THE VILLAGE MEMO May 2021

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – Joseph P. Tursi

Welcome Spring.

While the village has been mostly quiet this past winter and early spring the Village Board has been busy behind the scenes working for our residents.

To begin with, I would like to thank our DPW for their outstanding work this past winter in keeping our roads clear during the many snowstorms that we encountered. They did so with a three man staff and a shortage of equipment. The village is purchasing a new truck for the DPW and it will be equipped with a salt spreader which will now expand our salt spreading capabilities by giving us two spreaders. We also hired Vincent Skokos as a new employee for our DPW bringing the staff back to 4 employees. Vincent also serves on the Hillburn Fire Department and his presence in the village during the day strengthens our first response team.

Habitat for Humanity of Rockland has been busy renovating a house on Second Street and expects to be finished this summer. Please join me in welcoming our new neighbors, the Aguillards, to our village.

The Hillburn Fire Department recently held a fundraising campaign to purchase an off-road UTV (Utility Terrain Vehicle). This vehicle will be used for mountain rescues and forest fires. The fundraising campaign was extremely successful and the village only had to add \$6000.00 to complete the purchase. This necessary piece of equipment will reduce response time to incidents that occur in the mountainous areas of the village. Thank you to the residents for your generous donations and to the fire department for their efforts in raising the funds.

The DPW building roof and soffits were recently replaced. The roof was last replaced in 1970. Work on the Village Office is also underway, with new gutters and soffits being installed.

The Rockland County Sewer District is currently having an appraisal done on the Split Rock property. The focus of this appraisal is to determine a fair market value for the property, thereby allowing the Land Conservancy of New Jersey to purchase and preserve the property from any future development. Future plans include a hiking trail connecting trails from New Jersey to Harriman State Park.

The village also hosted its annual Village Clean-Up. Approximately 20 residents turned out and a large amount of trash was collected. Residents also concentrated on the Hillburn Brook, removing a large amount of tires and other large debris. Thank you to the residents who took the time to beautify our village.

This summer the village will also be continuing our Concert in the Park series. Plans are underway for at least three shows at the park. More information will follow as dates are booked.

As always, I am available to discuss with you any concerns that you may have regarding our village. I can be reached at 845-570-0050 or jptursi@hillburn.org.

Thank you and have a great spring and summer.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & SERVICE - Monday, May 31, 2021 - 9:00AM

The Parade will originate at the Ramapo Central Administration Building at 9:00AM and will proceed through the Village to the World War I Monument (corner of Lake Avenue & 4th Street) for the Memorial Day Ceremony. Please come out and show your respect and appreciation for America's heroes.

Bike Decorating – The Village Board encourages youth to decorate their bikes and participate in the Memorial Day Parade. "Kits" of streamers and flags are available for pick-up at the Municipal Building, 31 Mountain Avenue, Hillburn, NY (Telephone #357-2036). Show your patriotism and your creativity!!

HILLBURN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - David K. Farrison, Chair

The Scholarship Committee is evaluating eligible applications for 2021 HCS Awards. Our Scholarship Awards Ceremony is scheduled to be held on June 19th at 2pm in the Hillburn Community Room. At that time Awardees selected by the Committee will be recognized and receive their Scholarship. We will also celebrate this year's honoree, Kathleen Davies for her 20 years of dedicated service on the Committee. Residents are encouraged to attend, please be reminded of social distancing space requirements. On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, thank you so much for your generous donations that make the program possible. The future of this important community program is dependent on additional volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering on the Committee, please email me at dfarriso@optonline.net.

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.
- -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.

HILLBURN LADIES AUXILIARY - Tanya Cirincionne, President

As we are returning to some level of normalcy keep an eye out for future events! We hope everyone stays safe and healthy!

HILLBURN SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION - Diana DeGroat, President

- -The first meeting of the Hillburn Senior Citizens Organization, since the pandemic, was held in the Community Room on May 3rd. All members in attendance had been vaccinated and felt safe in gathering. Mayor Joseph Tursi welcomed the members back to their Club and spoke of future plans of the Village.
- -A donation to the Hillburn Volunteer Fire Dept to honor Valerie Mariano was voted on and approved to be made.
- -Eleanor DeGraw was elected as Treasurer. Our next meetings will begin at 4 PM on Mondays, June 7, July 12, August 2 and September 13.
- -Residents age 55 and above are invited to come to a meeting and possibly join our Club.

BUILDING/FIRE INSPECTOR - Adam L. Gordon

May is National Barbecue Month, Electrical Safety Month and National Wildfire Awareness Month.

Barbecues/Grills - Please be sure to use your barbecues/grills in a safe manner - never leave fires unattended.

<u>Electrical Safety</u> - Make sure to regularly clean dryers and their exhaust vents Check out the electrical safety checklist from NFPA for information on how to reduce electrical-related fire and injuries.

<u>Wildfire/Outdoor Fires</u> – The NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) issued a burn ban that remains in effect until May 15th. Check out the following link: https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/122502.html), as well as a video about camp fire safety (https://youtu.be/fPr Xr2djuA).

<u>Smoke Alarms/Exit Drills in the Home (EDITH):</u> For tips on detecting, reacting or responding to fires as early as possible, check out the following link from OFPC that provides important information. (http://www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc/publications/documents/brochures/HFS-tips.pdf)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

<u>Unregistered Vehicles</u> – 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.

<u>Lawn Maintenance</u> – In accordance with Village Code Article I, §184-1-A, failure to keep grass properly trimmed is a violation. Violators are subject to fines.

<u>Reminder to Dog Owners</u> – 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 <u>YOUR</u> 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.

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

2021 Bulk Trash Pick-Up Schedule

Weather permitting: Mondays: June 15th July 19th August 16th

This schedule MUST be followed. Property owners who place trash at curbside any earlier than the weekend before the scheduled pick-up date are subject to penalties. 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.