

# **THE VILLAGE MEMO**

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**Village of Hillburn  
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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](mailto:jptursi@hillburn.org).

Thank you and have a great spring and summer.

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**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 & 4<sup>th</sup> 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!!

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**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](mailto:dfarriso@optonline.net).

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