

Village Board News

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Community Development

The board approved building permits 2010-0323 thru 0367, 44 permits representing \$242,000.00 of investment in the community. The permits include remodeling for Robinson Engineering, new office space and restrooms for Chicago Heights Glass, guard rail at the Charm Cleaners, and electrical and lighting for Simborg Development.

Student Government Day

Sixteen students representing local schools held a mock village board meeting at the South Holland Community Center. Student Government Day participants included: Faith Armour, Andrew Davis and Christian Agbabiaka from Calvary Academy; Asia Hunter, Amber Abogunrin and Coty Miller from Calvin Christian; Whitney Plumery, Kameron Marshbanks and Ja-Wan Gardner from Christ Our Savior; Myles Bradley, Amari Walls and Kayla Seawood from Coolidge Junior High; Andre Cardine, Cierra Adamus and Kristian Cook from McKinley Junior High; and Patrick Hogan from the Christian Home Educators of the South Suburbs.

The students were paired with a village official. They interviewed their official to learn about the structure of local government and during their mock board meeting, the students shared their findings. The day concluded with a reception for the participants and their families.

Community Coordination

Trustee Doorn reported the following upcoming events:

- Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 31, 11:00 a.m., on South Park Avenue from 170th Street to Veterans Memorial Park. Immediately following the parade will be the annual Memorial Day remembrance ceremony, followed by Little League baseball and girls softball games. Refreshments will be available for purchase from the South Holland Lions Club.
- Mayor's Coffee, Tuesday, June 1, 7:30 a.m. at the South Holland Community Center.
- Next village blood drive, June 13, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, 900 East 154th Street.

Public Safety

Trustee Chambers announced the new "Meet the Chiefs in the Park" initiative. During the month of June, residents are invited to come out Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00-9:00 p.m. to meet and speak with Police Chief Warren Millsaps and Deputy Chiefs Robert Stegenga and Greg Baker at the Police Mobile Command Van. There will be beverages and giveaways, and residents can talk about their concerns and hear about police programs. Dates and park locations are as follows:

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| June 2 - Paarlberg Park | June 3 - Thorn Creek Park |
| June 8 - Maicach Park | June 10 - Gouwens Park |
| June 14 - Veterans Park | June 23 - Hollandale Park |
| June 22 - Municipal Park | June 24 - So. Suburban College |
| June 28 - St. Jude Church & School area | |

Other Notables

- ◆ Pastor Heino Blaauw from Peace Christian Reformed Church and President of the South Holland Ministerial Association opened the meeting with prayer.
- ◆ Mayor Don De Graff and the Village Board presented a letter of appreciation to Sandra VerHaar for her 29 years of serving on the Park Advisory Board.
- ◆ The board approved financial registers #687 & #688 totaling \$2,555,235.79, covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments, and salaries.
- ◆ The board approved two Motor Fuel Tax resolutions totaling \$850,000 for streets and highways maintenance and road resurfacing.
- ◆ The board authorized the awarding of the IEPA Indiana Avenue water main project contract to low bidder Steve Spiess Construction Inc., which came in 28% lower than the estimated cost of the project.

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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, June 7, 2010 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.

