



Hillside Happenings

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Village of Hillside
425 Hillside Avenue
Hillside, IL 60162
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Police & Fire: 9-1-1

Non Emergency:

Police 708-449-6133
Fire 708-547-8684

Public Works:

708-202-3434

Water Billing:

708-202-3462

ESDA: 708-449-6410

Director: Anthony Faragia

Mayor's Office of Special

Events: 708-202-4343

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425 Hillside Avenue
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523 Wolf Road
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Public Works

425 Hillside Avenue
Director Joseph L. Pisano

From the Desk of the Mayor....

“CONCERTS UNDER THE STARS” AND “TASTE OF HILLSIDE” 2009



As you know, the declining national economy is taking a toll on municipalities across our nation. The Village of Hillside is no different.

Our three main sources of revenue are sales tax, property tax, and the real estate transfer tax. Our Village has been experiencing a significant drop in all sales tax revenue for over a year. Property tax collection is slowing as property owners are not paying their taxes. A reason for some of this is an increase in the number of foreclosures in our community. The number of vacant homes in Hillside is rising and now stands around fifty. The revenue from the sale of transfer tax stamps has dropped for the simple reason that properties are not selling.

For these reasons, the Village of Hillside will **not** be holding our “**Concerts Under the Stars**” or the **Taste of Hillside** this year. Many of our surrounding communities have had to make similar decisions about their events. Our belief and intent is that this is a one year moratorium, and the **events will be brought back in 2010**. The decision to cancel these events has **not** been an easy one to make, and we hope that you understand.

Please continue to support our Hillside Business Community, both new and old and **remember that a portion of those tax dollars spent in town stay in town.**

Joseph T. Tamburino
Mayor



POLICE OFFICER TESTING



VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE

The Hillside Board of Fire and Police Commissioners is accepting applications for the purpose of establishing an eligibility list for Police Officer. Applications may be obtained from the office of the Hillside Village Clerk, 425 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, Illinois, starting August 31, 2009, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays. **All completed applications without exception, must be returned to the Village Clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday September 18, 2009.**

Prospective applicants must be serious and meet the following criteria:

- Must be 21 years of age and under 35. Age hiring limitations imposed by State statute are applicable.
- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must have a high school degree or G.E.D. equivalent.
- Must meet the requirements of a background check.
- Must pass a medical, psychological and polygraph test.
- Must have a valid driver's license at time of hiring.

Additional requirements and supporting documentation requested of applicants will be provided as part of the Village's application packet.

The application and examination process are subject to the rules and regulations of the Hillside Fire and Police Commission. There will be a **MANDATORY ORIENTATION** session on **Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 9 a.m. at the Hillside Village Hall, Court Room, 425 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, Illinois 60162. No admittance will be allowed after 9 a.m.** The written testing is scheduled for Saturday October 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hillside Community Center, 1 N. Lind Avenue, Hillside, Illinois 60162.

The Village of Hillside is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to maintaining diversity in its work force. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.



BLOOD DRIVE

St. Domitilla in conjunction with LifeSource will be conducting a blood drive on Sunday, August 16th from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. LifeSource will have a mobile unit in the church parking lot at 605 Hillside Avenue.

There is always a need for blood donations but especially during the summer months because people travel more and thus there is an increase in accidents.

Please plan to take a few minutes out of your day to donate blood and help save a life!

For more information you can call LifeSource at: **1-847-778-1406** or on line @www.lifesource.org



FREE MOVIE IN THE PARK !!

"THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES" - Friday, August 7th

Join us beginning at 7:30, bring a picnic dinner or purchase dinner items from the concession stand and listen to wonderful music prior to the movie. The movie will begin at dusk, approximately 8:45 pm. **Free popcorn for everyone!**

(In case of rain, the movie will be shown inside the Village Hall Courtroom)

For information call: 708-449-6450

This event is sponsored by the Village of Hillside Youth Commission



FIRE PREVENTION TIPS FOR THE HOME (1st in series of 5)

Over the next few months in the Happenings we will be reviewing Fire Prevention Tips for the home that are important for all of us to follow and understand. Residential fires kill around 3,000 Americans each year, but they don't need to. Most deaths can be prevented if homeowners follow some basic fire prevention tips. Here is the first in a series of five (5) fire safety suggestions to help ensure that your household is as prepared as possible in the event fire strikes.

Home Fire Safety Tip #1: Install Smoke Detectors

Having smoke detectors installed in your home is your single best weapon against fire fatalities. Of those 3,000 deaths mentioned earlier, almost all happen in homes without working smoke detectors. Smoke detectors should be placed on every floor of your home and in the immediate vicinity of any bedrooms. The detectors should be tested once a month and the batteries should be replaced at least once a year. Most manufacturers suggest that you completely replace your smoke detectors every 10 years as well, just to be safe.

Next month fire prevention tip #2, "Develop An Escape Plan."

FROM PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDING SERVICES

BRANCH REMOVAL FOR AUGUST

Branch removal for August will be the week of August 3rd through August 7th . Make sure branches are on the parkway Sunday, August 2nd and leave them until they are removed. **We will not return once a street has been completed.** September pick-up will be the 7th through the 11th. Place branches out Sept. 6th.

STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping is scheduled for the weeks of August 10th-Aug. 14th and August 24th - August 28th . Please refrain from parking on the streets from 6:00am until 4:30pm during these dates.

NOTE TO OUR RESIDENTS: Garbage recycling and yard waste carts, by ordinance (Article I, Sec. 79-33), must be put out on the parkway and **not in the street.** The Public Works Department is unable to maintain our streets (street sweeping, branch removal and snow plowing) with these obstacles on the street. Please help us out!



Illinois Secretary of State's Mobile Driver Services Facility

Wednesday, August 12th, 10am - 2pm
4565 Harrison Street, Hillside, IL 60162

Vision Screening
Duplicate license
Corrected License
Driver's License Renewal
Identification Cards
Vehicle Renewal Stickers

*To apply for or renew a driver's license, you must provide acceptable identification to verify your **NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, ILLINOIS RESIDENCY, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND SIGNATURE.**

For more information please call: 708-449-4300
9am - 5 pm Monday through Friday.

ROAD TEST NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS SITE

FAMILY & SENIOR CITIZEN HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, August 8th, 9 am to 1 pm at the Proviso Math & Science Academy (First Avenue & Roosevelt Road in Forest Park).

FREE admission **FREE** snacks and activities
FREE health screens

Especially for seniors—(age 60 and older)

Stepper Dance Exercise Class: 10:45 am to 11:15 am
Party Bingo Game: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
Turkey Croissant Boxed Lunch: 11:00 am to 11:45 am

Suggested meal donation: \$1.50

Reservations required by August 4th - call 708-547-5600

This event is sponsored by Proviso Township High School District 209, Proviso Township & West Suburban Senior Services.

ATTENTION HILLSIDE HOME OWNERS

Have you applied for your Landfill "Host Fee" Reimbursement? You can download an application @ www.hillside-il.org or you may pick up an application at the Village Hall. For more information call **708-449-6450.**

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| <u>Farmers Market</u> <u>Every Tuesday</u> <u>7am-1 pm</u> | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 <u>Free</u> movie in the park "The Spiderwick Chronicles" | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Board-of-a Whole Meeting 7:30 pm in the Courtroom | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 <u>Blood Drive</u> at St. Domitilla Church 8am - 1:30pm | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23/30 | 24/31 24th Regular Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

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