

THE VILLAGE MEMO

February 2023

**Village of Hillburn
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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – Joseph P. Tursi

The Village Board has worked diligently to secure funding for projects that will benefit our community, including:
Veterans Memorial Park Pond - With spring rapidly approaching, engineering and design has begun on the pond. Well exploration was necessary to find a source of water to keep the pond supplied with water.
Construction of DPW Garage on 5th Street – This project is in the design phase and we expect to break ground this spring. This building will house village equipment and keep it protected from the weather.
6th Street Culvert Repair – The Village has obtained funding to repair damages to this vital infrastructure caused by Hurricane Ida. The first phase has begun and entailed obtaining survey information to facilitate the design.
Purchase of Search & Rescue Equipment – A 2022 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant has been obtained and will assist in the purchase of equipment for our volunteer fire department.

The Village Board has been adamant regarding the health and preservation of our community.
-Recently, in the case of the illegal dumping of construction debris at Creelman Road, the Judge has ordered the perpetrators to clean the site of the toxic material that is a threat to the Ramapo River Aquifer.
-As I reported last year, the Split Rock property is now in the process of being purchased by the Land Conservancy of New Jersey to be turned over to the Ramapough Lenape Nation. I am very proud to have brought this matter to the attention of elected officials and environmentalists who, after touring the property, agreed that this beautiful land and its irreplaceable historical and sacred value should be forever preserved.

The COVID-19 Pandemic was detrimental to our youth programs. The Village Board recognizes the importance of providing recreation for our youth and has been working to reestablish programs. Initially, the Board is working to provide a 2023 Summer Camp Program. Further information will be provided, when finalized.

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2023 TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL & HEARING OF COMPLAINTS

The 2023 Tentative Assessment Roll has been filed in the Office of the Village Clerk-Treasurer. The Board of Trustees and the Assessor will meet on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for the purpose of hearing and determining grievances in relation thereto.

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2023 VILLAGE ELECTION – Tuesday, March 21, 2023-12noon to 9:00PM - Hillburn Municipal Building, 31 Mountain Avenue

Offices to be filled: Office of Mayor - 2 Year Term
Office of Trustee - 2 Year Term

NOTICE: The Village of Hillburn does not have a Voter Registration Day. To register, Voter Registration Forms (available at the Village Office) are to be submitted to the RC Board of Elections, by March 10, 2023.

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ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – Monday, April 3, 2023 – 7:00PM

Meeting will be held in the Community Room, 37 5th St, commencing at 7:00PM. Installation of officials elected at the 3/21/23 Election will take place. Annual appointments will be made and the Mayoral Address will be given.

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VILLAGE BUDGET

The 2023-2024 Tentative Village Budget is under preparation. A Public Hearing will be held in April. Notice of date and time will be published and posted. Interested residents should attend this meeting.

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HILLBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT – Irving Stryko, Chief

- Keep hydrants in the area of your home clear of snow. (In accordance with the NYS Fire Code)
- Make sure that chimneys and fireplaces/woodburning stoves are properly cleaned and fires extinguished.
- Check batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Volunteers Needed. HFD Membership applications available at the Hillburn Firehouse on Wednesdays at 7:00PM.
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HILLBURN LADIES AUXILIARY – Tanya Cirincione, President

Upcoming Events:

- March 25th Hero Night – 5pm-8pm – 6” Meatball, Italian Combo, or sausage & peppers w/dessert, chips and a drink \$15 walk in, curbside pick-up & free delivery to seniors within Hillburn available
Pre-sales will be on Saturday March 4th & 11th from 9am-12pm in front of the post office.
- May 13th Mother’s Day Plant and Bake Sale – 9am-12pm - Hillburn Fire Dept. 5th St.

If you are interested in joining the Hillburn Ladies Auxiliary, you may inquire at any event or call (845) 323-3413 to request an application.

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

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HILLBURN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – David K. Farrison, Chair

I am very pleased to welcome Eleanor DeGraw, Allyne Manzo and Bernadette Tarantino as new members of the Hillburn Community Scholarship Committee. Their willingness to volunteer their time and effort on behalf of our youth is greatly appreciated and will insure that this worthwhile program benefits future generations.

The Hillburn Community Scholarship Committee is proud to name the 2023 award in honor of Patricia D. Van Dunk who served our youth as Recreation Chair for many years. Scholarship Applications are now available at the Suffern High School Guidance Office and Hillburn Village Hall. Applicants must be current residents living in the village of Hillburn. Completed Applications must be received by April 28th, in adherence with instruction. We encourage all eligible graduating Hillburn High School Seniors to apply. This vital community program can only be made possible via the generous donations of our residents and businesses. Please send your donation to: The Hillburn Community Scholarship Fund. PO Box 705, Hillburn NY 10931. Thank you in advance for your generous donation that will assist Hillburn youth pursue their higher education goals. Please refer any questions via e-mail to dfarriso@optonline.net.

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HILLBURN SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION – Diana D. DeGroat, President

The Hillburn Senior Citizens Club, along with the Airmont Senior Club and Forever Young Seniors, enjoyed a Holiday Party at the Ramapo Senior Center on December 2.

The seniors, along with Town of Ramapo Supervisor Michael Specht, enjoyed Jimmy Walsh’s musical entertainment, the games, and the catering by Uncle Giuseppe’s.

At our December meeting, Mayor Joseph Tursi swore in the Club’s Officers for the next two years: President: Diana DeGroat, Vice President: Mavis Radel, Secretary-Treasurer: Eleanor DeGraw, and Assistant Treasurer: Pat VanDunk.

Hillburn residents age 55+ are invited to our meetings which are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 3 PM in the Village Community Room.

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Seasonal Parking Restriction – In accordance with Village Code, parking on Village streets is prohibited as follows:

- At any time when snow is accumulating on the roadway.
- At any time after snow has accumulated on roadways but before 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.

Snow Removal - -Residents are responsible to keep sidewalks adjacent to their respective homes clear of snow and ice. Snow is not to be shoveled onto the roadway.

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

Household Garbage - Garbage is to be placed in proper receptacles. Receptacles are not to be placed at curbside any earlier than the night before the scheduled pick-up date and must be removed from curbside the day of pick-up.

2023 Bulk Trash Pick-Up Schedule

Weather permitting: Tuesday, February 21st Monday, March 20th Monday, April 17th

-Small items are to be placed in a bag or box for easy collection. Please do not place small items loosely on the ground.

Please 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.

