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Great News... It's Cleanup Week In Hillside September 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, & 18th

Waste Management and the Village of Hillside have scheduled dates for Cleanup Week that was to be held this past May but was moved back due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new dates are **September 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th.**

Time to do "FALL CLEANING" by cleaning out that crawl space, basement, garage and attic. Residents are encouraged to remove unwanted trash, furniture, appliances, etc. that have accumulated over the years.

Please place these items out on your **REGULAR TRASH COLLECTION DAY OF CLEANUP WEEK.** This opportunity comes only once a year!



Acceptable items...

Appliances: (stoves, refrigerators, etc.), Bulk Items: (bicycles, toys, etc.), Carpets: (must be in rolls no more than 5 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter),

Fixtures: (toilets, sinks, etc.), Furniture, Paint: (must be hardened in cans with lids OFF), Landscaping Timbers: (must be no longer than 3 feet in length).



Non-Acceptable items... Car Batteries, Explosives, Tires, any type of Fluid (gas, oil, etc.), Ammunition, Radioactive Material, Riding Lawnmowers/Snow Blowers, Hazardous or Medical Waste, Large Automobile Parts, Boats, Snowmobiles, Bricks, Concrete Blocks, Cement or Asphalt Pavement Material, Construction and Demolition Debris.

Disposal of Televisions Not Accepted... The Village of Hillside and Waste Management will NOT pick-up TV's. For residents only, we have a recycling bin in the Village Hall lobby where you can properly dispose of certain electronics, including TVs under 30 inches.

For the safety of its residents, the Village has CANCELLED these annual events.

- Halloween Costume Contest (Hillside Commons)
- Wagon Ride (Hillside Commons)
- Bonfire (Hillside Commons)
- Veterans Day Dinner

HALLOWEEN

Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. on October 31st. Please have your children practice safe distancing with fellow trick or treaters.



PROTECT and SERVE

A Report On Hillside Police And Fire Department Policies

In light of recent developments throughout America, the Village of Hillside feels it is imperative at this time to inform our residents about police and fire department procedures, practices, and policies.

Q. How many Hillside police officers and firefighter/paramedics are there?

A. Presently, there are 23 officers and 7 civilians working in our police department. The fire department employs 22 firefighter/paramedics and 1 civilian. In 2019, the police responded to 22,488 calls for service. The fire department responded to 2,368 incident calls broken down to 784 fire calls and 1,584 ambulance calls.

Q. Who directs the process by which the Village of Hillside hires new police officers and firefighters?

A. The Village has an appointed Board of Fire and Police Commissioners comprised of three residents that reflect Hillside's diversity.

The Fire and Police Commission approves advertisements for new applicants and maintains eligibility lists for both firefighter and police officer applicants. They also follow the guidelines, as directed by Illinois state statutes, for the hiring of all members of the fire and police departments. All appointments to the position of chief of police or fire department chief are the sole responsibility of the Mayor with the consent of the Board. The Fire and Police Commission also has the sanctioned power to remove, with due process, any police officer or firefighter.

The Police and Fire Chiefs alert the Village Administrator when there is a job opening. The Village Administrator contacts the



Fire and Police Commission Members l. to r. Jorge De Leon, Len Houseworth and Toni Noti

Fire and Police Commission requesting the next qualified applicant interested in taking that job. The Administrator then places the received name of the person who is at the top of

the Fire and Police Commissioners' eligibility list on the Village Board agenda. The only time the Mayor and Village Board get involved in the hiring process is approving the candidate who is forwarded to them off the eligibility lists.

Q. How does one apply to be a firefighter or police officer in Hillside?

A. New Police and Firefighter Eligibility lists are created every two years. The Fire and Police Commission, in conjunction with the Fire Chief and Police Chief, advertise that a new Hillside firefighter or police eligibility list is being created. The ad is placed on websites that promote police and firefighter openings throughout the country. They also work with Triton College in advertising the opening of the new eligibility lists.



Out of 47,000 fire departments nationwide, Hillside is just one of 270 that has achieved a Class 1 ISO rating indicating superior fire prevention.

The next step involves using a private firm, Stanard and Associates, Inc., to manage the application process to assure fairness. This firm provides interested applicants, who have read Hillside's ads, a website link to fill out the application. The Village does not distribute any applications, whether it be by paper, mail or email.

It is important to note, the Fire and Police Commission retains authority over the application process and hiring of individuals. All applicant information and

application forms are the property of the Village of Hillside and the Fire and Police Commission. Stanard & Associates, Inc. does not establish the qualification or eligibility requirements, required application procedures, or related employment standards and procedures and is limited in addressing questions or requests for information in these areas.

Below are the minimum requirements to be placed on the Hillside Police Eligibility list (the Fire Department requirements are very similar, except firefighter applicants must also have a current Paramedic certification in the State of Illinois at the time of hire and must present a Candidate Physical Ability Test certification issued by Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy or the Southwest United Fire Districts by the date of the written examination):

- U.S. citizenship
- No felony convictions

- High school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent
- Valid Illinois driver's license
- Minimum of 21 years of age and must be UNDER 35 years of age as of date of hire, unless otherwise exempt by State Statute
- Must meet the requirements of a background check which is administered by the Hillside Police Department
- Must pass a polygraph administered by Theodore Polygraph Service
- Must pass a psychological test administered by Stanard and Associates
- Must pass a medical exam administered by Elmhurst Occupational Health Services
- Must pass an interview conducted by 3 independent police or fire chiefs provided by Stanard and Associates

Those persons whose applications meet the requirements are then required to attend an orientation session and must take a written examination administered by Stanard and Associates, Inc. All applicants must pass each of the above tests before being placed on our police or fire registry for possible hiring.

Q. What is involved in the training of newly hired police officers and firefighters?

A. All new Hillside Police Officers attend an 18-week Illinois certified training program hosted at the Chicago Police Academy and once they graduate from the Police Academy, they continue to receive training on new technology and current issues facing law enforcement. They are also instructed and certified as Illinois Juvenile Officers. In total, new police hires receive 1,250 hours of training.



Hillside provides its residents with the most comprehensive Paramedic and Advanced Life Support System in the suburbs.

New Hillside firefighters are sent to the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy in Glenview where they receive 320 hours of firefighter training. Included in those 320 hours are 40 hours in Hazardous Materials Operations, 8 hours Technical Rescue Awareness, and 8 hours of Fire Service Vehicle Operator (fire apparatus driving). After completing the 9-week Academy there is 2 weeks of training at the Hillside Fire Department.

Q. The Minneapolis police officer chokehold that resulted in the death of George Perry Floyd was a use of force that was reprehensible. Where does Hillside stand on the subject of chokeholds?

A. Chokeholds are considered deadly force and therefore not a procedure that is used by Hillside Police Officers.

Q. If chokeholds are not employed, then short of discharging a weapon, how does a police officer handle a volatile situation?

A. All Hillside officers are constantly being trained in techniques to calmly approach all situations. If the situation



Hillside Police are constantly working with our youth to break down the walls of mistrust, which has helped minimize juvenile crime.

Q. Does Hillside use the “No Knock” technique to search a private residence?

A. The Hillside Police will only enter a premise with a judicially signed warrant; or if someone in the home is in imminent grave danger; or asked to enter by an occupant of the house.



Hillside Police Officers provide community services such as daily wellness checks on seniors, baby car seat installations, foot patrols in business areas, Youth Police Academy Classes, monthly community awareness meetings, and so much more.

escalates, backup officers are then called in to assist. As a last resort, all Hillside officers are trained in how to safely use a Taser that momentarily stuns a perpetrator but will not cause serious long-lasting bodily harm.

Q. What is the Hillside Police policy on making probable cause and stop searches?

A. All our police officers are constantly educated on racial sensitivity issues. This training combined with their common sense guided by the United States Constitution and legal decisions dictate when and how such probable stops can be conducted.

Q. Do Hillside Police Officers wear body cams?

A. No, however, our Police Department vehicles are equipped with audio and video equipment that records police interactions with individuals that are either being questioned, given a ticket or being arrested.

Q. Has any Hillside police or fire officer been accused of using excessive force in controlling a situation?

A. Proud to say we have never had a complaint filed.

Q. There is much discussion about police stationed in schools, what is Hillside’s policy on this subject?

A. We do have a School Liaison Officer stationed at Proviso West to work alongside students to bridge the gap between teens and police. This has proven beneficial in assisting with problems on the campus but as important, the School Liaison Officer’s rapport with students has alerted us to ongoing or potential problems in Hillside. We are stationed there at the request of the Proviso High School Board.

Q. What community-based programs are offered to better acquaint Hillside residents with the police and fire departments?

Police Department Programs

• The Village of Hillside’s Citizens Police Academy is open to residents interested in learning more about policing. Dozens of residents have taken the program.

- Monthly Police Community Awareness meetings conducted with residents.
- Senior citizen forums held to teach elderly residents how to better protect themselves against crimes targeting their age group.
- Youth Police Academy is conducted for teenagers to learn the inner workings of police policies and procedures. This is one of the few programs like this in the suburban area.

Fire Department Programs

- The Hillside Fire Department has a formal Public Education/ Relations outreach program designed for schools/youth outreach, businesses and the community.
- Conducts Community Risk Reduction Programs such as: Free Blood Pressure Checks, Car Seat installs, AED/CPR training, Fire Extinguisher classes, Homebox installs, and MyID products.
- Host open house events at the Fire Station plus guided tours.



Hillside Firefighters are involved in community outreach from hosting fire house tours to offering fire safety tips to children to installing home fire detectors to providing wellness checkups.

Q. Hillside is the 14th most racially diverse town in Illinois out of 1,299 villages. What programs or training are our police and firefighters given to make them more sensitive to people of different races, faith, sexual orientation and ethnicities?

A. Police officer trainees take hours upon hours of sensitivity and cultural awareness classes at the Police Academy prior to working in Hillside. On an annual basis,

Hillside Police Officers continue their education on these sensitive societal issues by participating in 40 to 80 hours of State of Illinois mandated sensitivity and cultural awareness courses and programs. All police officers must act in accordance with the Village of Hillside's Policy Against Harassment and Discrimination.

The Hillside Fire Department conducts annual training of its members by reviewing the Village of Hillside Policy Against Harassment and Discrimination. They have purchased Target Solutions (which is a fire department training software program) that has on-line courses that firefighters train on annually on subjects like Preventing Discrimination in the Workplace, Discrimination Prevention, Sexual Harassment Prevention, Sexual Harassment Awareness and Sexual Harassment Awareness for Supervisors.

All police and firefighters understand that in a racially diverse community like Hillside, discriminatory practices will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in an expeditious manner.



A Message from John Kramer, Village Trustee and Air Force Veteran & Broadview-Hillside American Legion Member

Hello, again!

We military guys and gals had a lot of rules when we were serving. Our lives were very structured. When I was in Korea, a cholera epidemic broke out. Even though the GI's were vaccinated against cholera, the military issued a whole list of things we could and could not do – they weren't GUIDELINES, they were RULES! If we didn't follow these rules, we were punished – a lot or a little depending on what we did or didn't do! The list was much longer than what we have for this COVID-19 pandemic, but we did it and the epidemic passed quickly.

Well, the COVID-19 pandemic hasn't changed much since my last article, in fact, it has gotten worse in many areas of the country. Sadly, more people are dying from it. Perhaps treatments are getting a little better and perhaps a vaccine is near – that's great! But I believe WE, the ordinary people of this great country, can do more to defeat this Virus! WE could help make it go away! We really have to follow the CDC and medical community's guidelines - WEAR MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCE, KEEP AWAY FROM CROWDS – ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE NOT FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES.

Some medical experts have claimed that if EVERYONE followed the guidelines for about just 6 weeks, we could defeat this virus. Some may not believe that or in the guidelines, they may believe this virus will just go away on its own – it won't! WE have to make it go away. PLEASE, do your part, follow the rules – it isn't the military, so you probably won't go to prison, you may not even get sick, BUT you may get someone else sick, you may even be the cause of someone's death. It seems like a big gamble not to wear a mask or to not social distance...

FLAG Disposal: Sometime this Fall, the date is yet to be determined, the American Legion and the Village will have its second annual Flag Burning. Please continue to honor your flag and when it has seen its last day of duty, please turn it in at the Village Hall.

Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County is providing qualified veterans with immediate emergency assistance for the following:

Transportation (weekly CTA or PACE bus cards)

And One Time Emergency Help to Pay for:

✓Mortgage or Rent ✓Utilities ✓Food

If you need help with any of the above, please bring the following with you to their office:

- DD214 – Honorable Discharge
- Income Verification (Current two paystubs from employer or pension payment stubs or unemployment stub or Social Security stub or G/I Bill stub)
- Current Illinois Driver License or state issued Photo I.D.

Location: Cook County Juvenile Detention Center (lower level office C-011)
1100 S. Hamilton, Chicago

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. (sign-in window closes at 3)
Closed for lunch between 12:45 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Phone: (312) 433-6010



Why Shovel Snow This Winter?

Let The Village of Hillside Do It For You!

Enrollment forms will be available at the Village Hall starting October 1st and must be returned by October 31st. **Each year a new enrollment form must be filled out. If you were on the list last year, an enrollment form will be mailed to you.**

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the plowing:

- A person must be 65 years or older, retired and live in a single residence home.
- No able-bodied or employed persons under 65 can reside in the household.
- Minimum of 3" of snow must fall and all Village streets and alleys must be cleared before any senior plowing will be done.
- Call Public Works at 708-202-3434 if you have any questions, or additional information will be provided at the Village Hall with the enrollment forms.



**FREE SENIOR
SNOW PLOWING**

Seniors and Disabled Residents, Does Your Lawn Need Mowing???

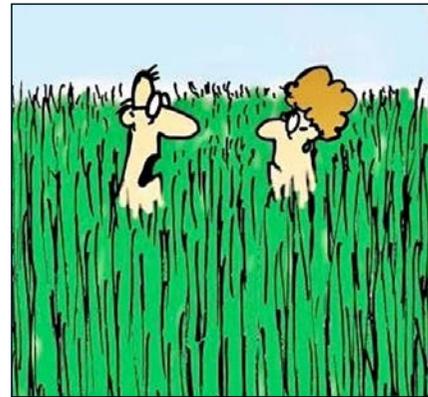
The Village of Hillside Can Help

Mayor Tamburino, the Village Clerk and the Village Board are offering an exciting grass cutting program for our qualifying seniors and disabled residents. **For the rock bottom price of \$10 you receive the following services:**

- Grass cutting
- Line trimming areas only not accessible by mower
- Blowing of any loose clippings from driveway, sidewalks and patios
- Hauling away the grass clippings

The program **DOES NOT** include:

- Edging
- Spring/Fall clean up
- Leaf removal
- Fertilization and weed control/aeration/power raking
- Weeding



The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the grass cutting program:

1. A person must be 65 years or older, retired and live in a single residence home.
2. No able-bodied or employed persons under 65 can reside in the household.
3. For those applying due to a disability, you must include documentation, provided by your treating physician, of said disability.

To enroll in this program, please call 708-202-3434 and we will mail you an application form along with information as to where to mail or drop off your filled-out form. Along with your application you MUST show proof of age by including a copy of either your driver's license, state I.D. or birth certificate.

The Village of Hillside will schedule your lawn cutting service. Each month the Village of Hillside will send out grass cutting service invoices; e.g. During the month of June, a senior citizen had their grass cut three times at \$10 per cut, thus they will receive an invoice for \$30.

For additional information call the Public Works Department at 708-202-3434.

Chicago Blackhawk Rookies On Thin Ice In Hillside Cornfields



There was a time when Hillside had cornfields. It was also a time, before big pro salaries, when Chicago Blackhawk hockey players lived in nice but affordable communities like Hillside. Many a night a Stan Mikita or Phil Esposito or Moose Vasko or Bobby Hull would be found enjoying themselves in one of Hillside's restaurants or bars. The following is a story by award winning and Hockey Hall of Fame writer Bob Verdi that tells a tale of Blackhawk players playing pranks on rookies in the cornfields of Hillside.

Worst to First: The 1969-70 Blackhawks

By Bob Verdi / Chicago Blackhawks

Ah, the snipe hunt. During training camp, veterans touted this traditional gala outing for the rookies. They would adjourn to the cornfields of Hillside one evening to go bird hunting. With straight faces, grizzled types such as Mikita and Pat Stapleton encouraged newcomers such as Magnuson to begin practicing their snipe whistles, all the better to attract these mysterious feathered creatures. Understand that Magnuson, bless his oversized heart, was impressionable. Some would say, gullible. You could have told him the mission was an elephant hunt.

"We gathered at a bar, naturally, then at night, Maggie and another rookie, Terry Caffery, go out into the cornfields," Koroll said. "I had been at the previous training camp, so I knew all about it. They had lanterns, a net to catch the snipe, and Stan tells them, 'if it doesn't work when you whistle... then call them. 'Here, snipe! Here, snipe!' Maggie and Caffery are out there in the dark, thinking the rest of the team is also hunting snipe. We're back in the bar, but the Hillside police, who are in on it, go to the cornfields and arrest them. We all go back to the station, there's a judge there, we go to a courtroom and he charges them with illegal hunting of an endangered species — the snipe is like a bald eagle, he tells them — being Canadians hunting on U.S. soil, unlawful use of a lantern, everything. The judge tells Maggie he can make one phone call. He's shaking, he's in handcuffs and calls Billy Reay, who is also in on it. Billy gives it to him. Finally, we can't hold it in anymore. We start laughing. Maggie realized he'd been had. A snipe is a bird, but I don't think they fly around Hillside."

Hey Shoppers, a **DOLLAR TREE STORE** is Coming to Hillside!!!

We are excited to announce the **Dollar Tree Store** will be opening its doors in Hillside sometime in the near future. They will occupy a portion of the old Leamington Food space in the Family Square Shopping Center at Mannheim Road and Washington Blvd.

Dollar Tree is the largest and most successful single-price-point retailer in North America, operating thousands of stores across 48 contiguous states and five Canadian provinces.





Important Information Regarding The November 3rd Presidential Election

Need to Register to Vote? **Here's How...**

1. The fastest and easiest way to register to vote is by visiting the Cook County Clerk's website at: cookcountyclerk.com
OR
2. Come to the Hillside Village Hall during business hours Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Last day to register at the Village Hall is October 6th.**
OR
3. New residents with a current voter registration card may transfer their registration from their previous residence to their Hillside address by visiting: <https://ova.elections.il.gov>.
OR
4. You can find information on Grace Period Registration and Election Day Registration at the Cook County Clerk's website at: cookcountyclerk.com.

Qualifications to Register to Vote:

- ▶ You must be a United States Citizen.
- ▶ You must be 18 on or before the date of the next election, which is November 3, 2020.
- ▶ You must live in your election precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day.
- ▶ Not registered to vote anywhere else.

To register in person, please bring two forms of identification, i.e. driver's license, utility bill, etc. One must show your current address.

Want to Vote by Mail? **Here's How...**

Mail Ballot Applications for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election are available at the front counter of the Village Hall. Mail Ballot Applications are also available online at: www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/vote-mail. Completed application forms must be received at the County Clerk's Office by Thursday, October 29th and your mail ballot must be postmarked no later than the date of the election which is November 3rd.

Want to Vote Early? **Here's How...**

For the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election, traditional Early Voting will take place October 19-November 2. Unfortunately, at press time, the Cook County Clerk had not yet published the locations and hours where one can vote early. Approximately, mid-September you can check for the Early Voting sites and hours by visiting: www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/early-voting.

If you have any questions on any of the above information, please call
Clerk Linda Gould at 708-202-4325 or Deputy Clerk Noreen Thermos at 708-202-4390.

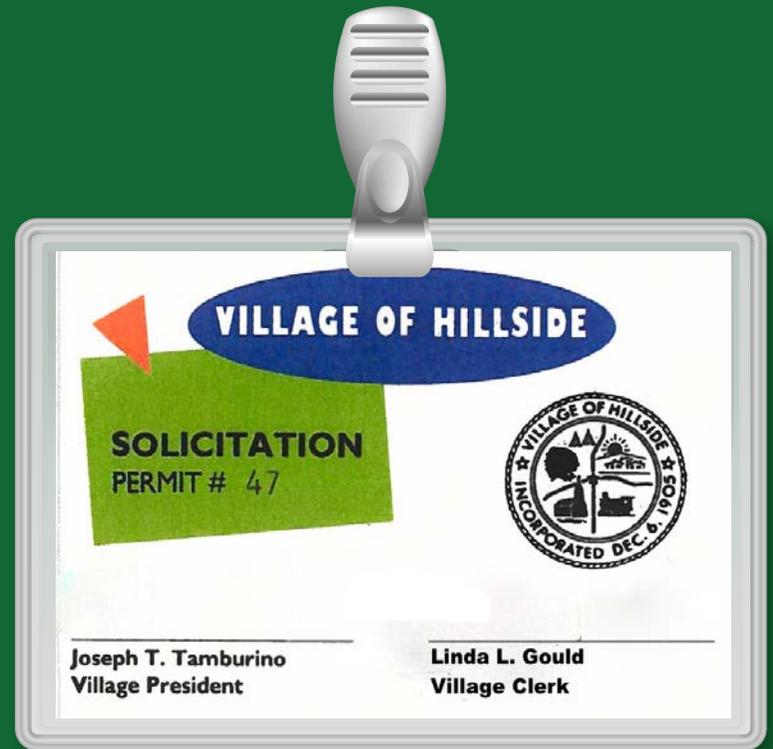
VOTING IS A PRIVILEGE – DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Information You Should Know About Solicitors and Sales People Knocking on Your Door

The Village of Hillside requires that anyone wishing to solicit within our Village needs to be registered at the Village Hall. If a solicitor comes to your home, please check to see they are wearing a "Village of Hillside" issued 2 by 3-inch clip-on badge. The only exception is that religious and political organizations are permitted to go door to door without registering. Solicitation hours are between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. **No soliciting shall take place on Sundays or holidays.**

If solicitors do not have their Village of Hillside badge displayed like the one seen here, please call the Police Department's non-emergency number (708) 449-6133.

The Village Clerk's Office has **NO SOLICITORS** stickers you can apply to your front door. Stop by Hillside Village Hall to pick one up.



Hillside Emergency Management Agency...

*They Help Make
Our Community
A Nicer Place to Live*

The Village of Hillside EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA) is comprised of volunteers who provide emergency response to natural and man-made disasters in the Village.

During statewide and federal disasters, EMA becomes part of the State or federal response. EMA volunteers also assist with crowd control for fun filled Village of Hillside sponsored events like our Hillside Summer Nights Concert Series and parades.

Membership is open to individuals who can devote their free time to assist with emergencies and Village events. Equipment and training will be provided along with uniforms and personal protective equipment that help you 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 Street. 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, help your fellow citizens, and have a fun rewarding experience... EMA can be that opportunity.

Emergency Management Vehicle #412



Vehicle 412 serves as both an ambulance and main command truck. It is outfitted with multiple radios so we can easily communicate with numerous fire and police officers at the site of a large disaster. The vehicle is equipped with medical supplies, an automated external defibrillator, and oxygen tanks. The vehicle also holds traffic cones and wands that help EMA volunteers direct traffic at an emergency scene. One of its cabinets has tools and back boards in case we must set up a medical site for large disasters. Whenever disaster hits our community, Truck 412 will be there.

St. Domitilla's Celebrating

100 Years!



Over 100 years ago, a group of 174 Catholics (70 adults and 104 children) were living in the Hillside area. In 1916, Archbishop George Mundelein determined that this small faith community should be Sacred Heart Church in Melrose Park. John Wolf of Hillside donated land for this mission. An office building from Mount Carmel Cemetery was moved to the southeast corner of Washington St. and Wolf Rd. where the Hillside fire station now sits. This structure

became Hillside's first Catholic church that was blessed on December 17, 1916.

After a few years, Archbishop George Mundelein appointed Fr. Oscar Strehl as the first pastor of the newly established parish in 1920. The archbishop named the church St. Domitilla because of the proximity to Mount Carmel Cemetery which reminded him of the Catacombs of St. Domitilla near Rome, Italy. Flavia Domitilla

was a wealthy Roman noblewoman who used her position to help hide persecuted Christians. When she refused to worship pagan gods, her prison cell was set on fire and she died as a martyr in 96 A.D.

under a tree on French's farm, located approximately at the junction of Laverne and Washington St.



Mt. Carmel Office Served as St. Domitilla's first Church in 1916

Fr. Strehl arrived in Hillside on Oct. 17, 1920 to find that there were no living quarters and the parish fund amounted only to \$1.00. Undaunted, he financed the purchase of the Schreiber farm on the west side of Wolf Rd. adjacent to the Chicago, Aurora, and Elgin railroad. St. Domitilla Church was then moved to the new parish property.

In 1922, work began on a school-convent next to St. Domitilla Church. During construction, children attended classes in the frame church, using the pews as desks and sitting on the kneelers. In good weather, classes were held out of doors



1920's St. Domitilla's First Communion

During the summer of 1923, Archbishop Mundelein transferred the parish to the care of the Servite Fathers. Rev. Ambrose Griffin, OSM was named pastor. In 1927, Rev. Griffin took up residence in the newly completed Servite Seminary known as Mater Dolorosa, located at Butterfield Road and Hillside Ave, which today houses the Hillside Village Hall. The parish masses were then celebrated in the Seminary chapel.

Throughout World War II, Spring and Fall Festivals, school plays, and other parish activities continued as usual. The

church was filled to capacity during these years. Many parishioners became devotees of the Sorrowful Mother Novena in hopes she would protect our service men and women.

When Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch officiated at the Silver Jubilee of St. Domitilla Church in 1945, he granted permission for the construction of a grammar school. The cornerstone of the school was laid in May 1948. As larger church quarters were also needed, provision was made in the new school for a basement church with a seating capacity of 750. St. Domitilla Church-School located at 607 Hillside Ave., was dedicated on Nov. 28, 1948.



St. Domitilla School on Wolf Road that served students until 1948

By 1955, enrollment in the parish school numbered 1,150 children. To accommodate the students, classrooms were set up in the basement of the old convent. Pastor Clement Hanley then directed the construction of a 12-classroom addition which was dedicated on May 27, 1956. This spacious structure was built on the north side of the 1948 school building.

St. Domitilla parish continued to keep pace with the rapid growth of Hillside and by 1958, enrollment topped 1,400 children. Again, classrooms had to be set up in the old convent. In 1959, the architectural firm of Kefer & Cronin was hired to draw up plans for a new convent and a 12-classroom school addition.

The school addition was constructed on the south wall of the 1948 school building and the convent was built at 601 N. Hillside Ave. Both structures were dedicated on May 17, 1961. The Sisters' former residence, long a landmark on Wolf Rd., was torn down in 1960. Sadly, due to dropping enrollment, St. Domitilla School closed its doors in June of 2012 after more than 90 years of education.

In 1964, Rev. Louis Cortney, OSM was named pastor of St. Domitilla Church. He directed his attention to providing a permanent church building. Four acres of land were donated by the Servite Fathers and permission to build was granted by Archbishop John P. Cody. The newly formed Parish Council assumed a large burden of the responsibility in connection with the new church.

On July 30, 1967, ground on the north side of Washington Avenue just east of Hillside Avenue was broken for the new church. At the same time, construction began on a needed rectory/administration center at 4940 Washington Avenue. Because St. Domitilla Church literally had been "underground" for 20 years, it seemed fitting that the new church would be completed in time for the parish's golden jubilee. On May 4, 1969, Cardinal Cody officiated at the dedication of St. Domitilla Church. The circular style structure, designed by the architectural firm of Kefer & Pilolla, incorporated the liturgical changes authorized by Vatican II.



Then Cardinal Cody leading congregation to new St. Domitilla Church in May of 1969

In addition to all of the dedicated pastors, a long list of associate priests have enriched the parish. Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, OSM served as an associate priest in the 1990's. Fr. Jenco had been held as a hostage in Beirut, Lebanon January 1985-August 1986. Despite his treatment, he felt called to forgive his captors and wrote the book, Bound to Forgive, in 1995.

From 1997- 2003, the Parish began observing St. Domitilla's Feast Day with an outside carnival with rides and games for the whole parish and during this time the school's gymnasium was remodeled and renamed Hanley Hall.

In 2016, the Archdiocese of Chicago began the Renew My Church process that strategically sought to assure the sustainability of our local Church's mission. In 2017, the 290 Corridor Grouping was established including: St Eulalia, St. Simeon, St. Domitilla, and Sacred Heart.

In 2019, after much reflection, prayer and discernment, it was decided the St. Simeon and St. Domitilla Parishes were to be combined in one parish under the temporary name of Saints Simeon and Domitilla. The formal process of unification began in July of 2019 with the appointment of Father Julio Lam as pastor of the new combined parish. Both parishes have dedicated staff and parishioners who volunteer in offering a wide range of ministries including Eucharistic ministers, English and Spanish choirs, devout prayer groups, education programs, ushers, bereavement ministers, lectors, altar servers, service organizations, etc.

With the consultation of the faithful, the new parish was later named Queen of All Nations Parish with St. Domitilla Church as its worship site. This new name reflects the very ethnically diverse nature of both former St. Simeon and St Domitilla parishes. Mass is celebrated in both English and Spanish. Ethnicities in both parishes have included: Italian, Polish, Irish, German, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, African American, Filipino and more.

The Church's newest pastor is Father Julio Lam who will now lead St. Domitilla into its second 100 years



The Hillside Herald speaks for many who want to say thank you for 100 years of being an integral part of the fabric that is Hillside, and here is to another century of tending to the flock.



Hillside Fire Department & Fire Service *Traditions*

The Maltese Cross

The Maltese Cross is known around the world as a symbol of the fire service. The Maltese Cross has its origins going back to the era of the Crusades and is named after the Island of Malta which came to be the home of the Knights of St. John. To help identify friend from foe during the fighting, the knights needed a symbol that could identify them. Because of their ability to fight fires, and the pride and honor they took in the care of their sick and injured, the Maltese Cross evolved into a fitting symbol of the modern fire service.



Red Fire Engines



The most widely accepted reason that fire engines are painted red dates back to the 1800s when there was a LOT of competition between the fire brigades of neighboring towns. Each brigade took great pride in their pump. Brigades wanted their rig to stand out by being the cleanest, having the most brass, or being a regal color. Because red was the most expensive color, that is what most crews chose to paint the pump. Other sources cite the tradition of painting the fire engines red going back to the early 1920's. Henry Ford wanted to make cars as inexpensively as possible and only offered cars in black. With all of these black vehicles on the road, the fire service began painting their vehicles red in an effort to stand out.

The Dalmatian Dog



One of the most beloved symbols of the fire service is the Dalmatian dog. The Dalmatian, because of its poor hunting abilities was relegated to the stable area of fine homes. It was in these stables that the Dalmatian became acquainted with the horses. Dalmatians were adopted by the fire service in the days of the horse-drawn fire wagons because they were agile and not afraid of the horses. The Dalmatian would run in front of the horses and clear the streets for the approaching fire wagon. When the horses were replaced by gasoline driven fire engines, many fire departments kept their Dalmatians. There is currently no dalmation working at the Hillside Fire Station.

Hillside Fire Department & Fire Service Traditions



Bagpipes at Fire Department Funerals

The tradition of bagpipes at a fire department funeral in the United States dates back over one hundred and fifty years. When the Irish and Scottish immigrated to this country, they brought many of their traditions with them. One of these was the bagpipe, often played at Celtic Weddings, funerals and dances. It wasn't until the great potato famine and massive Irish immigration to the United States that the tradition of the pipes really took hold in fire departments. The only jobs they could get were dirty, dangerous or both – firefighters and police officers. It was not an uncommon event to have several firefighters killed working at a fire. Before too long, families and friends of non-Irish firefighters began asking for the piper to play for their fallen heroes. The pipes have come to be a distinguishing feature of a fallen hero's funeral.



Tolling of the Bell

Long before the Internet was invented, or telephones and radios were used, fire departments used the telegraph to communicate – using special codes to receive fire alarms from once familiar red fire alarm boxes, which stood on practically every street corner in America. When a firefighter was killed in the line of duty, the fire alarm office would tap out a special signal. This came to be known as the Tolling of the Bell and was broadcast over the telegraph fire alarm circuits to all station houses in the vicinity. This was done for the purpose of notification as a sign of honor and respect for all firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities. Today this time-honored fire service tradition is repeated at each service of a fallen firefighter.

Origin of Red and Green Lights on Fire House

Commissioner Albert Goodrich (1927 - 1931) of the Chicago Fire Department had a nautical background. He applied the marine scheme (red light = port, green light = starboard) to fire apparatus, and the idea became a tradition of the Chicago Fire Department that marked the bay doors at most Chicago fire stations. At night if you look closely, you will see the red and green lights shining outside the Wolf Road bay doors. Signifying pride and tradition in the Hillside Fire Department.



Ready For A Late Spring Cleaning?

Mark your calendar for the week of September 14-18th. On your garbage day, the week of September 14th, you will be able to place many of your unwanted items out for pickup. Read more on the front page of this newspaper for the details for our Cleanup Week.

Disposal Of Leaves

Dispose of leaves using your green yard waste cart or brown yard waste bags, placing them out after 4:00 p.m. the evening before your scheduled pickup day. Blowing or raking your leaves into the street is a Village Ordinance violation.

Residential Permits

When contemplating a home project, call the Building/Inspection Services to inquire about the permitting process. This is the homeowner's responsibility and contractors are required to obtain insurance and licensing to perform the work. Permit applications can be applied for electronically on our website at: www.hillside-il.org, or filled out at our Village Hall.

Branch Removal For September & October

Branch removal for September will be the 8th through the 11th. Place your branches on the parkway Monday, September 7th to be certain your branches will be picked up that week. October pick up will be the 5th through the 9th. Place branches out on Sunday, October 4th for pick up that week. We will not return once a street has been completed.

October will be our last branch pickup of the year and will resume in April 2021.

BRANCH PICKUP OPTIONS: For small branches and twigs, cut them up and place them into your green yard waste cart for Waste Management to pick-up on your garbage day. In addition, Waste Management will pick up branches on your scheduled garbage day that are secured with twine as long as the piles are no bigger than 2' long x 2' wide x 2' high.

Senior Snow Plowing

Enrollment forms will be available at the Village Hall starting October 1st and must be returned by October 31st. Each year a new enrollment form must be filled out.

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the plowing:

- A person must be 65 years or older, retired and live in a single residence home.
- No able-bodied or employed persons under 65 can reside in the household.
- Minimum of 3" of snow must fall and all Village streets and alleys must be cleared before any senior plowing will be done.
- Call Public Works at 708-202-3434 if you have any questions.

Additional information will be provided at the Village Hall with the enrollment forms.



September
& October

Hillside Public Works Report



Call Public Works and Inspection Services Department at 708-202-3434 with any issues like burnt out streetlights, downed stop signs, broken sidewalks, etc.

Street Sweeping

Waste management street sweeping will take place during the upcoming weeks; September 7th through September 11th, September 21st through September 25th and September 28th through October 2nd. In October streets will be swept every week. **Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper will be present, which is approximately 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Water Restrictions

Restrictions for watering will end September 30th, however, conserving water is wise. Grass is tolerant of drier conditions, especially in the Autumn months. Conserve water and save on your water bill.

Village of Hillside Announces Massive Street Resurfacing Program

The Hillside Village Trustees recently approved a resurfacing project to be performed on streets throughout the Village. Mayor Joseph Tamburino commented, "Due to COVID-19 issues, we are starting on the resurfacing later than we wanted. At the moment we are prioritizing the streets that will be completed before Winter sets in."

The resurfacing work will consist of grinding down the existing streets, checking for drainage issues, repairing deteriorating curbs or gutters, promoting better street water runoff, and finally, resurfacing.

Mayor Tamburino concluded, "Upon the completion of this project, nearly 75% of Hillside's residential streets will have been resurfaced with our intent to finish the remaining streets in the next three years. Well maintained streets give Hillside curb appeal, which in turn helps our home values."

In a future edition of the Hillside Herald we will report what streets were resurfaced in 2020.



During Hillside's Cleanup Week Why Not Safely Dispose of Your Unused Medicine at the Police Station!



Prescription drugs left unattended in homes can be just as dangerous as illicit drugs. Studies show that the majority of teens who abuse prescription drugs obtain them from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Many Americans simply do not know how to properly dispose of their unused or expired medicine, often flushing it down the toilet or throwing it away. These methods can pose both safety and environmental hazards.

To provide a preferable alternative for residents to safely dispose of their unwanted drugs, a secure collection box (like the green one seen in this article), has been placed in the lobby of the Hillside Police Department located at 425 Hillside Avenue. This collection box is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please do not place bio-hazardous waste or sharps in the collection box. If you have any questions, you may call the police desk at (708) 449-6133.





Hillside Library Is Open for Patrons



The Hillside Public Library is now opened to the public. To ensure the safety of patrons and staff, the library will provide limited services. **Everyone entering the library must wear a face covering at all times and practice social distancing (6 feet or 2 arms' length).** Hand sanitizer will be available to patrons throughout the library.

Who can come into the library? Everyone is welcome, but if you are feeling sick, please, for the safety of other patrons and staff, we ask that you please not visit the library.

What hours will the library be open?

The library will be open:
Monday-Friday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
[Last curbside service appointment is 6:30 p.m.]
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
[The last curbside service appointment is 4:30 p.m.]
Sunday – Closed

Will you still continue to offer curbside service? Yes.

Can I request an item from another library and pick it up at the Hillside Public Library? **Yes, we are placing holds.**

How long can I be in the library? At this time, we ask that patrons keep their visits to no more than 30 minutes.

How many people will be allowed in the library?
Only 15 patrons will be allowed in the library at one time.

Can I come in to use a computer? Not at this time, however we anticipate having some computers available with a limited time and availability at the beginning of October.

Can I use the scanner and/or the copier? Yes, one copier and a scanner will be available for use. However, for your safety, staff will not be able to provide copier or scanner assistance.

Are faxing services available? Yes.

Will notary services be available? Not at this time

Will the restrooms and water fountains be accessible? No.

Can I reserve a conference room? Not at this time

Please be aware that events and news change rapidly so check our webpage and social media accounts for library information updates.

Hillside Public Library | Call 708-449-7510 or visit www.hillsidelibrary.org.

Families, Businesses, Local Organizations and Church Groups... Be Part of Memorial Park District's Scarecrow on Parade Display



Design and build a scarecrow display this fall on the grounds of the Memorial Park District's Eisenhower Community Center. A sign with your name will be displayed near your sponsored scarecrow. Scarecrows will be on display from October 1st through November 31st.

You supply the scarecrow and our Memorial Park District Building and Grounds Crew will mount your scarecrow on a T-Frame provided by the Park District.

Submit this entry form along with a \$15.00 entry fee at any Memorial Park District Location.

2020 SCARECROW ENTRY FORM

#100013

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Disclaimer: This is not a competition. All displays must represent all-inclusive positivity. I understand that the photos taken of display may be used for publicity by Memorial Park District. Memorial Park District is not responsible for damaged items. I agree to remove any wanted items from designated display prior to dismantling by park staff. Scarecrows will be removed by December 1, 2020.

Sign: _____

Date: _____

Pumpkin Carving / Decorating Contest

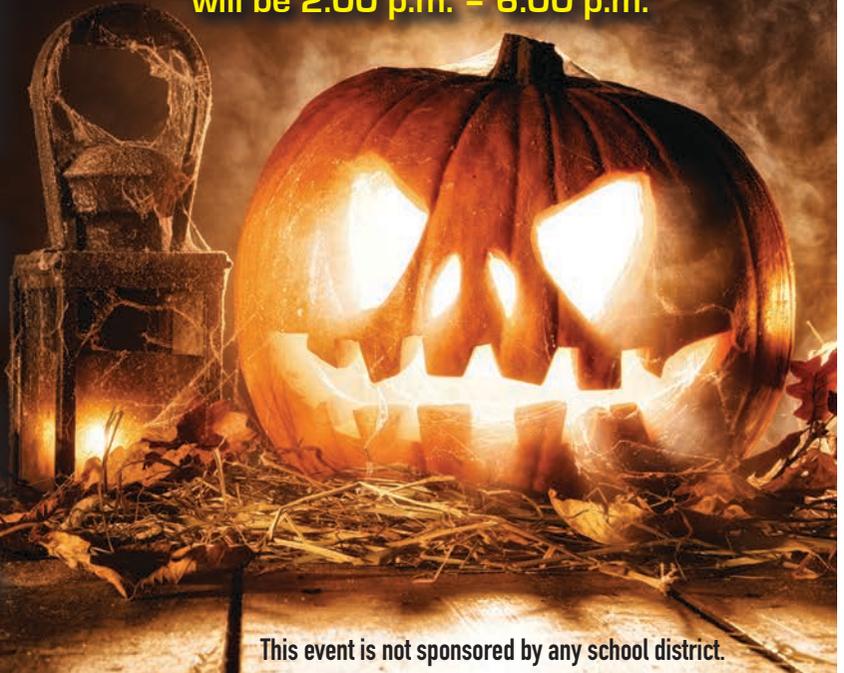
The Village of Hillside and Youth Commission are sponsoring a pumpkin carving/decorating contest. Please bring your pumpkin ready to be judged to the Village Hall during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Tuesday, October 27th and Wednesday, October 28th. Hours extended on Thursday, October 29th from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The pumpkins will be judged, and prizes will be awarded on Saturday, October 31st. Please have name, age and best phone number attached to your pumpkin. If you are under 18 please include an adult name and their best phone number.

The Pumpkins will be on display in the Village Courtyard at the Village Hall on October 31st. The Youth Commission will be handing out treat bags at the Village Hall on October 31st from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. while supplies last.

Masks and Social Distancing will be mandatory at this event. Please be respectful.

Trick or Treating hours for the Village will be 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



This event is not sponsored by any school district.

PUMPKIN CARVING INFORMATION TO BE ATTACHED TO YOUR PUMPKIN

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: _____

IF UNDER 18, ADULT NAME: _____ ADULT'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

Mayor Tamburino Attends Ribbon Cutting of **Just Like Mama's** Restaurant



Mayor Tamburino with **Just Like Mama's** owners Lionel Page and Schevetter Page at the restaurant's ribbon cutting ceremony.

On July 18th, Hillside welcomed a new entry to its dining scene when **Just Like Mama's** Restaurant hosted its grand opening. The restaurant is located at 4735 Butterfield Road. The owners are Schevetter and Lionel Page who are sure Hillside residents will enjoy their Southern Style cuisine.

Just Like Mama's was started in 2006. It started as a home-based business, which grew rapidly. Increased demand allowed for continued company growth. Their expansion included a Food Truck market that started in the Spring of 2017. For 14 years they have provided high-quality food and service to the west suburban community.

Since the very beginning, their goal has been to exceed their customers' expectations of southern style food and catering. Event management includes excellent food, beautiful presentations,

and attention to detail. They are more than pleased to cater your next party.

If you crave some down-home cooking whether it be fried chicken, catfish, or pork chops along with southern themed sides like sweet corn or red beans and rice all washed down by sweet tea, then **Just Like Mama's** is the place to be. They are open Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. The Hillside Herald wishes the Page's the best in their endeavor to provide local gourmets with food choices served with a southern charm.





We continue to grow through the growth of our community.

The Census helps fund programs that improve our quality of life and helps maintain home values.

Every. One. Counts.



Important... Important... Important...

Deadline for Filing Your 2020 Census Form by Phone or Online Has Been Shortened from October 31st to September 30th

Nearly 2,200 Hillside residents have not filed their 2020 census form!!!

Billions of dollars in federal, state and county funding of vital programs is based upon census numbers. Our village will lose \$1,500 in government funding per uncounted resident per year for the next ten years. Simply stated, if 100 residents are not counted, Hillside will lose \$150,000 a year. Multiply this annual \$150,000 deficit by the next 10 years and it adds up to Hillside losing \$1.5 million in government funding before the next census.

This is funding that is used for repairing Hillside's infrastructure, providing senior programs, maintaining public safety, improving education and for so many other vital programs that improve the quality of life in Hillside and helps maintain our home values.

Your Community, Your Neighbors and Your Family Need YOU to Fill Out Your Census Form Today by Using One of the Following Options:

Option 1 File Your Census Form by Phone:

844-330-2020 to fill out form in English

844-468-2020 to fill out form in Spanish

844-467-2020 TDD line for those with hearing difficulties

Option 2 File Your Census Form Online:

Visit **www.my2020census.gov**

This website walks you step by step through completing your census form. You can log on to this site 24 hours a day and takes less than 10 minutes to complete. This is the quickest and easiest option.

For questions concerning the Census or for help in completing the census form, please call Noreen Thermos at the Hillside Village Hall at 708-202-4390 or for questions in Spanish call Maricela Pina at 708-449-6450.



Nosotros seguimos creciendo a través del crecimiento de nuestra comunidad.

El Censo ayuda a financiar programas que mejoran la calidad de vida y nos ayuda a mantener el valor de nuestras casas.

Todos y cada uno de nosotros contamos.



Importante... Importante... Importante...

La fecha límite para llenar la forma del Censo 2020 por teléfono o por internet se ha acortado, ahora el 30 de septiembre es la fecha límite en lugar del 31 de octubre.

¡Aproximadamente 2,200 residentes de Hillside no han llenado la forma del Censo 2020!

Miles de millones de dólares en fondos federales, estatales y del condado para programas vitales de la comunidad están basados en los números del censo. Nuestra villa perderá \$1,500 en fondos del gobierno por residente, por año por los siguientes 10 años. Para ponerlo de una forma simple, si 100 residentes no son contados, la villa de Hillside perderá \$150,000 al año. En el transcurso de 10 años se traducirá en un déficit de un millón y medio de dólares en fondos del gobierno antes del próximo censo.

Estos fondos son usados para reparar la infraestructura de Hillside, para ofrecer programas para los adultos mayores, mantener la seguridad pública, mejorar la educación, así como otros programas vitales que ayudan a mejorar la calidad de vida en Hillside, y a mantener el valor de nuestras casas.

Tu comunidad, tus vecinos y tu familia necesitan que tú llenes la forma del censo hoy; Puedes usar una de las siguientes opciones.

Opción 1 Llène la forma del Censo por teléfono:

844-330-2020 para llenar la forma del Censo en inglés

844-468-2020 para llenar la forma del Censo en español

844-467-2020 TDD para aquellas personas con discapacidad auditiva

Opción 2 Llène la forma del Censo en línea:

Visite **www.my2020census.gov**

Este sitio del internet lo lleva paso a paso para llenar la forma del censo. Usted puede registrarse a ese sitio las 24 horas del día y no le toma más de 10 minutos en completar la forma. Es la forma más rápida y fácil para hacerlo. Puedes seleccionar el español para llenar la forma.

Para preguntas acerca del Censo o para ayuda para llenar la forma del censo, por favor comuníquese con Noreen Thermos en las oficinas de la Villa de Hillside al teléfono 708-202-4390 o para preguntas en español favor de comunicarse con Maricela Pina al 708-449-6450.

Municipal Calendar of Events



**Village Board of a Whole Meeting,
7:30 p.m. on September 14th**

**Village Board Meeting,
7:30 p.m. on September 28th**

**Village Board of a Whole Meeting,
7:30 p.m. on October 12th**

**Village Board Meeting,
7:30 p.m. on October 26th**

**Community Relations Committee Meeting,
7:00 p.m. on September 24th**

**Community Relations Committee Meeting,
7:00 p.m. on October 22nd**

*** 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 think we can all agree that the summer of 2020 will always be remembered as the lost summer. COVID-19 and its ramifications have affected most of our favorite summertime activities. Weddings have been deferred, vacations canceled, major league baseball played in empty stadiums, local swimming pools closed, picnic groves deserted, and the list goes on and on.

As for me, I especially miss our Summer Concert Series. The camaraderie, the food, the vendors, the classic car show, and the wonderful music really showcased Hillside at its best. I vow that our concerts will be back bigger and better than ever.

I want to offer my congratulations to Saint Domitilla on their 100th anniversary. My life, like so many Hillside residents, is intertwined with the Church's history. Three generations of Tamburino's have been baptized there, including my mother, my three children and myself. I am a proud St. Dom grad as are my three children. It was also the site of the happiest day of my life when my beautiful Donna gave me her hand in marriage and the saddest day when I said my final goodbye to her as we laid her to rest. Saint Domitilla, I thank you for providing a lifetime of great memories and for comforting us in difficult times.

Items of interest: 1) Your Cook County property tax bill payment deadline was moved from August 3rd to October 1st; 2) The October 1st, 2020 deadline to secure a Real ID from the Illinois Secretary of State has been moved to October 1st of 2021. After this date you will need this ID or a passport to fly commercially; 3) The Village has distributed facemasks to all Hillside churches for their members. Check with your church if you need a mask.

I want to commend the five school boards that cover Hillside. They made the tough decision to begin the school year with remote learning. This decision did not come easy, they strongly considered the pressure that home learning places on families and the fact that children learn better in a classroom. After weighing these factors along with others, they arrived at the difficult, but what they felt was the correct decision at this time, that public safety take precedence.

Lastly, please fill out your census form before the September 30th deadline. Over the next 10 years, for every resident not counted, Hillside will lose \$15,000 in federal, state and county funding for infrastructure repairs, senior programs, education, public safety, and many other services vital to our Village. Read pages 18 and 19 in this newspaper about filling out your census form. Filling out the form takes only 10 minutes of your time, but it will help Hillside for the next ten years to preserve and improve your quality of life.

Mayor Joseph T. Tamburino

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