

THE VILLAGE MEMO

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – Joseph P. Tursi

I hope you all enjoyed your summer, early fall and are getting ready to head into the winter months.

In late October the village took delivery on a new 2021 Ford F550 dump body truck. The truck is equipped with a snowplow and salt spreader. The village will now have two salt spreaders in service during the winter months giving our DPW the tools necessary to combat winter storms and make our streets safer for residents.

Over the summer, significant improvements were made to the village water system. These repairs have dramatically decreased the water loss, due to leaks, bringing down operational costs to the water department significantly.

For the third year in a row and utilizing Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), the village has made road improvements. This year, improvements include Hickory Avenue and areas of Fifth and Sixth Street.

This is an ongoing project; and as long as New York State provides the funding, we will continue to upgrade village roads.

The village has partnered with equaTEK Interactive to create an updated village website. We expect it to be launched by the new year.

In the spring of 2019 it was brought to my attention that Houvenkopf Mountain, also known as Split Rock, was to be put up for sale by auction by property owner Rockland County Sewer District. Around the same time, I was appointed as a Commissioner to the Sewer District. Having realized the potentially devastating impact such a sale could have on the historical values, as well as the environmental and negative effects that this would have on the village, I asked the sewer commission to halt the sale to see if the property could be preserved as is. They agreed to hold off on selling the property. I also brought the same concerns to County Executive Ed Day and the Rockland County Legislature. They all agreed that it would be in the best interest of not only Hillburn, but the county as well, to preserve the property. Elected officials and environmentalists toured the property and were awed by the beauty of Split Rock and its significant history. After nearly two years of negotiations, appraisals and seeking an investor to purchase the property, and the full support of the Hillburn Board of Trustees, I am happy to announce that Split Rock will be purchased and preserved forever by the Land Conservancy of New Jersey. Sometime in the future, the land will be turned over to the Ramapough Lenape Nation forever preserving sacred land. The sale was unanimously approved by both The Rockland County Legislature and The Rockland County Sewer Commission. I would like to thank all of the individuals who were involved in preserving Split Rock. Unfortunately, they are too numerous to mention here. We will be having a dedication ceremony in the future and details will follow.

I want to thank the office and DPW staff for their dedication to our village. Their tireless efforts are big part of what makes Hillburn "Rockland's Best Kept Secret."

Please have a safe and joyous Holiday Season,

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

42nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday, November 23, 2021 – 7:00PM

This year's service will be held at the Lighthouse Worship Center, 17 Chestnut Avenue, Hillburn. Everyone is invited to attend this very special occasion that unifies people of all faiths to give thanks for our blessings. This year, one of the most important blessings is to once again join with each other in the spirit of Thanksgiving.

44th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration – Sunday, December 5, 2021 – 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.

Memorial Ornaments – If you would like to place a memorial picture of a loved one on the Village Christmas Tree, fillable ornaments are available at the Village Office.

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HILLBURN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – David K. Farrison, Chair

The Hillburn Community Scholarship Committee is still seeking volunteers. To date, we have received a very limited response to our volunteer recruitment efforts. To sustain the program for future years we must fill the critical positions of Chair and Treasurer, or risk suspension of the program. If you are interested in becoming a member and/or would consider filling the positions of Chair or Treasurer, please contact our current Chair David Farrison at (C) 845-368-1644, or e-mail at dfarriso@optonline.net for information. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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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:

December 11th Christmas Caroling – Santa will be leading the auxiliary and fire department around Hillburn singing Christmas carols starting at 2pm.

Plans are being made for other fundraisers so keep an eye out for our flyers!

If you are interested in joining the Hillburn Ladies Auxiliary please call (845) 323-3413 to request an application.

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HILLBURN SENIOR CITIZENS

On a warm September evening, Hillburn Seniors had a wonderful Annual Picnic in the backyard of the Community Center, with catering by Muno’s and musical entertainment by Moshe. The highlight of the event was the Craft Raffle, with donated, handcrafted items made by our members. The most sought-after item was a Fisherman’s sweater knit by Mavis Radel.

At the last meeting in October we held our Halloween Party, with games, and costume prizes won by Vivian DeGroat, Jeremy Honey and Phyllis Shorey. Our Holiday Party will be at the Ramapo Senior Center on December 10th, with catering by Uncle Giuseppe’s and music by Jimmy Walsh.

Meetings will be held at 4:00PM on Mondays, November 8th and 22nd, December 13th and 27th. Hillburn residents age 55+ are invited to join this Club. Our thanks to Mayor Tursi and our Village DPW for the new signs on the Community Center.

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BUILDING/FIRE INSPECTOR Adam L. Gordon

2021 National Fire Prevention week Theme “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”:

SMOKE ALARMS

- A continuous set of 3 loud beeps: Smoke or fire has been detected - Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds: Battery is low and must be replaced.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced: Unit must be replaced.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

- A continuous set of 4 loud beeps: Carbon monoxide is present. Get outside, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds: Battery is low and must be replaced.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced: Unit must be replaced.

TIPS

- Bedside alert devices should be used by people with mild to severe hearing loss.
- Sleep with your mobility devices, glasses and phone close to your bed.
- Change smoke and CO alarm batteries when clocks are turned back at the end of Daylight Savings Time.
- Keep pathways/hallways lit with night lights and free from clutter to make sure everyone can get out safely.
- Make a home safety action plan.

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REMINDERS/REGULATIONS

Leaf Pick-Up – The deadline to place loose leaves at curbside is December 13, 2021. **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 15, 2021, December 20, 2021 & January 24, 2022 (*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.

Household Trash

Garbage must be placed in garbage bags, inside proper receptacles. Cans 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.

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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Stay Informed

-**Village Memos** are also available on the Village’s website and Facebook page, or can be picked up at the Village Office.

-**Notices** of Village Board meetings and Special Events are posted on the Village website, Facebook Page, the Village Office and Post Office.

-**Legal Notices**, including Notices of Public Hearings, are posted on the Village website, Facebook Page, Village Office, Post Office, on (6) poles throughout the Village and published in the Journal News.