

THE VILLAGE MEMO
November 2022

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – Joseph P. Tursi

The holidays are quickly approaching. As the village prepares for the upcoming winter, I would like to remind residents with sidewalks and/or fire hydrants that are on their property, that the homeowner is responsible for keeping these areas free from snow.

As outlined below the village has received funding for various projects throughout the village.

The sidewalk improvements are currently under construction.

The first phase of the Veterans Memorial Park will be the drilling of a new well to supply the pond. The drilling will be commencing in the next couple of weeks. The second phase will be to dredge and reconfigure the pond.

We anticipate the start of phase 2 next spring.

Work on the Sixth Street culvert should be completed by the spring of 2024.

A new DPW building on Fifth Street is in the planning stage and we hope to break ground next spring.

These projects would not be made possible if not for the assistance of State Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick, State Assemblyman Michael Lawler, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS).

The Hillburn Fall Festival was a big success. The weather was beautiful and there was a great turnout of residents. Thank you to Deputy Mayor Bernadette Tarantino for organizing the event in under 6 weeks. Also, thank you to the volunteers, vendors, village staff and residents who attended this fun event.

The Hillburn Community Scholarship Program has helped numerous students in our village but needs your help. Please see the message below from Chairman Farrison and help our children by keeping this worthwhile program alive for future generations.

On behalf of the Village Board, I would like to wish you a healthy and happy holiday season.

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FUNDING/GRANTS - The Village Board continues to seek grants and funding to make improvements to our Village. Current projects include:

Veterans Memorial Park Pond Restoration – This project is being made possible through a SAM Grant sponsored by Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick’s Office, and the Village’s allocation received through the American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. -The project is proceeding. Exploratory drilling in the park is scheduled in order to locate a new well.

Replacement of 5th St. DPW Garage – The Village has received approved funding through a SAM Grant sponsored by Assemblyman Lawler’s Office in the amount of \$49,500.00. Also available: BAN Appropriation in the amount of \$35,000.00. Additional funding is being applied for to replace the garage.

Repair of 6th Street Culvert – This project will be financed through federal and state funding received through FEMA–DR #4615, in the amount of \$536,125.14.

Suffern Road Water Main Armoring – The Village is in the process of applying for federal and state funding for this project through FEMA-DR #4615.

2022 Curb and Sidewalk Improvements – This project is being performed utilizing funding through the NYS CHIPS Program and includes replacing the curb on the 4th Street Thruway Bridge, and sidewalk replacement in several locations through the Village.

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

43rd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday, November 22, 2022 – 7:00PM

This year’s service will be held at the Brook Presbyterian Church, 116 Sixth Street, Hillburn. A warm invitation is extended to all residents to join together at this very special occasion that unifies people of all faiths to give thanks for our blessings.

45th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration–Sunday, December 4, 2022 – 6:00PM

This special event will be held at Veterans Memorial Park, 4th St. 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 Scholarship Committee will be meeting to discuss the status of the Hillburn Community Scholarship program. Currently the Scholarship Committee consists of just a few volunteers and without new members joining, we risk not being able to sustain the program, which has served our Hillburn youth for over (20) years. With your help during that time, we have awarded almost (100) Scholarships amounting to about \$250,000 to assist Hillburn youth pursue higher education. Several times over the past year I have appealed for the need of additional volunteers to help administer our program. So, once again I ask for your consideration to volunteer on the Committee. The additional help will help us maintain the Scholarship program for future generations. Please e-mail me at dfarriso@optonline.net or via cellphone 845-368-1644. Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to help!

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HILLBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT – Irving Stryko, Chief

Now that the cold weather months are moving in, please remember to do the following:

- have your heating system cleaned and checked
- have your chimney cleaned before use
- change your batteries in all your fire and carbon monoxide detector
- when decorating for the holidays, please use proper UL approved lights and extension cords

Anyone wishing to join the Fire Department can stop by on Wednesday nights at 7pm to inquire about joining the Department.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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HILLBURN LADIES AUXILIARY – Tanya Cirincione, President

Upcoming Events:

December 10th 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 - Diana D. DeGroat, President

Fall is here and our Senior citizen group has been very active. We enjoyed trips to Octoberfest in Staten Island to see the Mike Bryne Show with a band and comedian, and had a fine time at Windcreek Casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Our Halloween Party was fun with some costumes, games and a quiz. The Club's next trip will be again to Windcreek Casino and then to Hunterdon Playhouse for their fabulous Christmas Show and lunch.

Our semi-annual Craft meeting will happen on November 14th where our members bring their hand-made crafts and creations, some even available for sale.

We urge residents to come to one of our meetings, held at 3PM, on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.

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REMINDERS/REGULATIONS

Leaf Pick-Up – The deadline to place loose leaves at curbside is December 8, 2022. **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 21, 2022, December 19, 2022 & January 16, 2023 (*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 and put inside proper receptacles. (No loose garbage to be put in 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** available on the Village's website, Facebook page, or 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.

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