

The Legend

A Quarterly Newsletter
for Village Residents

Winter 2022



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President's Message

Stephan K. Pickett
Village President

President Pickett has opted to take a break for this edition. Enjoy your holidays and best wishes for the new year ahead. Be sure to enjoy the local events that Sleepy Hollow and other nearby municipalities offer for the holiday season.



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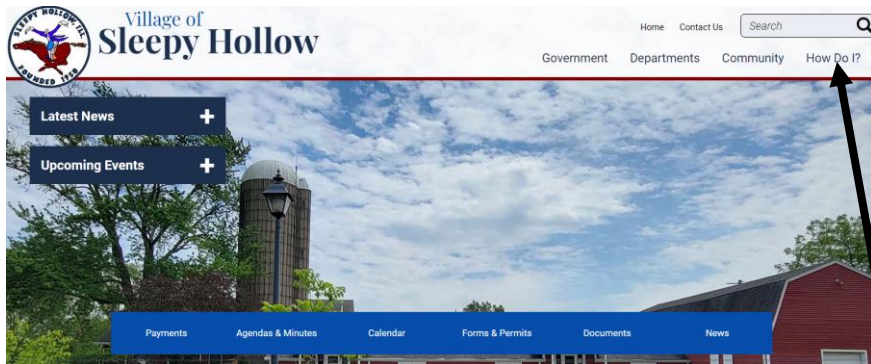
Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00am to 3:30pm

Email: sleepyhollow@sleepyhollowil.org

Website: www.sleepyhollowil.org

Meetings: Regular meetings of the Village Board are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 pm. Residents are welcome to attend. If you wish to speak at a board meeting, you must sign in prior to the start of that meeting. The Planning and Zoning commission meets on an as needed basis. Anyone interested in volunteering for this commission should contact President Pickett. All meetings are now livestreamed from Village Hall.

NEW EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE



With the launch of the village's new website comes the launch of a new notification and subscription service. The village staff is in the process of creating new lists. If you subscribed to anything on the old website—those lists did not carry over—so please be sure to sign up again on the new website. To opt in, simply click on "Email Subscriptions" from the "How Do I" tab on the right side of the main menu.

ADDITIONS TO FINANCE

The Village of Sleepy Hollow is pleased to announce the addition of Malcolm Morris and Jenny McGuire to the Finance Committee. Both are familiar faces in the village, with Mr. Morris having served as a village trustee and Ms. McGuire a part of the Safer Together Sleepy Hollow advocacy group.

LOOKING TO 2023

2023 marks a significant year for the Village of Sleepy Hollow. Sleepy Hollow will be celebrating its 65th anniversary and the Service Club will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. Many events will be planned including the long-awaited auction of the old street signs. Be sure to check out the Service Club's column on page 6 for more details and look for the spring edition of The Legend in early March—we'll be sure to include any information we have about the upcoming festivities. We are all looking forward to celebrating these two milestones.

65/50
2023

Village of Sleepy Hollow/
Sleepy Hollow Service Club

NOTICE: SPRING ELECTION

The Consolidated Election of April 4, 2023 will include the election of Sleepy Hollow local officials. There are four Village Trustee positions open for this election. Three of the positions are for a 4-year term and one position is for a 2-year term.

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, you are encouraged to attend meetings of the Village Board and/or to contact current Board members with questions you may have about the duties of a village trustee. For detailed information about the election process, the 2023 Candidate's Guide is available to view or print at the Illinois State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov. You may also contact the State Board directly.

There will also be a packet of general information available at the Village Hall for residents interested in running for these positions.

These positions are voluntary and no compensation will be paid for services performed



From the Police Department

Samuel J. Parma Jr., Chief of Police
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WINTER NEWS

Once again, we wake up when it's dark and come home from work or school and it's dark. That can only mean one thing: winter is fast approaching. Since we have less daylight when kids are active, please pay attention and slow down when traveling through our scenic village. The view is much better when you see it at a slower pace anyway!

We Are in This Together

Whether for a simple service call or an emergency, please call 911 and utilize the services of your police department. Many people are reluctant to call 911 not wanting to bother emergency personnel for simple service calls such as barking dogs, parking complaints, or loud music. We never see our callers as bothering us. Our belief is that if it is of concern to you, it's of concern to us. Please remember 'If you see it, say it! – call 911.' We are here to help. Remember, crime prevention is everyone's responsibility!



**HERE
TO
HELP**

How Can I Help with Crime Prevention?

I'm glad you asked! There are some very simple things we can all do to make our property less attractive to criminals. Keep landscaping trimmed away from doors and windows so that not only neighbors can see, but also our patrol officers can see when we drive by. Use exterior lighting, timers on interior lights, LOCK YOUR VEHICLES & remove valuables, close your garage door, and let us know when you go on vacation. Please let us know if you have any information on criminal activity in town. When it comes to keeping our residents safe, I have zero hesitation when it comes to putting criminals in jail!

What is This Safety Act We Are Hearing so Much About?

This is new criminal justice reform legislation set to go into effect on January 1, 2023. I would need a 10-page newsletter to try to explain what the act does and even then, I'm not sure it would be clear. What I can say is that there continues to be work done every week in Springfield to modify the legislation.

Regardless of what goes into effect on January 1st, we will be ready and able to continue to deliver the police services our residents deserve. This is truly a wait and see piece of legislation!

Helpful Tips for Safe Winter Driving

- Reduce your speed – SLOW DOWN!
- Stay alert – watch your surroundings.
- Maintain control – don't panic.
- Prepare an emergency kit that contains jumper cables, flares or reflectors, windshield washer fluid, a small ice scraper, traction material, blankets, non-perishable food and a first-aid kit.
- Carry a cell phone and a car charger in case of emergency.





December 3rd — 4PM
Sabatino Park

FALL REAL ESTATE VALUES

The following table shows pricing information of real estate sales in the Village of Sleepy Hollow from September 1, 2022-November 30, 2022. Sales table only includes properties listed publicly through Multiple Listing Service; private transactions are not factored into sales tabulations. All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Subdivision Name	# of Sales	Average Sales Price	Median Sales Price
The Bluffs	1	\$656,500	\$656,500
The Carriage Homes of SH	0	---	---
Deer Creek	2	\$474,000	\$474,000
Saddle Club Estates	3	\$460,000	\$450,000
Sleepy Hollow Manor	9	\$313,933	\$315,000
Surrey Ridge	2	\$416,500	\$416,500
Sleepy Hollow as a whole	17	\$390,759	\$415,000

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From the Fire Department



Richard Thomas, Fire Chief
Brian Rohrbacher, Public Education Coordinator
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Dear Resident,

The Rutland-Dundee Firefighter's Association will again be conducting our Annual Santa Run event within your Fire District. The events include our annual Santa Run, Raffle and most importantly, our COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE. The Santa Run dates back to 1973 and provides residents an opportunity to support their community as well as their local Rutland-Dundee Firefighters. And of course, visit with Santa!

Don't miss the Santa Run while Santa makes his way through your neighborhood. The Rutland-Dundee Firefighters, our family and friends, and Teachers and Staff from the two local elementary schools will accompany Santa on his tour. Young or old, Santa will be able and willing to greet everybody and wish a happy holiday to all. During Santa's travels, the volunteers will be collecting non-perishable food items and new toys (no clothing this year, please) that will be donated to the following local food pantries and shelters:

- Fish Pantry in Carpentersville - Fish Pantry helped feed over 6,000 families in 2016 (www.fish-food-pantry.org).
- Community Crisis Center of Elgin - The Crisis Center currently houses over 40 woman and children who are homeless and have been subject to domestic violence and financial crisis. (www.crisiscenter.org)
- District 300 Food Pantry – The D300 Food Pantry serves the families and employees of District 300 (www.d300foodpantry.org)

Santa's Schedule

Date and Starting Time	Neighborhoods
December 2, 2022 @ 5:00p.m.	Country View Highlands, Lake Tara, Pine Cone, Frontenac, Little's Acres- Binnie Rd. and The Conservancy
December 3, 2022 @ 3:00p.m.	Sleepy Hollow, West of Sleepy Hollow Rd. & Hickory Hollow
December 4, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.	Sleepy Hollow, East of Sleepy Hollow Rd.
December 9, 2022 @ 5:00p.m	Indian Trails, Dunhill Estates, Gilberts Glen, & Woodland Meadows
December 10, 2022 @ 12:00 p.m.	Timber Glen & Timber Trails
December 11, 2022 @ 3:00p.m	Old Town Gilberts, Gilberts Town Center & Windmill Meadows

Appropriate safety precautions will be taken and maintained by all District personnel.

If any change to the schedule is needed due to weather conditions, updates will appear on our Facebook page.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated, good luck & Happy Holidays!

--Sincerely, LT James Samack / Rutland-Dundee Firefighter's Association President



FROM THE ARCHIVES

It's nothing new that Sleepy Hollow residents have long complained about the water system, its quality, and services rendered by the company. Indeed, residents have indicated, by survey, in December, 1977 that the system was number one on their priority problem list.

What is new, however, is that the village may be close to finalizing an agreement for purchase of the water company. What will its purchase mean to the village and its residents? How will the purchase be financed, will our taxes increase, what about the rates, will it mean improvement in water quality and pressure, why does the village desire to take over ownership, why is the purchase not voted on by residents? To provide some of these answers, the newsletter interviewed Gary Hohner, Chairman of the Sleepy Hollow Planning Commission, and we thank Mr. Hohner for his time and information provided for this article. Mr. Hohner and Trustee Kim Mountjoy were appointed by the Village President to negotiate the possible purchase of the water company shortly after the Planning Commission's 1987 study and recommendation for purchase.

The water company was formed in 1959 as a private utility, and has changed ownership twice since that time. Throughout its history and rapid growth of the village, the system was run without any comprehensive improvement plan, undercapitalized, and with little net income for improvements. In 1976, the Illinois Commerce Commission granted the present owners a rate increase from \$1/1000 gallons to \$1.50/1000 gallons, on the condition that a number of improvements be made to the system. Some of these improvements were made, partially relieving severe low-pressure problems, service outages and heavy iron contamination. Improvements included refurbished main pumps, increased horsepower pumps at the Beau Brummel booster pump, and chemical treatment for iron removal. However, pressure and quality problems have continued, along with a decline in the company's facilities and equipment.

In early 1978, the Planning Commission recommended purchase of the water company for a price up to \$300K, that it be financed with revenue bonds to be retired by revenue generated from water sales, that the operation of the system be incorporated into the village as a separate department, that sound financial management and record keeping be established and that the village hire a superintendent capable of operating both the water system and road program.

A July 1978 engineering study valued the replacement cost of the existing system at \$576K, but depreciation, and devaluation due to lack of maintenance, lowered the estimated value to \$202,976. Takeover of the system via condemnation was considered, but in the committee's opinion, studies indicated that condemnation was doubtful while legal costs for pursuing such action would be significant. Therefore, serious negotiations for the purchase began in early 1979, and have led to an agreement in principle between the owners and the village negotiating committee in September 1979.

No federal funding or guaranteed loans are available, the only feasible financing is through revenue bonds. Financial consultants prepared a \$350K, 20-year revenue bond schedule in March 1979. The village will pay \$200K cash, with a subordinate lien bond to be paid off in twenty years. Face value of the bonds is \$93,745, with an interest rate of 8%.

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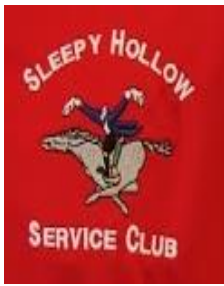
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From the Service Club

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LOOKING AHEAD

Welcome to the Winter of 2022 from the Service Club!
Our next event is Holiday in the Hollow which will be held on December 3rd in Sabatino Park.

Halloween in the Hollow Recap

Halloween in the Hollow was a great success again this year with lots of food and fun had by all. This year's chili contest had 19 entries and the winners were: 1st place Vic Varney "No Leftovers", 2nd place Sheila Knapp "Brain Sauce 22" and 3rd place Kaliopi Haase "Spartan Chili". It takes many groups all doing their part to make a successful event, this extends beyond the Service Club itself to the Police, Fire, and Public Works departments, the Headless Horseman rider and all the volunteers. Thank you from the Service Club.



Holiday in the Hollow

Holiday in the Hollow will again have the lighted pine trees decorated by the Sleepy Hollow Elementary students at the flagpole, so stop by and have a look. We are hoping Santa will make his appearance as well on December 3rd, so please check online our Facebook page or shsc-il.org for more details.

The 50/65 Celebration

The planning for the 50/65 event (the Sleepy Hollow Service Club turns 50 and the Village of Sleepy Hollow turns 65) has kicked off. We have some new events in addition to our four major events in 2023. We are planning a dinner dance, a golf outing, auction of the old street signs and we will start taking orders for new Flagpole Memorial Bricks (same flagpole). All funds raised from these activities will go for improvements to Sabatino Park. The Village has already allocated funds to replace the old playground equipment and the Club is exploring additional park improvements to compliment the new equipment. We will post information on the Club's Facebook and webpage as details are finalized.

Become a Member

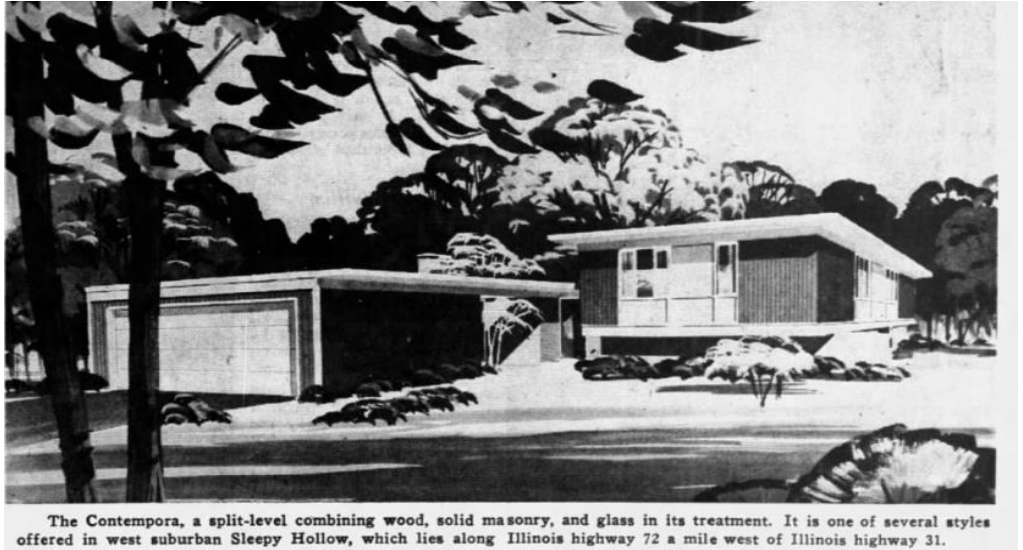
The next Club meetings will be December 6 and February 7 at 7:30 pm at D.C. Cobbs. All are welcome to come join the club or just check us out. As a reminder, any adult of any gender residing in Sleepy Hollow is eligible to become a full member. Non-residents are also welcome to join as associate members. Associate members cannot vote or hold office, but can do everything else. For more information about joining the Club or just helping out, email info@shsc-il.org.

Visit the website at www.shsc-il.org to find out about past and future events, volunteering, joining, sponsoring, or contacting the Club. See you in the Hollow.



HISTORICAL MODEL HOME FOR SALE

At the time of publishing, one of the former model homes for the Sleepy Hollow Manor subdivision is for sale. Built by Sleepy Hollow Builders, the Contempora split-level model home at 22 Plum Court was open for touring in the mid-1960s. This home hadn't hit the market for three decades, so for many of us, its listing photos are the first glimpse of the home's interior we have seen. The Contempora clearly was named after the contemporary styling exuded by its interior and exterior. The home originally featured a flat roof,



exposed courtyard, and a unique metal grid framing its windows. Many of its original contemporary features have since been modified. The flat roof proved to be poorly suited to Illinois winters, and was replaced with a hip styled roof. The courtyard also became enclosed at some point which allowed for direct access from the garage to the house, and a third car garage addition was added to the original two-car structure. Despite the modifications made to the former model's exterior, the interior still displays a few signature contemporary details such as paneled ceilings and a full masonry fireplace wall.



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From the Building and Zoning Department

Barbara J. Dettmer, Code Official

International Codes Consultants and Inspections, Inc.
(630) 816-8455

The year is quickly passing by...and winter will soon be upon us.

Winter, with the colder temperatures and fewer hours of daylight, will bring higher heating and lighting bills. Routine maintenance can help keep your home energy efficient. A few of the areas which will make a difference for the upcoming season are:

For the furnace:

- Have it inspected by a reputable mechanical contractor.
- Change furnace filters (or clean the permanent filters) regularly for efficient operation.
- Rebalance the air flow in the ductwork to ensure the comfort level of each room is as you prefer.
- Avoid blocking heat registers in order to make the most of your home's heating system.
- Adjust the humidity level on your humidistat as temperatures change—too much humidity in any home can lead to moisture on windows and doors (no matter how energy efficient the windows are!).

For the chimney:

- Have your chimney inspected and, if necessary, cleaned.
- Close the damper in your fireplace chimney when there is no fire to cut down on heat loss.

For the exterior:

- Check the caulk and weather stripping previously installed, if necessary, recaulk, or replace worn weatherstripping.

For the interior:

- Let the sun work for you by leaving curtains or shades open during the daytime and closed at night—window treatments help create a thermal barrier against heat loss.



A word of caution: If you use candles during your holiday festivities, be sure they are placed in a stable holder away from window treatments, children, and pets, and, that they are extinguished before retiring for the night. Many house fires are caused by candles in addition to too-dry Christmas trees and space heaters, so please be safe!



**New State law as of January 1, 2023,
requires any 10-year-old or older smoke
detectors must be replaced with new,
sealed 10-year battery smoke detectors.**

If you have any questions, please call Code Official Barbara Dettmer, Village of Sleepy Hollow, Department of Building Safety and Zoning. Her cell phone number is 630-816-8455.

The Department of Building Safety wishes each of you a happy and healthy holiday season!

The committee feels that a village owned water company will not only give us improvement and expansion capability, but also a public utility is able to purchase electrical power at a cheaper rate and borrow money at a lesser rate. As a private utility, the present owners pay \$28K/year in taxes and interest which the village can use to retire the revenue bonds. An important factor is that it will enable the village to negotiate with developers for expansion.

Phase 1 of the improvement plan will be paid for by the initial revenue bond issue and cover immediate improvements to the system. This includes rebuilding and repairing of the wellhouse, stand by power at Winmoor, connector line from Crane to Glen Oak to connect upper-lower portions of the system, pressure relief valve, and connection to the Walnut Hill subdivision. Phase 2 recommended improvements include looping system in areas of low pressure and iron buildup, and meter repair and replacement. These will be paid from the annual system improvement and extension account. Future improvement phases will be financed through developers, including elevated storage near Randall Road and eventually an iron removal plan on Jelke Creek.

There are two older areas of the village not served by the water system, these homes being on private wells. These residents will not be affected by costs or benefits of the proposed improvement plan. It is not considered cost effective to extend water mains into these areas for the revenues that would be gained. It is recommended these homes remain on private wells unless a petition by the residents is made to extend water mains into their areas. This would then be financed under a Special Assessment bond issue.

Since the purchase of the water company does not entail a tax increase, but rather financed through revenue bonds, a vote by residents is not required. Final purchase should be effective about January 1980, contingent upon board and bond approval.

Any resident seeking further information is advised to attend a public information hearing on the entire subject which is tentatively planned for sometime in the last half of November at the Sleepy Hollow Fire Station.

This article was originally published in the November 1979 edition of the Sleepy Hollow Newsletter written by Mary Lou Kopetsky with information from Gary Hohner. It has been republished in this edition in memoriam of former Trustee Betty Zhe who recently passed.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

3 Holiday in the Hollow	4:00 Sabatino Park
5 Village Board Meeting	7:30 Village Hall
6 Service Club Meeting	7:30 DC Cobbs
19 Village Board Meeting	7:30 Village Hall
25 Christmas	

January

1 New Year's Day	
2 Village Board Meeting	7:30 Village Hall
16 Village Board Meeting	7:30 Village Hall

February

1 Newsletter Contest Entries Due	
6 Village Board Meeting	7:30 Village Hall
7 Service Club Meeting	7:30 DC Cobbs
10 Newsletter Deadline for Spring Issue	
20 Presidents' Day	
21 Village Board Meeting	7:30 Village Hall

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

No. 548 A resolution establishing dates of regular meetings for the board of trustees of the Village of Sleepy Hollow for the calendar year 2023

2022-11 An ordinance amending the regulations governing registration of motor vehicles and trailers in the Village

2022-12 An ordinance designating the board of trustees to act as the board of appeals for the Village's building code, residential code, and property maintenance code

2022-13 An ordinance amending the liquor regulations for sales of package goods in the Village, including a new license classification, class B-1, for sales of package goods.

ACCESSING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Village Board meetings will continue to be livestreamed to YouTube. You are still welcome to physically attend the meeting at Village Hall, provided the room is not at capacity. Public comments may be given in-person at the meeting or by using the form on the Village website until 5:30pm on the day of the meeting. Hand written comments are also accepted, but must be received one day prior to the meeting. Archived meeting videos are viewable on the village's YouTube channel and minutes continue to be viewable on the village website.

CORRECTION:

Accuracy is important to us; therefore, we would like to provide clarification regarding the vehicle sticker article published in our fall edition. The revised plan includes charging a \$5 per month late fee until September. After that a ticket would then be issued if stickers were still not purchased.

Brian P.
Senior Technician

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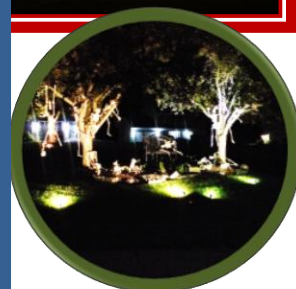
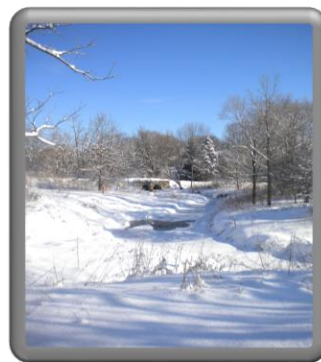
Winter 2022 Contest: Holiday Lights Contest

Enter to win a \$25 gift card to Jimmy's Charhouse

With the holiday season drawing near, it is almost inevitable that light displays and exterior decorations will be upon us. Here's your chance to shine bright. Snap a picture of your favorite display in the village. It can be your own, your neighbor's, or even the one on the other side of town you drove past the other day. To be fair to all, considering the contest runs past the holiday season, we will also accept photos of winter scenery. Send your picture(s) along with your name and phone number to theshlegend@gmail.com or bring this form to Village Hall to enter. A winner will be drawn from entries received by February 1st. Winner will be notified by phone. Good Luck!

Name: _____

Phone: _____




Replacing an original cement walk in Saddle Club Estates? Editor will buy Pulte Master Builder plaque. Contact theshlegend@gmail.com


Congratulations to our Fall contest winner

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Thank you all for your wonderful entries!



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