief

Dear Residents, as we move through the summer, it's crucial to ensure that we are all prepared for any emergency that may arise. Whether it's a natural disaster, power outage, or fire, being prepared can make a significant difference in how we respond and recover. This month we are focusing on emergency preparedness to ensure that every resident is ready to handle any situation. Start by creating a family emergency plan that includes multiple escape routes, designated meeting points and a communication plan in case of separation. Assemble an emergency kit with essentials like water, non-perishable food, medications, flashlights and important documents. Additionally, practice your plan regularly with your family to ensure everyone knows what to do in an emergency. Your proactive efforts in emergency preparedness make our community stronger and more resilient. By taking these steps, we can work together to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents.

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HILLBURN LADIES AUXILIARY – Tanya Cirincionne, President

Upcoming Event:

October 12th Fire Prevention & Halloween Egg Hunt – Hillburn Youth Center
12pm-2pm Fire Prevention – 2pm Egg Hunt
\$10/child includes Candy, Prizes, Cookie Decorating and Fire Prevention Items.

COME OUT FOR SOME FAMILY FUN!

Keep an eye out for future events!

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HILLBURN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – David K. Farrison, Chair

The Scholarship Committee held our 22nd Annual Awards Ceremony on June 15th in the Hillburn Community Room. The event was well attended and featured a beautiful trip down Hillburn’s memory lane by our Honoree Mr. Tom Lyons. Our 2024 Hillburn Community Scholarship recipients were recognized and presented their awards. Please join us in congratulating: Ciara Henry, Christian Scott, Alexia Starr and Matthew Zhune on their accomplishment! This year the Scholarship Committee awarded a total of \$6,000 in awards. The Ceremony was capped by a very inspirational Keynote Address by Mr. Darrell Fraiser, a member of the Suffern Central School Board. Once again, congratulations to our Honoree, very deserving 2024 Hillburn Community Scholarship Award Recipients and all Hillburn graduates as they pursue their future goals! Thank you to our donors who make this program possible each year.

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HILLBURN SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION – Diana D. DeGroat, President

Members of the Hillburn Senior Citizens Club enjoyed a wonderful Backyard Barbeque in June and thank our DPW crew for the great set-up. July brought us an informative speaker who made helpful suggestions on how to avoid cognitive decline.

Club members are participating in the New York State Senior Farmer’s Nutrition Program, which provides them with \$25 in coupons to use at local farmers markets through November.

The Rockland County Department of Health will present A Matter of Balance Program in our Community Center. It begins on Thursday, September 19 and will run for eight weeks. Residents are invited to learn to reduce fear of falling and improve strength and balance. Call the Village office at 845 357-2036 if you are interested.

Commencing in September 2024, the Hillburn Senior Citizens Organization will resume meeting twice each month - on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1:00PM in the Hillburn Community Room. Upcoming September meetings: 9/9/2024 and 9/23/2024.

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BUILDING/FIRE INSPECTOR – Lawrence McMannis

Building Permits - Prior to commencing any construction work on their property, property owners are reminded to contact the Village Office to determine if a Building Permit is needed. This will insure that the work is performed according to Code by a licensed, properly insured contractor, as required by law. Failure to obtain a Building Permit will result in penalties.

Unregistered Vehicles – In accordance with Village Code Chapter 250 - §17-G(2)(a), storage of unregistered vehicles is prohibited in all districts. Violators are subject to fines.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION/REMINDERS

Spotted Lantern Fly – Visit www.hillburn.org for info provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland County.

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. **BAGS OF DOG WASTE SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY IN YOUR TRASH RECEPTACLE AND ARE NOT TO BE THROWN ALONG THE SIDE OF THE ROAD!!** 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.

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

Household Garbage, Bulk Trash and Limbs/Brush Collection:

-**Household Garbage:** Must be placed in bags, bags must be tied and placed in proper receptacles; placed at curbside no earlier than the night before the scheduled pick-up date; and, are to be removed from curbside the day of pick-up.

-**2024 Bulk Trash Pick-Up Schedule** - Weather permitting:

Monday, September 16th

Tuesday, October 15th

Monday, November 18th

-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.

-Small Limbs/Brush are to be tied together prior to placing at curbside. Small trimmings are to be placed in bags.

Failure to comply with the above Schedule & regulations will result in penalties, including suspension of bulk trash collection privileges.

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