

THE VILLAGE MEMO

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – Joseph P. Tursi

I hope you all are enjoying your summer.

-As you will note below, the village has received grant funding from our local representatives, State Assemblyman Michael Lawler and State Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick. For a village of our size it is sometimes difficult to provide the services that it does and find the funding necessary to maintain these services. We will continue to explore creative ways via grant applications, to bring outside funding sources to the village whereby lessening the burden to village residents. We appreciate the attention that our representatives have shown Hillburn and are very thankful for their efforts and support.

-The village has also been working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to repair the Sixth Street culvert damaged during Hurricane Ida.

-In the past, the village has separately hosted an electronic waste and household hazardous waste drop-off. These items will now be collected together every three months allowing residents to dispose of all hazardous waste in a more timely manner.

-The village recently completed the first phase of an LED lighting project in the community room and firehouse bays. This will result in lower electricity costs for the village and enhance the lighting. The second phase will be updating the lighting in the municipal building and is expected to be completed in the next few months.

-Village engineers Eve Mancuso and Brian Brooker have begun work on the engineering phase for the rehabilitation of the pond at Veterans Memorial Park. This will be a costly project and the village will work with local representatives to procure the funds necessary to bring the centerpiece of our village back to life

-As always, I am available to the residents by email at iptursi@hillburn.org or by phone at 845-570-0050.

Enjoy the rest of the summer

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FUNDING/GRANTS

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 in its early engineering stages.

Purchase of Backhoe – The Village of Hillburn has purchased a 2022 Caterpillar backhoe. This purchase was made with the help of a SAM Grant sponsored by Assemblyman Lawler’s Office.

Replacement of 5th St. DPW Garage – The Village has received approved funding through a SAM Grant sponsored by Assemblyman Lawler’s Office, and is presently applying for additional funding to replace the garage.

Digitizing of Village Records – The Village has received a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grant to digitize Planning and Zoning Records. Previous funding has been awarded for digitizing of Board Meeting Minutes, Building Department and Payroll Department Records.

Presently, the Village has applied for funding for several other grants to assist the Village in undertaking several other projects that will benefit our community.

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HILLBURN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – David K. Farrison, Chair

Our Twentieth Hillburn Community Scholarship Award Ceremony was held on June 11th. The annual event was well attended, showing enthusiastic support for the Scholarship Program. This year's Honorees were Bev and Rusty DeFilippis, who did so much for Hillburn youth. The Scholarship Committee awarded a total amount of \$10,000.00 in Scholarships to six very deserving recipients. Please join us in congratulating our 2022 Hillburn Community Scholarship Awards Recipients; Katelyn Foster, Ray Henry Jr., Dorian Levitus, Kamila Magana, Phillip Van Dunk and Gregory Lucas Vaval. These fine examples of Hillburn's youth join the distinguished list of (88) Hillburn Community Scholarship Awardees. Over our history, your private donations have contributed well over \$200,000.00 to help recipients achieve their educational goals. Special thanks to our Honorees Bev and Rusty DeFilippis for their many years of service to the Hillburn community. In her remarks, Bev expressed the importance of investing in our youth to ensure a bright future. We again congratulate our recipients and wish them and the graduating class of 2022 much success as they pursue their goals. Thanks to our donors, who's generous contributions have made the program possible for twenty years!

It cannot be overstated: the future availability of the Hillburn Community Scholarship is dependent on new volunteers coming forward. If you wish to become a volunteer, please reach out to me via phone, text, or e-mail at 845-368-1644, dfarriso@optonline.net. Thank you to our community for your generous donations and consideration to volunteer!

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HILLBURN SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION – Diana D. DeGroat, President

A wonderful Senior Picnic was held in the backyard of our Community Room in June with catering by Muno’s and an auction of items donated by members. School supplies have been collected by the members to aid the Shining Lights Helping Hands organization’s campaign to provide children with bookbags and all needed supplies for the coming school year.

Trips are planned for Windcreek Casino in September, to the Mike Byrnes Octoberfest show and lunch at the Staten, and to Hunterdon Playhouse for their fabulous Christmas Show and dinner in December. Our Holiday Party is also planned. Hillburn residents are invited to go with us, please call me at 845 357-0404 for further information.

Our next meetings are September 12, October 10 and 24 at 3 PM in the Community Room. We invite those residents age 55+ to come to a meeting and perhaps join this fun club.

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HILLBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT – Irving Stryko, Chief

-Keep outdoor fireplaces 20 feet from any structure, porch, house or shed and keep a hose or fire extinguisher close by. It’s the law.

-Help us help you - we need volunteers! If anybody would like an application to join the Hillburn Fire Department, please contact Chief Irving Stryko at 845-357-2036 and leave a message with the Village office.

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HILLBURN LADIES AUXILIARY – Tanya Cirincionne, President

Upcoming Events: October 15th – Fire Prevention & Halloween Egg Hunt – Hillburn Youth Center 4pm-6pm Fire Prevention – 6pm Egg Hunt - \$10/child includes: Flashlight, Candy, Prizes, Cookie Decorating and Fire Prevention Items. **COME OUT FOR SOME FAMILY FUN!**

Keep an eye out for future events!

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Unregistered Vehicles – In accordance with Village Code Chapter 250 - §17-G(2)(a), storage of unregistered vehicles is prohibited in all districts. Violators are subject to fines.

Lawn Maintenance – In accordance with Village Code Article I, §184-1-A, failure to keep grass properly trimmed is a violation. Violators are subject to fines.

Reminder to Dog Owners – In accordance with Village Code Chapter 65, Section 65-5-A(4), it is prohibited to allow your dog to defecate on public property without properly removing the dog waste immediately. **BAGS OF DOG WASTE SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY IN YOUR TRASH RECEPTACLE AND ARE NOT TO BE THROWN ALONG THE SIDE OF THE ROAD!!** Violators may be subject to fines. Please take pride in our community and have respect for your neighbors by working together to keep it clean.

Street Lights - Please report any street light outages to the Village Office, as soon as possible.

Household Garbage, Bulk Trash and Limbs/Brush Collection:

-Household Garbage - Garbage must be bagged and placed in proper receptacles. Receptacles are 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. **Repeated violations will result in a suspension of services.**

-2022 Bulk Trash Pick-Up Schedule - Weather permitting: Mondays: August 15th September 19th October 17th

This schedule MUST be followed. Property owners who place trash at curbside any earlier than the weekend before the scheduled pick-up date are subject to penalties. 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.

-Limbs/Brush Collection – Small limbs/brush are to be tied together prior to placing at curbside. Small trimmings are to be placed in bags. Bags are available at the Village Office.

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Good Luck Kids

