

Village Board News

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Community Development

The board approved building permits 2009 – 1101 thru 1172, 71 permits representing \$1.5 million of investment in the community. Permits were approved for a variety of projects, including a \$291,000 investment by South Suburban College for upgrading its elevators. Other permits issued were: new windows for Calumet Lift Truck, signage for MetroSouth Health Center located in the Heritage Center, new canopies for Walt's Foods, sidewalk pavers for Windmill Nursing Pavilion, and remodeling for DSI Renal Care.

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Village Board meetings are generally held on the first and third Mondays of each month. The next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2009 at the Village Hall.

Information in this newsletter is intended only to highlight some of the activities of the Village Board. Residents desiring to see a complete record of the Village Board meetings can request copies of the meeting minutes from the Village Clerk's office in the Municipal Bldg.

Village Hall Closed

Thanksgiving

In observance of Thanksgiving Day, the Village Hall will be closed Thursday, November 26, 2009.

Public Works

Trustee James announced that on Monday, November 16, the park maintenance staff merged with the public works staff to create a new team in the Public Works Department. This re-alignment will bring operational efficiencies and reduce overall costs.

Improvements to the Village Hall parking lot have progressed very well. Landscaping of the area is currently underway, and the installation of a customer-friendly bill payment drop-box for motorists will be complete by the end of the month. The drop-box will allow residents the convenience of dropping off their water bill payments without having to park and get out of their cars, which will be very nice for our residents during times of inclement weather.

Community Coordination

Trustee Doorn announced upcoming community events:

* **Mayor's Coffee** - Tuesday, December 1, 7:30 a.m., at the South Holland Community Center.

* **Santa Comes to Town** - Friday, December 4, 6:00 p.m. at the Faith, Family, Future Center (16931 South Park Avenue). The event is free for South Holland children up to age 10. Registration is required - call 210-2905.



Save the Date

* **The 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** celebration, hosted by the Village of South Holland, will be held Saturday, January 16, 10:00 a.m. at First Reformed Church, 15924 South Park Avenue.

Parks & Recreation

Trustee Johnson announced that tickets are now on sale for The Rick Saucedo Show. This holiday show, scheduled Saturday, December 5, at the Community Center, features the award winning "Elvis Impersonator" performing a tribute to Elvis Presley and holiday favorites. For ticket information, call 331-2940.

Other Notables

- ◆ Chaplain Hank Elgersma from Providence Life Services (formerly Rest Haven Christian Services), opened the meeting with prayer.
- ◆ The board approved an ordinance to amend the Sunday closing law, broadening the definition of businesses that serve the motoring public to include grocery stores and auto-related businesses. Establishments authorized to operate on Sunday will begin to serve their customers at 11:00am.
- ◆ The board approved a resolution authorizing the sale of four fire department apparatus - a pumper, ladder truck and two ambulances.
- ◆ The board approved financial register 670 in the amount of \$1,708,802.52, covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and salaries.
- ◆ The board approved a resolution authorizing the fire department to purchase a new tower ladder truck. This multipurpose apparatus is designed to handle fire suppression and rescue.