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Great News... Hillside Home Sale Prices Increased by 17% in 2018

Home sales in the Chicago area fell in 2018 with the median home sale price increasing by the smallest amount in three years, according to a report issued by the Illinois Realtors Association.

Despite the tepid 2018 Chicago area housing market, Hillside was one of a handful of suburban towns that experienced a double digit increase in 2018 home sale prices over the previous year.

Crain's Chicago Business, using numbers from the Chicago Association of Realtors and Midwest Real Estate Data, released an interactive map showing each town's increase or decrease in home sale prices in 2018. The map can be found at: www.chicagobusiness.com/residential-real-estate/how-did-home-prices-do-last-year-where-you-live.

The spike in 2018 Hillside home resale prices was partly due to the fact that

the inventory of homes in foreclosure is being depleted. At the height of the housing crisis Hillside had approximately 100 homes in foreclosure.

This is great news for Hillside homeowners who are now selling because they do not have to compete against a number of bargain priced foreclosed homes. In 2018, Hillside homes were once again selling at normal market prices. Realtor.com wrote that Hillside is enjoying a seller's market because there are more potential buyers than there are homes available.

Hillside Village Trustee Herman Walter,



who is also a financial consultant, commented, "Hillside's real estate market should remain on the upswing for the foreseeable future. As long as interest rates remain near the level they are at, Hillside will be a destination for many families seeking to buy a solid, yet affordable home in a great community."

Protect Your Family and Home Sign Up for Hillside's **CodeRED** Alert System



If you have not already registered for The Village of Hillside **CodeRED** alert system, we highly recommend you do so today. The **CodeRED** notification system allows us to send important alerts and time-sensitive messages to Hillside residents who are registered in the system.

Along with emergency and critical messages like tornado sightings, gas leaks, etc, the **CodeRED** notification

system can also enhance our community engagement via the release of important but non-emergency information ranging from road closures and trash collection schedule changes, to snow plow schedules and other Hillside services.

Hillside chose **CodeRED** for its innovative features, user-friendly platform,

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The Village of Hillside's Youth Commission Presents

FAMILY BOWLING FUN

Hillside Bowl

4545 Harrison

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Bowl 2 Hours For \$5.00

per person

(FREE shoe rental, too!)

12:00 to 2:00 PM

The Hillside Bowling Alley, Village of Hillside and the Hillside Youth Commission will not be held responsible for any mishaps due to patron negligence or for any lost or stolen articles.

Limited space available.

Registration for lane assignment begins at 11:00 AM.

Children 7 years old and under MUST be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

This is not a school sponsored event.

For information call (708) 449-6450... log on to www.hillside-il.org or check out our Facebook page!

Village of Hillside Hosts Secretary of State Mobile Unit March 25th

Village Trustee David Delgado announced that the Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's Mobile Unit will be visiting the Village of Hillside on Monday, March 25, 2019 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Village of Hillside, 425 Hillside Avenue, in the Village Hall Board Room on the 1st floor. *Proper identification is needed to receive any of the services provided.*

Services provided at this event will include:

Vision Screening with Driver's License Renewal
Driver's License Renewal, Replacement, Correction and Organ Donor Sign Up
State ID Card Renewal Replacement, Correction and Organ Donor Sign Up
Vehicle Sticker Sales

Motor Voter Registration Only With Renewal of Driver's License

State ID Card Renewal, Replacement, Correction

State Disability ID Cards (with doctor certification)

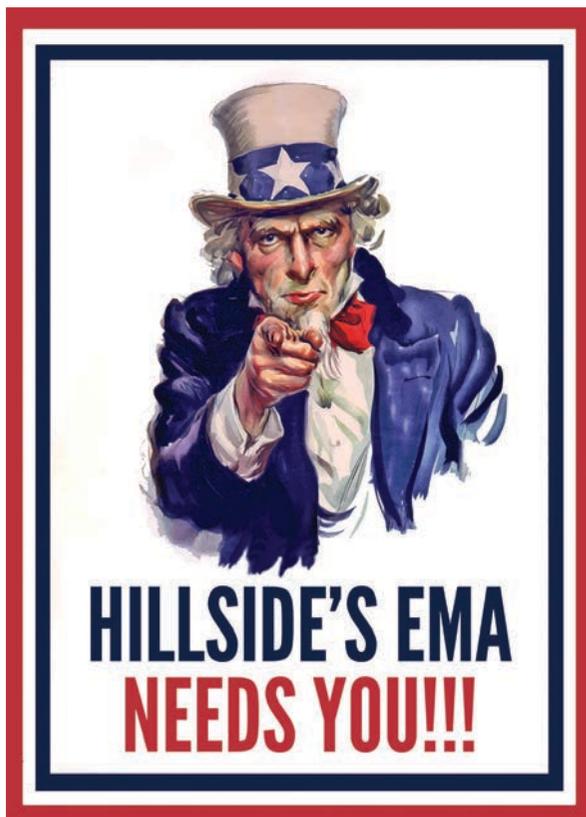
Note: Senior citizens over the age of 75 must still visit their local DMV for license renewal.

This is an ideal event for anyone looking to renew a driver's license, obtain a State ID or buy license plate stickers, this event is especially convenient for those who might otherwise have difficulty traveling to a nearby DMV facility. Anyone with mobility issues, transportation challenges, or work schedule conflicts is encouraged to attend.

The event is free, reservations are not required, and walk-ins are welcome. Standard Secretary of State fees apply to services. For more information regarding the services, fees, and identification requirements, you may visit the Secretary of State's website at: www.cyberdriveillinois.com.



It Is Warming Up and Hillside NEEDS Your Help



The Village of Hillside EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA) is composed of volunteers who provide emergency response to natural and man-made disasters in the village. During state wide and federal disasters EMA becomes part of the state or federal response.

EMA volunteers will also assist with crowd control for the upcoming 38th Annual Youth Athletic Parade, Memorial Day Services and the Summer Nights in The Commons Concert Series.

Membership is open to individuals who can devote their free time and efforts to help respond to and deal with these emergencies and village events. Equipment and training will be provided along with uniforms and personal protective equipment to help perform your duties. Ongoing classes will keep you efficient and current in response techniques.



To be a member you must be 18 years of age or older. EMA is an equal opportunity organization. Membership applications can be picked up at the Hillside Village Hall or call Tony Faragia (EMA Director) at 708-449-6410.

Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. at the Hillside Emergency Operations Center at 4151 May St.

If you're interested in joining, please feel free to call Tony Faragia or attend one of the meetings as a guest. If you want to contribute to your community and help your fellow citizens, EMA can be that opportunity.



**VOTE
HERE**



Election Information for the April 2nd Consolidated Election for Village, Schools and Park District Offices

Mail In Ballot Applications are now available for the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election at the front counter of the Village Hall. Completed forms must be received in the Cook County Clerk's Office by March 28, 2019. Applications are also available online at: www.mailvoting.cookcountyclerk.com.

Registering to Vote has never been easier or more convenient. You can register online, in person or you can download registration forms (cookcountyclerk.com) and register through the mail.

Reminder - the last day to register to vote in person at the Hillside Village Hall is Tuesday, March 2, 2019. If you have any questions on Voter Registration, please call Clerk Linda Gould at 708-202-4325 or Deputy Clerk Noreen Thermos at 708-202-4390.

Early Voting

Early Voting is Monday, March 18 through Monday, April 1
The closest Early Voting locations to Hillside for Early Voting are:

Village of Bellwood
3200 Washington Blvd., Bellwood

Village of Melrose Park
1000 N. 25th, Melrose Park

Early Voting Hours At Both Facilities Are:

Monday-Friday
Mar. 18 - 22 - 9am-5pm
Mar. 25 - 29 - 9am-7pm

Saturday
Mar. 23 - 9am-5pm
Mar. 30 - 9am-5pm

Sunday
Mar. 24 - 10am-4pm
Mar. 31 - 10am-4pm

Monday
Apr. 1 - 9am-5pm

Hillside Polling Places

2019 Consolidated Election
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 - Polling Places open 6am to 7pm

Precinct 3	Community Center	1 N. Lind Ave.
Precinct 93	Community Center	1 N. Lind Ave.
Precinct 30	Hillside Village Hall	425 Hillside Ave.
Precinct 60	Hillside Village Hall	425 Hillside Ave.
Precinct 39	Memorial Park District	700 Speechley Blvd.
Precinct 49	Progressive Life Giving Word Cathedral	4500 Frontage Rd.

Information on Grace Period Registration, Election Day Registration,
Early Voting and Absentee Voting is available at the Cook County Clerk's website - cookcountyclerk.com

VOTING IS A PRIVILEGE – DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

“Egg-stra” “Egg-stra”

The Village of Hillside’s Youth Commission invites you to their

“Egg-Citing Event”

Saturday, April 20th
9:30 AM

Hillside Commons
Hillside & Washington Avenues

Free Donuts
with Mr. E. Bunny!

“Hop”ing you will join me for a morning of FUN!
Remember...bring your own basket or bag for your eggs.

Get your running shoes ready for an “Egg-citing Egg Hunt” for ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10
“Basket Egg Grab or Run” for ages 2 and under.

(ALL ages will start together at 10 AM... donuts at 9:30 AM (while they last)

Prizes for “Lucky Egg Finders” also... Special Surprises for participants (while supplies last)

Remember, this is for the kids only, so parents we need your cooperation and please
do not go out on the field with your child unless they are in the 2 and under category.

Your HELP is GREATLY APPRECIATED!

*Disclaimer...this event is sponsored by the Youth Commission and the
Village of Hillside ONLY and is NOT sponsored by any school district.

Event subject to change without notice, sorry for any inconvenience.



and information security. Their company-owned redundant data centers help ensure your data is safe, and that we will be able to send messages to thousands of individuals within minutes. We're excited to have the ability to communicate with our residents through text, phone, email and social media, from in the field or at our offices, providing the information they need-to-know to make better informed decisions.

Registration for this notification service is customized, allowing residents to choose which alerts they'd like to sign up for and how they would prefer to receive them. Residents can choose several different methods: land-line, cell phone, email, text message, TTY, or even a combination. These alerts can be specific to streets, neighborhoods, or regions so that residents in affected areas are sure to receive this valuable information.

Additionally, residents and visitors alike can keep track of alerts in Hillside or while traveling with the **CodeRED** Mobile App, which notifies smartphone holders of real-time alerts in the area. Similar to the online registration, users choose which notifications they'd like to receive via the app.

The mobile technology for **CodeRED** is extremely advanced, providing us enhanced flexibility to issue general and/or emergency messages. We can launch alerts from anywhere at any time, and residents potentially impacted by weather and other time sensitive events will receive them directly to their smartphones. This all happens within seconds, which can make a huge difference in saving lives.

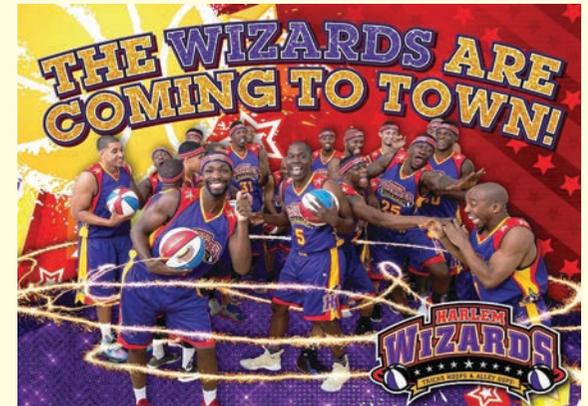
If you have not already signed up, please visit the Village website at www.hillside-il.org to register. Once you are on the village website home page 1) click the tab at the top called OUR COMMUNITY; 2) then on the popup menu under RESIDENT RESOURCES click on **CodeRED** NOTIFICATION SYSTEM; and (3) then follow the instructions to immediately start receiving these informative, life-saving alerts. Thank you for your participation.

School District 87 Taking on the Harlem Wizards in a School Fundraising Event

On Friday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. the Harlem Wizard basketball team will travel to West Leyden High School in Northlake to take on School District 87 for a fun event for the whole community.

Started in 1962 by New York sports promoter Howie Davis, the Wizards are celebrating 56 years of hardcourt magic. The Harlem Wizards are a show basketball entity delivering wildly successful fun filled fundraiser events for schools and nonprofits; last season alone they played in over 400 communities across the USA, while raising over \$2 million.

District 87 will form a team of volunteer players to take on this zany and talented team. The Wizard players will also visit the schools during the day on April 12th to speak to students. Stay tuned to our website (www.berkeley87.org) for additional details on how you can get tickets.



Register Your Future LeBron James For The Third Annual Co-Ed Hillside Youth Basketball Summer Camp

Former Hillside Baseball Board Members Ken Holland, Rubben Owens and the coaches for the Proviso Special Olympics are extremely excited to announce their third Annual Co-Ed Basketball Summer Camp.

With the history and experience of teaching 8th grade basketball and Hillside basketball fall/winter camps through the years, Coach Ken and Coach Rubben are looking forward to building another strong, stable basketball co-ed summer camp for our youth. If you are interested, call Ken Holland at (708) 745-0840 for registration information and requirements.



Special T Unlimited & Hillside... A Perfect Fit for Over 40 Years

Special T Unlimited, at 4835 Butterfield Road, personifies what the American Dream is about... a person with a vision and a commitment to hard work can make a better life for one's family.

But let's start at Special T Unlimited's humble beginning. Back in 1975 Special T Unlimited owner Lou Baldo was selling sun tan lotion in Florida. After a few years, Lou and a partner started selling his sun tan line of products in Illinois. As a sales incentive they gave customers free t-shirts emblazoned with the sun tan company's logo.

The free t-shirts proved more popular than the tanning lotion. Shortly after, Lou decided the promotional t-shirt business would be his calling. Using his garage as his base of operation, Lou worked hard but there were more lean days than paydays. To make ends meet Lou bought a food truck from which he sold hot dogs to factory workers in the Broadview area while building his t-shirt business.



**Special T Unlimited's
8 head embroidery machine**

(Photo by La Shawn Campbell of Unique Provider's Photography)

Hard work and persistence finally paid off when a friend introduced him to Korean electronics giant Gold Star who wanted to penetrate the American television market. Lou sold them on the idea of handing out t-shirts to give to Gold Star customers, which was a great

success and led to more repeat orders.

Soon after, Lou heard that Playback Electronics, located across from the old Hillside Theater, was buying 5,000 t-shirts from Playboy Enterprises. Undeterred, Lou convinced Playback that although Playboy's price was lower, he could give them a marketing plan that would have attractive coeds work college campuses in Playback t-shirts to drum up business. Playback agreed to Lou's audacious plan and gave him the order but informed him the shirts had to be delivered before the Christmas shopping season which was in 3 weeks.

In a panic, with no money to pay for the product, Lou convinced Playback Electronics to pay 50% up front. With cash in hand, Lou took his hot dog trucks and headed to Norfolk, Virginia to pick up the shirts. In Norfolk, Lou got a real education on how t-shirts were printed in mass production, a lesson he would use in the future. The order was completed and with the hot dog truck full of t-shirts he made it back before Thanksgiving to deliver the shirts as promised.

Lou's experience in Norfolk made him realize his profit margin would be greater if he printed the shirts instead of sub-contracting the work. He and his new t-shirt partner moved the operation, then called Special T Lettering, from his garage to a building in Broadview which lasted until the roof caved in under the weight of snow.

This catastrophe is what brought Special T Unlimited to its present Hillside location, which at that time was the C. Fosters Toy Building. With three employees filling orders, Lou would work 70 to 80-hour weeks and each day would not go home until he had an order in hand.

Lou's younger brother Carmen, just out of high school, now joined the



**Lou Baldo founder of
Special T Unlimited**

(Photo by La Shawn Campbell of Unique Provider's Photography)

team. Lou bought out his partner and switched the name to Special T Unlimited. Lou's wife, Kim, who was running the day to day operations stepped away to raise the family, which forced him to learn the business from the bottom up. Previously, Lou was the company's "rainmaker" bringing in the orders and letting others worry about the details.

Over the next few years, the Baldo brothers would expand their space to 12,000 square feet by buying a drug store, a doctor's office and a store which were on the same block as Special T Unlimited. In 2014 Carmen's daughter, Carli Baldo, joined the family business overseeing business development.

Special T Unlimited does not manufacture apparel. They embroider or screen print on apparel bought from companies like Gildan, Nike, North Face, etc. In 1987, they branched out to sell other giveaways such as pens, mugs, umbrellas and other items that can be used in promoting a product or event. The minimum order for screen printing or embroidery is 12 pieces, but other decoration methods are available. Special T Unlimited emphasizes that they are not a retail outlet.

Hillside's Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast Biggest Ever



The village's Martin Luther King Breakfast was held on the morning of January 21st in the ballroom of Hillside's Best Western Plus Hotel. 378 attendees dined on a delicious early morning feast hosted by the Village of Hillside and the Hillside Human Relations Commission. Long time participants proclaimed this was the biggest crowd to attend this annual celebration of the life of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Hillside School students did a great job escorting the numerous attendees to their assigned seats.

The breakfast reflects Hillside's racial diversity and our village's commitment to live by Dr. King's words, *"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."*

This year's breakfast theme was "Moving Forward". The students who won the essay contest incorporating this theme were: Destinee

Bates, Alex Castillo, Jason Rogers, and Trevian Sanders. Their winning essays addressed current social events or actions that interfere with access towards equal opportunities for jobs, education or justice. Their essays were recognized during the breakfast program.

Claudell Johnsen of the Hillside Human Relations Commission served as Mistress of Ceremony. The Proviso ROTC presented the flag and Lady Gloria Alford, Associate Pastor of Hillside's Progressive Life-Giving Word Cathedral, offered the invocation and benediction.

Mayor Joseph Tamburino introduced the guest speaker, Pastor Marvin E. Wiley of Maywood's Rock of Ages Baptist Church. Pastor Wiley delivered a stirring speech reminding the crowd of the challenges facing America as we strive to live up to Dr. King's ideals. As they filed out of the ballroom many attendees expressed how they were moved by this event and anxiously look forward to next year's breakfast.

Hillside Human Relations Commissioners Claudell Johnson, Cynthia Johnson, Fatima Norwood, and Anthony Padgett and Village of Hillside Special Events Coordinator Evelyn Belmonte would like to offer gratitude to everyone who participated in this wonderful event.



Largest crowd to ever attend breakfast
(Photo by Brody Farries of Studio 352)



MLK Essay Contest Winners recognized
(Photo by Brody Farries of Studio 352)



Pastor Wiley delivered the event's keynote speech
(Photo by Brody Farries of Studio 352)

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80% of their business is repeat customers. Some of their biggest clients are Comcast, Home Run Inn Pizza, Wintrust, and Egg Harbor Cafe to name a few. They have done work for the Chicago Bears, Cubs, Bulls and the Western Open Golf Tournament in Oak Brook.

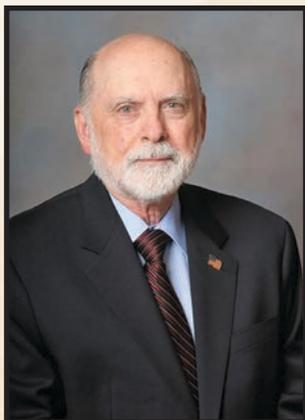
Today, Special T Unlimited it is one of the premier screen printing, embroidery and promotional products companies in the Chicagoland area.

Mayor Joseph Tamburino stated, "Lou and Carmen are a testament to America's promise as the land where your dreams can come true. Thank you for being a part of our community for over 40 years."



Carmen Baldo with arm around employees on far right

A Message from...



John Kramer, Village Trustee and Proud Air Force Veteran

I plan to continue bringing you information from the Village about veterans and veteran services. IF you have any thoughts or suggestions on how to make this column better or if you have any questions you need answered, please contact me (jkramer@hillside-il.org).

Veterans Cab Program

The Village Board announced a new benefit in the last edition of this Newspaper concerning an exciting new Taxi program. We are offering Hillside military veterans a FREE taxi cab service to anywhere in Chicago and suburbs. You will need to bring a valid Illinois Drivers License or State ID to the Village Hall, plus one of the following:

1. Your **DD214** or
2. Your **VA Enrollee ID** card or
3. Your blue **DD Form 2** Identification Card (IF you are retired from the military) or
4. A valid **Illinois Drivers License** (IF there is a Veterans stamp on it).

The Village will provide a Veterans ID Card and details about the program when you register.



Join The Broadview-Hillside American Legion

As you may have guessed, I am a proud member of the American Legion Post in Hillside. The Post is at 4941 Butterfield Rd in Hillside and is open every Tuesday & Friday evening (Veterans - stop by). Our phone number is 708-449-2923 (call & leave a message). Please, consider joining us or any veteran's organization, it is so important.

Some of you might be interested to know that American Legion Posts can form chapters/groups within it, like the "Riders of the American Legion". The Riders are Veterans who are motorcycle enthusiasts. They usually have an annual tour of the country where they raise money for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. In fact, they have raised over 1 million dollars each year for the last five years. Our Post currently does not have a Riders Chapter but if there is any interest, it could happen.

Peace be with you. May God look over and protect our Service People wherever they are serving.



Where To Properly Dispose Your Tattered American Flag

When American Flags get old and faded/tattered, please don't throw them in the garbage - instead bring them to the Village Hall or to the American Legion Post at 4941 Butterfield Rd - the flags will be disposed of properly.



Hillside Remembers

Proviso West Built To Meet Post World War II Population Explosion

With World War II behind them, returning veterans looked to the safer and more pristine communities lying outside of the inner city to raise their families, and so the great migration to the suburbs began. Farmland and outlying areas like Hillside, with space to build, soon became filled with blocks of new homes. In 1940 Hillside recorded 1,080 people, by 1960 that number had grown to 7,794 residents – a 621% increase!

Families with at least two children per household were fueling this numbers explosion, and the population boom was putting a strain on local schools. Proviso High School, which was built in Maywood in 1910 with a capacity of 3000 pupils, was now bursting at the seams with over 3,700 students.

In 1953, the University of Chicago issued the “Reavis Report” which urged the Proviso High school district to expand due to the spatial limitations of the current school, which by 1963 would have to accommodate 6,500 students. In response to this report a Proviso Citizen Advisory Committee was formed to perform their own study. The Proviso Citizen Advisory Committee’s research indicated 8,000 Proviso area students would be of high school age by 1963.

In June of 1955 the school board accepted the recommendation of the Proviso Citizen Advisory Committee and purchased a 60-acre site that was part of the then Hillside Golf Course – Hillside once had an 18-hole golf course. This did not happen a minute too soon, as the incoming freshman class that year was the largest yet, numbering 1,342, taking the total number of students at the existing Proviso High School to more than 4,200 students... a whopping 1,200 attendees over the school’s limit.

Later, in November of 1955, the school board conducted a \$6 million-dollar bond referendum to construct a school that would ultimately hold 4,000 students – the final building cost would eventually tally just under \$7.5 million. The bond issue, which was to be sold in the fall of 1956, was approved by a 5,900–629 vote. Hillside residents voted overwhelmingly for the new school, which would be called Proviso West and the existing High School, Proviso East. The average homeowner saw an annual increase of \$9.60 on their property tax bill to pay off the high school bonds.



Construction and mechanical plans became available for public viewing October 15, 1956. The school board opened sealed bids for construction on November 13th with Power Construction winning the contract. The original architectural proposal for Proviso West accommodated 2,500 students with room to expand but before building was initiated the plans were redone to allow the school to immediately hold 4,000 students. Construction began in earnest in early 1957 and proceeded without a hitch and was completed on schedule for the opening of school 20 months later in 1958.

The new school would accept students from Berkeley, Hillside, Westchester, and parts of Stone Park, Northlake, and Bellwood (in time, most of Bellwood would be added to equalize the enrollment between schools). So as not to uproot upper classmen already firmly immersed in Proviso East, it was decided that Proviso West would make their inaugural opening with only freshmen and sophomores with remaining classes added in subsequent years. On September 3, 1958 at 8 a.m. Proviso West opened its doors to its first group of incoming students for orientation. By all accounts the first day of school went smoothly.

On November 6, 1958, a dinner attended by over 200 guests was held in the school cafeteria to honor the Proviso Citizens Advisory Committee and the other volunteers who helped make Proviso West a reality. The master of ceremonies that evening was Hillside’s very own Dr. Louis Seno, who was also a Proviso High School Board Member.

And finally, on November 16, 1958 Proviso West was officially dedicated. Today, nearly 61 years later, the grand vision of a handful of committed residents lives on in the men and women who proudly proclaim they are Proviso West Panthers!

Pictorial History of the Origins of Proviso West High School



Proviso Bond Issue to Eliminate Overcrowding

"Scenes such as this in the Proviso High school cafeteria will be eliminated if voters approve a \$6,750,000 bond issue for a new Proviso West school next Saturday. Nearly 1,000 students currently crowd into the school's cafeteria during each of four lunch periods daily. Corridors and classrooms likewise are crowded. The school presently has an enrollment of 3,661, but it designed to accommodate 3,000."

— The Herald, Nov. 17, 1955

View of Proposed Proviso West

"LeRoy Knoeppel, Proviso High school superintendent, studies an architect's conception of the proposed new Proviso West school. A referendum will be held Saturday November 19, on the question of issuing bonds for \$6,000,000 for the purchase and development of a site at Wolf and Harrison, Hillside, and the construction and equipment of the school plant. A Citizens' Advisory committee anticipates that high school enrollment will reach 7,629 by 1963 and advocates the construction of the new school." — The Herald, Nov. 10, 1955



Complete Bond Signing for Proviso West High

"Albert C. Ross, township school treasurer, and Ralph J. Gust, right, president of the Proviso High School board of education, sign 6,750 \$1,000 bonds at the American Banknote company in Chicago as, standing, from left to right, Louis Ancel, board attorney, Neil J. Gillies, board member, Howard Jahntz board member, and Sallust DeRose, board secretary, look on. Signatures were written 10 at a time through the use of a machine. It was a day-long job to complete the transaction which resulted in a check being issued to the board for the erection of Proviso West High School in Hillside."

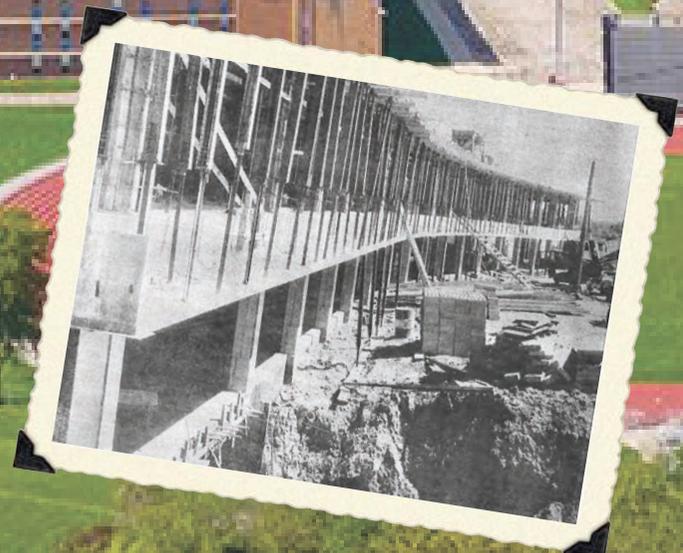
— The Herald, Nov. 18, 1956

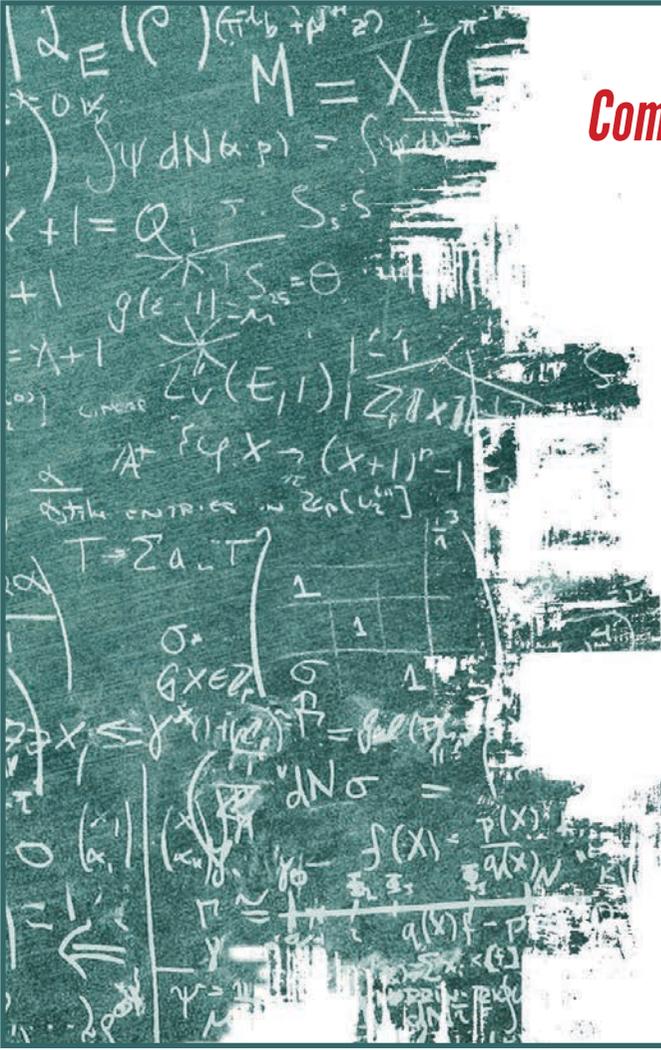


Proviso West Growing

"Construction of the new Proviso West High School continues to gain momentum as the pillars and framework of the big structure take form. As of July 1, nearly 7,000 yards of concrete had been poured, workmen were completing second floor sections and preparing for cement work on the third floor and exterior brick work was underway."

— The Herald, July 11, 1957





Local Hillside Feeder Public Schools Awarded **Commendable** Rating for Meeting Educational Standards

The Illinois State Board of Education released their 2018 report card for every public school in Illinois using a newly developed rating system. The state board developed this new system to comply with the federal *Every Student Succeeds Act* passed in 2015, which replaced the *No Child Left Behind Act*. Under the new system, a grade school's quality is measured through multiple indicators of student success — standardized tests, alternative assessments, academic growth, English language proficiency, science scores, fine arts participation, as well as factors such as chronic absenteeism and school climate surveys that measure student, parent and staff perceptions of teachers, school safety, leadership and issues such as bullying.

Congratulations to the teachers, administrators, staff and students in the following schools where Hillside students are enrolled for achieving this **Commendable** rating:

- Grant Elementary School
- Hillside Elementary School
- McKinley Elementary School
- Roosevelt Middle School
- Sunnyside Intermediate School
- Thurgood Marshall Elementary School
- Westchester Primary School
- Westchester Middle School

Hillside School Kindergarten Info Night



Parents, if you have a child who will attend kindergarten at Hillside School in the fall, be sure to save this date: Monday, April 22, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come to the school for Kindergarten Info Night to learn how to prepare children for the big transition to kindergarten, learn

about their school day, meet the teachers, and ask any questions you may have.

Please bring proof of residency if you wish to register your child that day. Tours of the school will be given and refreshments will be served. If you know of any new residents with young children who will soon begin attending Hillside School kindergarten, be sure to tell them about this helpful and informative event!

Final Registration

Saturday, March 9th

Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

at the Community Center, 1 N. Lind Ave.

Any questions, please contact
Coach Ray Latham at 773-742-6261

All Major Credit Cards are now Accepted!
Birth Certificates are required at the time
of registration.

Full uniform, equipment, trophies, awards
and insurance included in registration fee,
which will vary by age group!



Flood Safety

The following common sense guidelines can protect you from the dangers of flooding:

- Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in cars than anywhere else. Do not drive around barriers.
- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. Six inches of water can knock you off your feet.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocutation is the second leading cause of death during floods.
- Be alert to gas leaks. Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to the Fire Protection District, the Village or your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.
- Keep children away from flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains. Flood waters can carry unimaginable items that have dislodged themselves. Culverts can suck in smaller people, rendering them helpless.
- Clean everything that has been wet. Flood water is contaminated with sewage and other chemicals, which pose severe health threats.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their home may seek shelter in yours.
- Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

Yard Waste

Waste Management will resume Yard Waste Pick-up the week of April 1st, and will be picked up on your garbage day. Yard waste (leaves, plant debris, grass clippings, twigs or small branches, etc.) must be placed in your green yard waste cart or a brown yard waste bag. Be sure to have your carts placed on the parkway, or driveway apron the evening before your scheduled pick-up day.

In addition, Waste Management includes branch pickup April through November if you have piles sized approx. 2' long x 2' wide x 2' high, and bundled with twine for easy pick-up.

Are You Ready For Spring Cleaning?

Mark your calendars for the week of May 13th-May 17th. On your garbage day, the week of May 13th, you will be able to place many of your unwanted items out for pick-up.



Call the Public Works and Building Services Department at 708-202-3434 if you have any questions.

Street Sweeping

Hillside street sweeping resumes in March. Sweep dates for March and April will be March 11th-March 15th, March 25th-March 29th, April 8th-April 12th and April 22nd-April 26th. Please refrain from parking your car on the street during this time so we can effectively clean our streets. Thank you and hello to Spring!



March & April Hillside Public Works Report



Branch Pick-Up

Hillside branch pick-up will begin the week of March 4th, and be picked up once a month by the Village of Hillside. Place your branches on the parkway the Sunday before pick-up week begins. Our Public Works Dept. documents each street, with the time and date it was completed, so they will not return once they have completed a street. The scheduled dates for pick-up is below.

GUIDELINES for Branch Pick-up

Place branches on parkway the Sunday before pick-up week begins.

Entire trees will not be removed. Make arrangements with a hauling service to remove debris when cutting down a tree.

Branch piles not to exceed 8' long by 5' high by 5' wide.

Logs 5' or more in diameter must be cut into lengths of 2' or less, stacked and will be picked up separately.

Bush roots must be removed and will be picked up separately.

DO NOT mix yard waste with branches.

BRANCH PICK-UP DATES

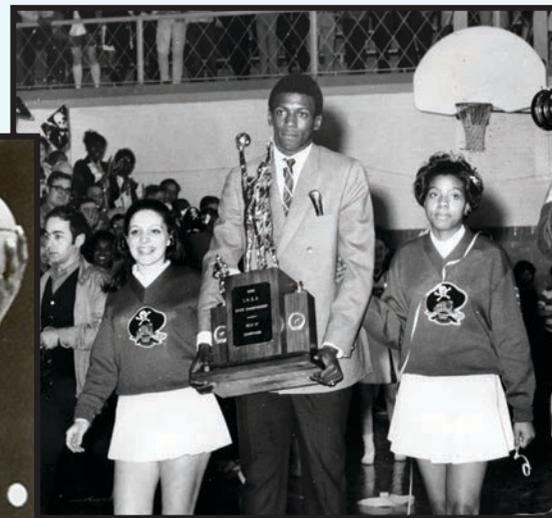
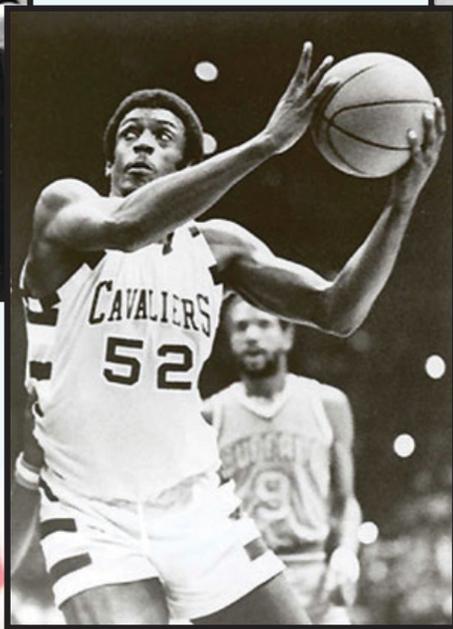
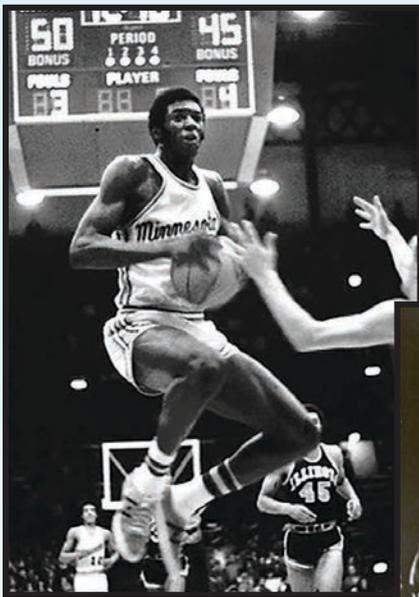
March 4-8, April 1-5, May 6-10, June 3-7,
July 8-12, Aug 5-9, September 9-13, October 7-11

The **Village of Hillside** Proudly Presents Our

Join Us for the Official
Opening Day Ceremony at
The Hillside Commons
Immediately Following
the Parade!

38th Annual Youth Athletic Parade

Saturday, May 4, 2019
10:00 AM



GRAND MARSHAL **JIM BREWER**

**Captain of Proviso East's 1969 State
Champion Basketball Team**

1972 Big Ten Basketball

Player of the Year

Co-Captain of 1972

USA Olympic Basketball Team

2nd Overall Pick by

Cleveland Cavaliers in the NBA Draft

Member of LA Lakers

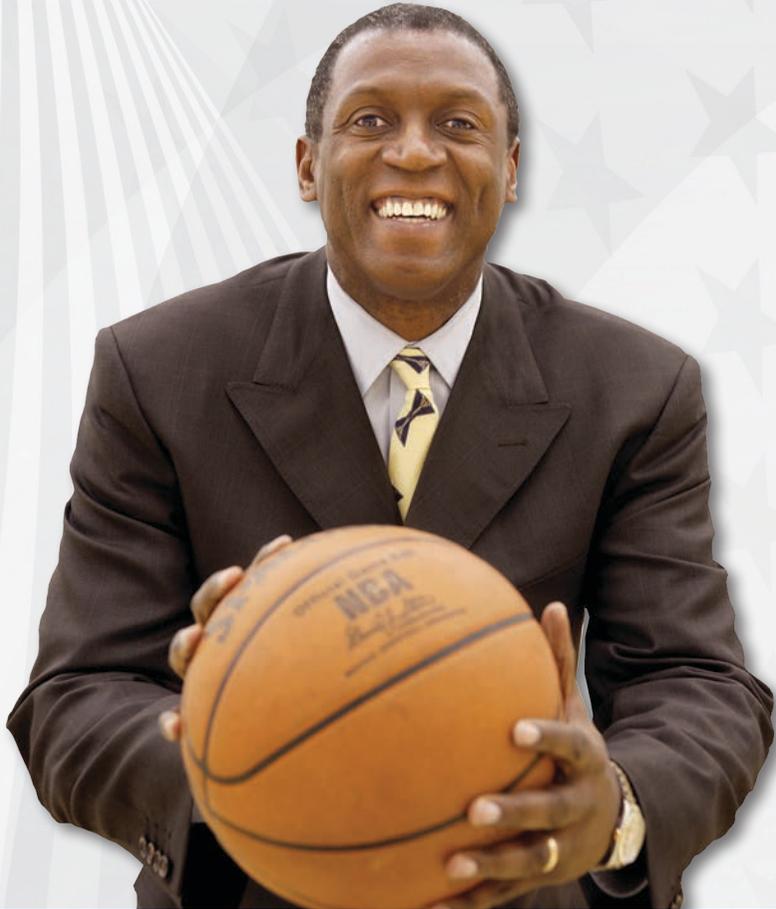
1982 Championship

**Ranked as an All Time Top 50 Illinois
High School Basketball Player**

This event is not
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school district.

For more information call (708) 202-4343
or Log on to www.hillside-il.org

Jim “Papa” Brewer... Proviso Hometown Hero And This Year’s Youth Athletic Parade Grand Marshall



Jim had a successful career as an assistant coach, spanning over 20 seasons and as a talent scout for the Minnesota Timberwolves, where he advanced to Director of Player Personnel.

His uniform number has been retired by the Minnesota Gophers and the Cleveland Cavaliers. He is ranked by a panel of sports writers as one of the 50 best players in Illinois basketball history

Jim returned to Maywood to spend time with his extended family, and to be a part of the community that shaped him. Jim and his wife Patsy have two adult children. As a side note Jim is Doc Rivers uncle who is presently the coach of the Los Angeles Clippers.

Jim stated, “After my career, I came home to Maywood to work with Proviso’s youth. I am honored to serve as this year’s Grand Marshall because in some small way I hope I can convey the message that getting a good education is the path to a better future. Thank you, Hillside, for this opportunity.”

James “Papa” Brewer was born and raised in Maywood and was the first notable player to come out of Proviso East High School. He led Proviso East to the state championship in 1969 and was unanimously selected as a first-team All-State player and selected as “Mr. Basketball” in Illinois.

He earned a scholarship to the University of Minnesota, where he was a three-time MVP and voted Most Valuable Player of the Big Ten Conference in 1972.

He was selected to the 1972 U.S. Olympic Basketball Team, where he co-captained and established a US Olympic team record for total rebounds that stood for 20 years.

Jim Brewer was selected as the second overall pick in the 1973 NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers where he co-captained and helped them win their first Central Division Championship in 1976. Jim played 12 seasons in the professional ranks, that included earning an NBA World Championship ring as a member of the Los Angeles Lakers in 1982 along with teammates Kareem Abdul Jabbar and Ervin “Magic” Johnson.

50/50 HILLSIDE SIDEWALK PROGRAM

The Village offers the Public Sidewalk Program to all residents who want to replace damaged public sidewalk squares under the 50/50 Program. If this is something you are interested in, please call Public Works at 708-202-3434 to schedule an appointment to assess your sidewalk’s condition. You will be given a contract for the recommended replacement along with a bill for your portion of the total cost.

Please sign the contract and return it to the Village Hall with payment, which will be required prior to scheduling with our contractor. This work takes place two (2) times per year, typically late spring to early summer and late summer to fall. Feel free to call 708-202-3434 with any questions you may have.

HILLSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMS

Most programs require registration. Unless noted, library programs are free of charge.

Adult Book Discussions

The first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 6: The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty
Wednesday, April 3: Close Enough to Touch by Colleen Oakley

Mixed Stitchers

Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm - For knitters and crocheters of all levels.

Gentle Yoga

Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm - For all fitness levels. No registration. Class is limited to the first 20 people. Must be over 16.

Go on a Blind Date with a Book

Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 24
Read a book from our Blind Date book display then fill out a Rate Your Date form to be entered into winning a box of chocolates.

Ageless Grace

Fridays in March; 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 11:00 to 11:45 am
Ageless Grace® is a fun and playful brain health exercise program practiced to upbeat music while seated in a chair.™. Ageless Grace is geared to seniors, but any age or fitness level can benefit from this program.

Inclusive Bingo

Monday, March 11, 5:00 to 5:45 pm
Bingo for all! Adults, teens, kids, special needs, seniors, families, singles.

Microsoft Word

Part 1: Friday, March 15 from 10:30 to 11:30 am
Part 2: Friday, March 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 am
Part one is a basic introduction to Word tool and formatting features. Part two covers more advanced formatting, tables, headers, footers, and templates. Limit 10.

Best Defense Concepts

Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Self-defense expert Peter Honigmann joins us to discuss all aspects of self-defense. He will also answer questions regarding how to handle specific attacks or self-defense situations.

Google Drive and Google Docs

Tuesday, April 9, 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Learn how to store, share, and access files in Google Drive and how to create documents, spreadsheets, and presentations in Google Docs. Gmail account required - arrive early if you don't already have Gmail. Limit 10

Growing MicroGreens

Monday, April 29, 6:30 to 7:15 pm
At this short program you will make and take home one container of microgreens. For adults and teens. Registration required by Thursday, April 25th.

Family Bike Ride

Saturday, April 13, 10:30 to 11:30 am
We will take a short ride to the Berkeley Park pavilion where we will enjoy a quick snack then return to the library. All ages welcome. Children under 16 must have an adult accompanying. Bike helmets required! Register by Thursday, April 11 for this bike ride.

HILLSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY YOUTH PROGRAMS FOR MARCH & APRIL

Advanced registration required for all programs

Saturday Craft: Mini Flower Pots

Saturday, March 9 from 1:15 to 2:00pm for Grades 1-6 (Grades 7-12 are also welcome.) Advanced registration required. (Kindergarteners and younger are welcome with a caregiver.) With spring just around the corner come and decorate a mini flower pot. All supplies provided.

Spring Break Programs

For Kindergarten to Grade 6. Advanced registration required for ALL programs. (Preschool age can attend with a caregiver 18 or older.) (Grades 7-12 are also welcome.)

Monday, March 25 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm:

Board Games Board games will be available in the Youth Services area of the library. Bring your friends!

Wednesday, March 27 from 2:00 to 2:45 pm: BINGO

Thursday, March 28 from 3:00 to 3:45 pm:

Building and Coloring

Friday, March 29 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm: Movie-Sherlock Gnomes
Rated PG. Snacks will be provided.

Take Home Craft

Friday, April 19 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm for Kindergarten - Grade 6
Drop by the Youth Services Area, make a craft, and take it home!

APRIL WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Advanced registration encouraged, drop-ins welcome

Once Upon a Storytime

Wednesdays from 4:00 to 4:45 pm for Age 3-Kindergarten
Each week we will read a variety of different fairy tales. Outside weather permitting.

Block Party!

Thursdays from 4:00 to 4:45 pm for Grades 1-6
Build with a variety of blocks including Magna Tiles and Legos.

Teen Bad Art Night Saturday, April 6 at 1:30 pm Teens will have access to a pile of ridiculous craft and art material. The "worst" piece of art will win a silly prize.



Looking for Work or Need a Job Change? We Can Help!

Stop by the Hillside Village Hall front counter and check out our Jobs Binder. Triton College has been providing our office with many job openings for several years. The Binder is up to date with the most recent job availabilities. In addition, the Binder also posts upcoming job fairs and volunteer work as well. If you see something in the Binder that interests you, let us know and we will be happy to make a copy for you. **Happy Job Hunting!**



Get Your Dog or Cat Their Tags Today!

Pet owners don't forget to register your pets. The village of Hillside has free registration for your dogs and cats. We recommend that you register your pet at the beginning of the year in order to receive your free pet tags. We only ask that you bring in an up-to-date rabies vaccination report. We're already three months in to 2019, so don't forget. In case your pet ever gets lost the village tag on your pet's collar will help our police department reunite them with you, the pet owner.



Memorial Park District's EISENHOWER MOVIE NIGHT

"Moms and Dads, We'll watch the Kids!"

You can relax knowing the Kids are having Fun, and take some time for YOU!

Drop off your child to enjoy hot dog, pizza, popcorn, a beverage and a movie on our big screen projector.

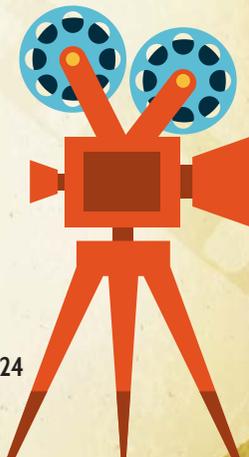
All movies are rated G or PG.
Call 547-3900 x4
for a movie schedule.

For Boys & Girls

Ages: 4 -11 yrs.
Instructor: Ms. May
Location: Eisenhower Center Room B
Day / Time: Fridays/ 6:00 - 8:00pm
Dates: Mar. 8 & 22, Apr. 12 & 26 & May 10 & 24

Fee: \$5/child/date/In District
\$7/child/date/Out of District

Deadline for registration is Monday before Movie Time.



Walk-Ins
Welcome

Have your teen apply after March 1st for these fun summer jobs!

— SUMMER TEEN JOBS —

The Memorial Park District hires teenagers 15 and older to work at our three aquatics facilities. Job applications are available after March 1st. Facilities are located in Melrose Park, Hillside & Bellwood.

Deck Attendants - 18 and older

Lifeguards - 15 years & up (with Red Cross Lifeguard Certification)

Lifeguard Certification Class - see above



— SUMMER TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES —

There are a number of excellent opportunities for teenagers 14 and older to earn community service hours and to be active this summer in park district leadership programs:

JR. LIFEGUARD & GUEST SERVICE ASSISTANT AGE 14 & UP

Persons who aspire to be a lifeguard or want to show some leadership experience around the pool can volunteer a minimum of 2 days per week. You must be available to follow an assigned work schedule.

No Fee-Application, interview and acceptance required.
Contact Rose Mason 708-547-3900 x3006

JUNIOR DAY CAMP COUNSELOR AGE 16 & UP



Assist Day Camp Counselors in an instructional and playful environment. Monday thru Friday 9 AM - 5 PM.
For an application call 708-547-3900

FOOTBALL AND CHEER REGISTRATION

FEE: \$275 (\$200 IN RAFFLE TICKETS WITH PAYMENT IN FULL TO SELL)

FOOTBALL: 6U-13U (NO WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS)

CHEERLEADING: 5U-15U



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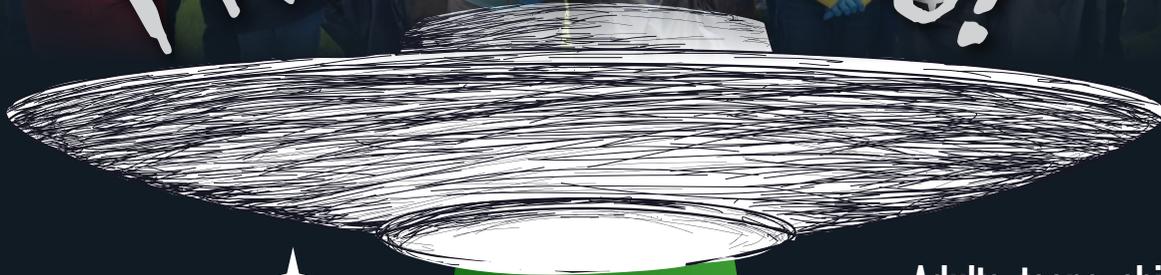
EMAIL: hillsidehurricanes1@gmail.com **CALL:** 773-849-5159

HILLSIDE HURRICANES

THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL OR PARK DISTRICT SPONSORED EVENT

The Village of Hillside

PROJECT UFO!



It's time to get Hillside ready for summer fun with our annual "Project UFO" event... getting rid of all Unwanted Foreign Objects!

**Saturday
May 18th
10 to 11:30 A.M.**

Adults, teens, children... sports teams & scout groups... come out and help us "Reduce...Reuse...Recycle...Respect" our community with this unique Spring Clean-Up Experience!

T-Shirts and a complimentary Hillside McDonald's lunch and water supplied by Hillside Liquor for everyone who HELP, SPOT and CAPTURE the UFO'S.

Meet us at Hillside Commons (behind the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue)... Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult! Public Works trucks will take participants to different locations within our Village.

Call 708-202-4343 for more information or log onto www.hillside-il.org or follow us on Facebook!

This event is sponsored by the Village of Hillside ONLY and not sponsored by any school district! Event subject to change without notice, sorry for any inconvenience.



Municipal Calendar of Events

Village Board of a Whole Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on March 11th

Village Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on March 25th

Village Board of a Whole Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on April 8th

Village Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on April 22nd

Community Awareness Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 27th

Community Awareness Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 24th

Human Relations Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. on March 28th

Human Relations Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. on April 25th

*** All Board and Community Awareness meetings are held in the Village Hall Board Room – 425 Hillside Avenue



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Final Thoughts from Mayor Joseph T. Tamburino

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you read the front-page story regarding the 17% increase in Hillside’s home sale prices. This is great news for all of us and reaffirms my belief that Hillside’s allure for potential buyers will continue to grow and here’s why:

- Hillside is one of the most diverse communities in the Chicago metropolitan area. Drive down any street and you will see people of all colors and ethnicities living side by side in harmony all in pursuit of the same dream of making a better life for their families.
- Hillside’s housing stock is solid; you would be hard pressed to find homes anywhere that are better constructed or maintained at such an affordable price. Hillside also possesses that small town feel where moms watch out for each other’s kids and neighbors still chat over fences. Furthermore, the pride our residents and Public Works Department takes in Hillside is evident everywhere you look from all the well-manicured homes to our parks and other public access facilities.
- Hillside is centrally located, convenient to both the Eisenhower Expressway and the Tri-state Tollway. In non-rush hour traffic, downtown Chicago or O’Hare Field is a 20-minute drive away.
- When every second counts, two top-rated hospitals, Elmhurst and Loyola, are just a 10-minute ambulance ride.
- Hillside’s Fire Department is ranked among the top 270 departments out of 47,000 in the country. The department operates with some of the most advanced fire equipment in all of Illinois.
- The Hillside Police Department works closely with Hillside’s youth to prevent trouble before it begins. The juvenile related problems besetting many suburban communities are almost non-existent in Hillside. It should be noted that in the past decade not one complaint for excessive force has been lodged against our men and women in blue; their directive is to treat all residents with respect.
- Celebrations and festivals are synonymous with Hillside. It would be almost impossible to find another village government that offers more family-oriented events than Hillside. Why just this past summer, our popular Summer Nights in the Commons Concert Series averaged around 4,000 happy concertgoers per show and the annual Martin Luther King breakfast recently attracted 378 celebrants.



I could go on and on, but suffice it to say, Hillside is a unique community that reminds people of a time when life was easier and people friendlier, which is why you and I call it home. Have a Happy St Patrick’s Day and a wonderful Easter.

Mayor Joseph T. Tamburino

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