



Hillside Promoting Local Restaurants Hit Hard by the Pandemic



As you travel around Hillside, you will see banners hanging from poles that remind people to patronize local dining establishments. All 25 restaurants within the Village limits have a sign with their name displayed.

Very few businesses were impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic like the restaurant industry. From shutdowns to limited seating to labor shortages, our local restaurants took a financial hit.

Mayor Tamburino stated, "Our restaurants play an integral

role in Hillside. They are the first that are asked to donate to Hillside activities and events. They employ residents and serve as gathering places for residents to enjoy good food and a few smiles. I felt it was time we try, in some small way, to help these restaurants get financially back on their feet."

The Village worked closely with Carmen Baldo and his staff at *Special T Unlimited* on the design. Now, go out to dinner tonight and enjoy a fine meal with family and friends.

Sunday, March 13th, is the start of Daylight Savings Time... Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.



Latest Hillside Covid Vaccination Numbers



As of February 15th, **86%** of Hillside residents have received at least one Covid-19 vaccination shot while **63%** of our residents received both doses. Thus far, Hillside has had 2,522 confirmed Covid-19 cases since the pandemic began. We hit our goal of 80% vaccinated... let's now aim for 90%.

RESCHEDULED

20th Annual Breakfast Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**This Year's Theme Is
"Making A Better Future Together"**

**Saturday
May 14, 2022
8:30 A.M.**

**Guest Speaker
Emanuel "Chris" Welch**
7th District State Representative
Speaker of the House

**Sheet Metal Workers'
Local 73 Union Hall
4550 W. Roosevelt Rd.,
Hillside, Illinois**

\$12 per person.

Tickets are available for purchase
at the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue
starting Monday, April 18, 2022
until **Friday, May 6, 2022.**

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets must be picked up and paid for in advance.
Reserved seating is for tables of 10 only. This year
attendance will be limited to 300 people.

For more information call 708-202-4343
or visit our website www.hillside-il.org
and like us on Facebook!

(This is NOT a school sponsored event)

CDC and State of Illinois Covid-19 guidelines in
place at the time of this event will be followed.

*"People fail to get along because they fear each
other; they fear each other because they don't know
each other; they don't know each other because
they have not communicated with each other."*

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Upcoming HILLSIDE 2022 EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar for the Following Hillside Events

The following events are tentatively planned for 2022.
Read the Hillside Herald for more info on these events as the date of the event approaches.

MARCH

Family Bowl – Saturday, March 12
Hillside Bowl from Noon-2:00 PM; Registration begins at 11:30 PM

APRIL

Meet the Easter Bunny/Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 16
Hillside Commons at 9:30 AM

MAY

20th Annual Dr. King Breakfast – Saturday, May 14
at Sheet Metal Workers' Union Hall Local #73, beginning at 8:30 AM. Info on page 2 in this issue of the Hillside Herald

JULY

Summer Nights in Hillside – Concerts/Cruise Nights/Market Place – Tuesday, July 19 and 26
All festivities are in the Hillside Commons. Market Place, Food Court, and Cruise Nights start at 5:00 PM, Concerts at 7:30 PM

AUGUST

Summer Nights in Hillside Concerts/Cruise Nights/Market Place – Tuesday, August 2, 9, and 16
All festivities are in the Hillside Commons. Market Place, Food Court, and Cruise Nights start at 5:00 PM, Concerts at 7:30 PM

Back to School Event – Date, Time and Location TBD

SEPTEMBER

Berkeley-Hillside AutumnFest – Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18
On the Prairie Path centered around Taft Avenue from 11 AM – 4 PM

OCTOBER

19th Annual Cemetery Tour – Saturday, October 1
Starts at the Village Hall at 9 AM

Halloween Event/Bonfire – Monday, October 31
Hillside Commons at 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER

Veterans Dinner – Wednesday, November 2
Sheet Metal Workers' Union Hall Local #73 at 5:30 PM
20th Annual Veterans Day Parade – Saturday, November 5

Parade Starts at the Hillside Village Hall at 1 PM

DECEMBER

Santa's Arrival & Tree Lighting – Thursday, December 1
Hillside Village Hall Courtyard at 6:30 PM

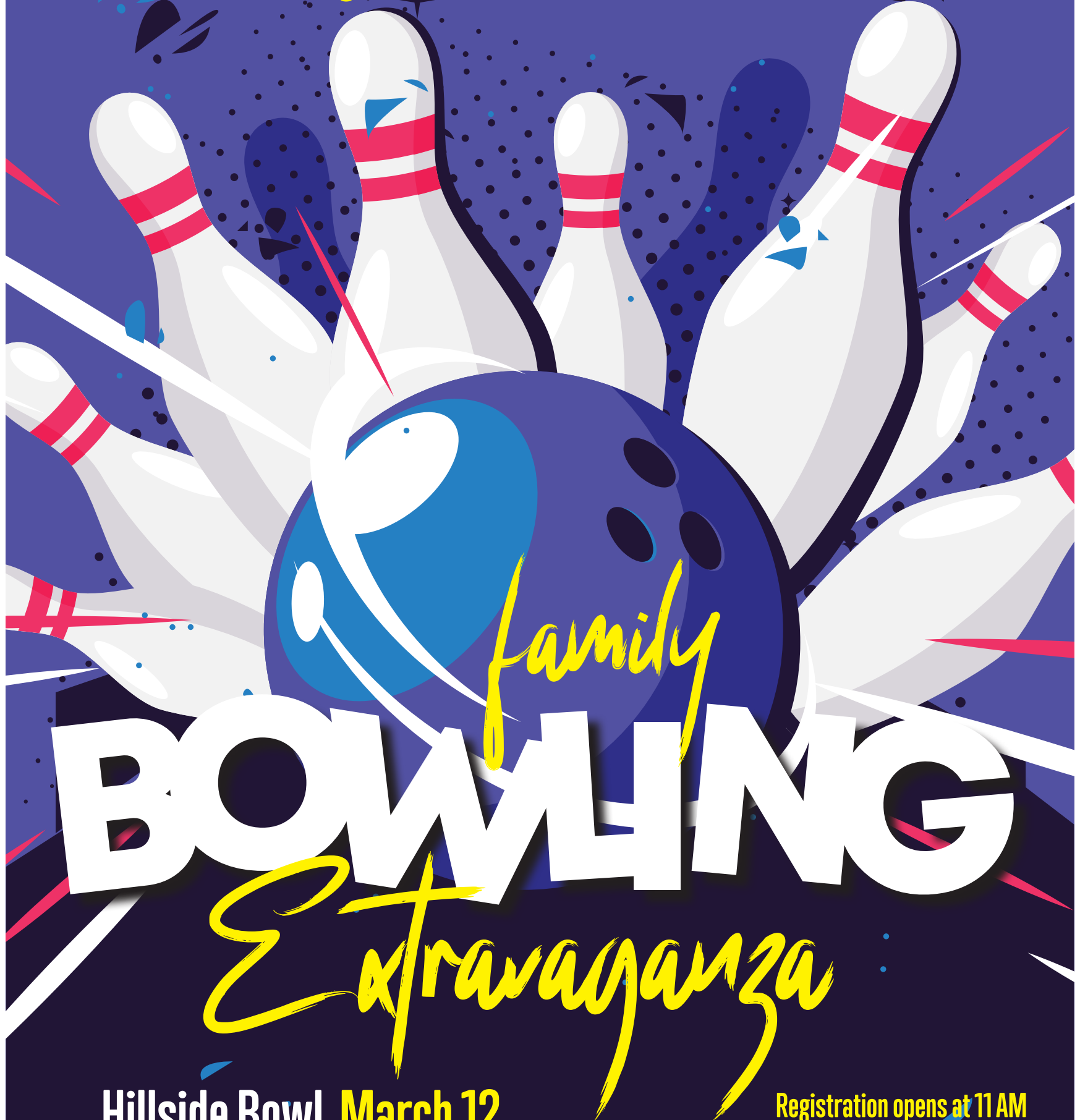
Village of Hillside FREE Veterans Program

We are offering Hillside military veterans a FREE taxicab service to be used for all your medical appointments or prescription pickups. You will need to bring a valid Illinois Driver's 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 Driver's 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.

The Village of Hillside Youth Commission's



BOWLING

Extravaganza

Hillside Bowl **March 12**

Noon until 2 PM

(Limited space available-first come first serve)

Registration opens at 11 AM
Cost \$5 (includes shoe rental)
Face Masks will be required.

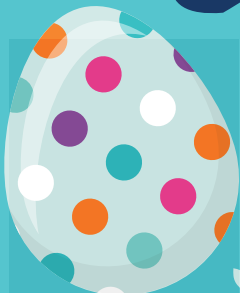
This event is sponsored by the Village of Hillside ONLY and is NOT sponsored by any school district. For more information call 708-202-4343.

"Egg-stra" "Egg-stra"



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

"Egg-Citing Event"



Saturday, April 16th
9:30 AM



**Hop on over for
a morning of FUN!**
Remember...bring your own
basket or bag for your eggs.

Hillside Commons
Hillside & Washington Avenues

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 10:00 AM.)

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!

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

**ALL CDC AND STATE OF ILLINOIS
COVID RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED**

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

Registration Is Now Open At The Hillside Village Hall

The Democratic and Republican Primary Election Will Be Held June 28th

May 31, 2022 - last day to register to vote in person at the Village Hall

June 12, 2022 – last day to register to vote online

Residents can register to vote online or by coming to the Hillside Village Hall.

- ▶ You must be a United States Citizen.
- ▶ You must be 18 on or before the date of the next election, which is June 28, 2022.
- ▶ You must live in your election precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day.
- ▶ You must not be serving a sentence of confinement in any penal institution as a result of a conviction.
- ▶ Not registered to vote anywhere else.



To register, please bring two forms of identification, i.e. driver's license, utility bill, etc. One must show your current address. New residents with a current voter registration card may transfer their registration by mail or re-register at the Hillside Village Hall. You can also register to vote online by visiting: www.cookcountyclerk.com

For additional information, call the Hillside Village Clerk's Office at 708-202-4325 during regular business hours. Information concerning Early Voting and Mail-In Ballot Applications for the June Primary will be in the next edition of the Hillside Herald.



Free Senior Tax Counseling and Preparation

IRS trained and certified volunteers will help individuals age 60 or older from low to moderate income households, prepare their tax returns. The Triton College RSVP Volunteer Program, in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, is offering this FREE service.

**This free tax service is by appointment only.
For more info or an appointment call (708) 456-0300 ext. 3895
Do Not Leave a Message at this extension.**

Tax returns will be prepared at the following locations:

- Triton College
- Elmwood Park Public Library (new location)
- Melrose Park Public Library
- Proviso Township Office in Hillside
- Leyden Township Westdale Park

**For information or an appointment,
call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3895.
(Do not leave a message)**



PLAY WHAT AND WHERE IN HILLSIDE AND WIN A



The image above is part of an object that is located in Hillside. Correctly identify what the object is and where it is located. All correct entries will be entered in a random drawing where one winner will **win a \$50 Target gift card.**

Rules

- Your entry must be emailed to: hillsideherald50@gmail.com or enter at www.Hillside-il.org/contest
- Entries must be submitted no later than April 1, 2022.
- On your entry, list your name and address. Only Hillside residents can win.
- **NO Village of Hillside elected officials, employees, commission members, or their immediate family households** are allowed to submit entries.

HILLSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT 2022 CPR TRAINING SCHEDULE

Class	Cost
Friends and Family CPR	\$40
Heartsaver CPR	\$70
BLS Heartcare Provider	\$70
Stop the Bleed	FREE in-person or online

Hillside residents, Hillside businesses, and large groups (max of 8 students) receive 50% discount. Proof of residency required

2022 DATES

March 12th	August 6th
April 23rd	September 17th
June 4th	November 19th
July 16th	December 10th



Life Safety & CPR Training

All classes will be held on each date (Saturday) from 8:00am -12:00pm located at the Village of Hillside, 425 Hillside Ave. in the board room. All classes are limited to eight (8) students and dates are subject to change or cancellation due to COVID 19 restrictions. All CDC COVID safety precautions will be followed to ensure a safe learning environment.

Register online at www.hillside-il.org under "DEPARTMENTS/FIRE" or call the firehouse at (708) 547-8684 for more information.



Remove Your Accumulated Junk and Trash During Hillside's Annual Spring Cleanup Week...

May 16th through the 20th



Time to do “**SPRING CLEANING**” and clean 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... The Village of Hillside and Waste Management will **NOT** pick up TV's. For residents only, we have a recycling bin in our lobby where you can properly dispose of certain electronics, including TV's under 30 inches.

Did Your Waste Management Trash, Recycle or Yard Waste Container Take a Beating This Winter?



Call (708) 202-3434 to request a new Waste Management container and one will be delivered to your home.

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 then be given a contract for the recommended replacement of squares and the cost to you as the applicant.

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.

Street Sweeping Resumes

Hillside street sweeping resumes in March. Anticipated sweep dates for March and April will be March 7th-March 11th, March 21st-March 25th, April 4th-April 8th, and April 18th-April 22nd. Please refrain from parking your car on the street during this time so we can effectively clean our streets.

Yard Waste Pickup Resumes

Waste Management will resume Yard Waste Pickup the week of April 4th. 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. Place carts on the parkway or driveway apron, by the curb, the evening before your scheduled pickup day.

Sump Pump Discharge

All residents must follow proper discharge of their storm water sump pump. Water must be directed so the grass areas existing in their front or back yard may readily absorb the runoff without creating a flooding/icing condition to adjacent properties or public ways. Improper discharge will create a public nuisance as said in Section 21.305 (Nuisance) of the Municipal Code of Ordinances.

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 must obtain insurance and licensing to perform the work. Permit applications can be applied for electronically on our website @ www.hillside-il.org, which is preferred, or fill out at our Village Hall.

Branch Pickup Resumes

Hillside branch pick-up will begin the **week of March 7th** 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 and will not return once they have completed a street. The scheduled dates for pick-up are below.

GUIDELINES FOR BRANCH PICKUP

- Place branches on parkway the Sunday before pick-up week begins.
- Entire trees will not be removed. Plan 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 PICKUP DATES

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

In addition to above dates, Waste Management includes branch pickup on your garbage day every week April through November. Piles must be sized approx. 2' long x 2' wide x 2' high and bundled with twine for easy pickup.

Flood Safety

- Do not drive through a flooded area or 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. Electrocuting is the second leading cause of death during floods.
- Be alert to gas leaks. If you smell gas, report it to 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.
- Clean everything that has been wet. Flood water is contaminated with sewage and other chemicals, which pose severe health threats.
- Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.



**March
& April**

PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDING SERVICES REPORT

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

A Message from Village Trustee John Kramer...

Air Force Veteran & Broadview-Hillside American Legion Member

Our recent cold and snow reminded me of an unforgettable winter night I experienced while in the service in Korea.

It was January 1969, and I was stationed at Osan AB in Korea. My job was to schedule air missions over South Korea. I had just finished a 12-hour shift and was headed to supper and then to my barracks to sleep. It was bitterly cold that night, and about five inches of snow fell that day. I had a military parka on which usually kept me warm, but something about that night made it seem so much colder. Anyway, I had eaten at the Club and was heading up an icy hill to my barracks. I was no more than 50 feet or so from the barracks when the Base Siren went off. Suddenly, all the barracks emptied out – everyone was headed to the battle stations they were trained to go to when the sirens sounded. My job was to return to the Command Center in the Headquarters Building.

It took me about 10 minutes to get back to the Command Center. Almost every person on the Base was at his or her assigned spot within 20 minutes or less. As I entered the building, I saw some smoke near the Base Runway and I could hear several aircraft warming up, getting ready to take off or to stand alert. I had no idea what was going on – was it a practice alert or the real thing?

We were told that an aircraft had exploded. While the Commanding Officer said he thought it might be sabotage, we still weren't sure – so we had to assume the worst and the alert was sounded. The emergency alert plans called for certain and immediate actions to happen. Some planes would take off and fly to other bases or patrol strategic areas in Korea; some would remain on base in heavily secured areas. Areas like Intelligence, Ordnance, Fuel, Motor Pool, Security, Hospital, even the radar sites all over Korea were all on alert and doing whatever the emergency plans called for. All the Military bases in Korea also were on alert that night.

We had five officers assigned to schedule aircraft missions. We each had different types of missions to schedule; one to

set up the strike missions, one to initiate close air support, one for refueling, one for air defense missions, and one to coordinate the mission with other branches of the military.

The emergency alert plan had the initial actions and missions well prepared. The only variant might be where the emergency was in Korea. My specific job that night was to set up the ongoing Air Defense Aircraft Missions. These aircraft had the job to protect all the other aircraft from air attacks by enemy aircraft (like North Korean MIGs) while they were performing their various missions. I needed to ensure that we always had enough air defense aircraft out there. The five of us had a lot of coordinating to do among ourselves, along with flying units all over Korea and the sea. We set up over 200 missions that night.



The F4 Phantom Fighter Jet similar to the one deployed in this air alert

It turned out that the explosion was sabotage and that two people were killed. The good news was that it was not a North Korean attack. We were told that it was a small group of anti-government activists who wanted to create more trouble between the North and South Koreans. We were informed that the activists were captured by the South Korean Army.

This incident affected thousands of American and Korean military personnel. As I said, we had emergency plans for these types of situations. We all worked the plan with every person doing his or her job. It was an incredibly coordinated effort. In the end, it turned out to be a rather minor incident.

It's probably a good thing we rarely hear about these lesser incidents that are just handled. I am thankful to all the military people for what they do, and to our first responders who keep us safe. I also want to thank all of you who have told me how much they enjoyed my articles.



Hillside Home Sales Continue to Boom in 2021

The *Chicago Association of Realtors*, *Midwest Real Estate Data* and the Minnesota-based real estate data management firm *Showing Time* issued a report comparing area home sale prices from 2020 to 2021.

The report showed that Hillside had 87 homes sold in 2021, which represented a 17.6% increase in sales over 2020. The 2021 median sales price of a Hillside home was \$234,000, an increase of 12.8% over 2020. Hillside continues to be a community that families want to move to and not from!

Join The Hillside Emergency Management Team That Helps Make Hillside's Events Fun And Safe

Look at page 7 in this issue of the *Hillside Herald* and you will see numerous Village sponsored events that need the assistance of Hillside's Emergency Management Agency that helps these events to be a success.

The Village of **Hillside Emergency Management Agency (EMA)** is composed of men and women **volunteers** who provide emergency response to natural and man-made disasters in the Village. They also become part of the State or federal response during statewide and federal disasters.

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. A short membership application can be picked up and completed at the Village Hall or at home. Once you return the application, the EMA Director will contact you. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. at the Hillside Emergency Operations Center at 4151 May Street. You are welcome to attend a meeting as a guest. EMA is an equal opportunity organization.



2021 Real Estate Tax Exemptions Available in Early March

If you have already received the following exemptions, **you don't need to reapply for the 2021 year:**

- Senior Freeze Exemption
- Veterans with Disabilities Exemption
- Persons with Disabilities Exemption
- Homeowner Exemption
- Senior Exemption
- Returning Veterans Exemption

If you need to file for one of the above exemptions, please visit www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions

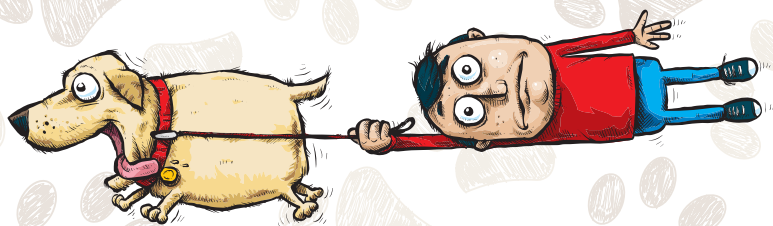
The Assessor's Office administers property tax exemptions that may contribute to lowering your property tax bill. These exemptions reduce the equalized assessed value (EAV) or taxed value of a home. As a reminder, exemption deductions appear on the second installment property tax bill issued in the summer.

A homeowner can see which exemptions were applied to their home last year by visiting: www.cookcountypropertyinfo.com.

If an exemption you were entitled to in a prior tax year was not applied to a second installment property tax bill in the past, you may be able to apply for a refund through the Certificate of Error process. For more information visit www.cookcountyassessor.com/certificates-error.



HILLSIDE PET REMINDER



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. 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.

NOW HIRING



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS

Application available on line at

www.mempark.org

LIFE GUARDS

Certifications available

DAY CAMP COUNSELORS

Applications accepted after March 1

FOR MORE INFORMATION

(708) 547-3900 x3006

SECURITY POSITIONS

Accepted now

FOR MORE INFORMATION

(708) 547-3900 x1017

Pay range \$13-\$20 per hour

MEMORIAL PARK DISTRICT

EISENHOWER COMMUNITY CENTER, HILLSIDE 60162

HILLSIDE RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OVER USE THE PROVISO TOWNSHIP HANDYMAN PROGRAM FOR THEIR SPRING HOUSEHOLD CHORES



*Bellwood * Berkeley * Broadview * Brookfield * Forest Park * Hillside
*LaGrange Park * Maywood * Melrose Park * Northlake * North Riverside
* Stone Park * Westchester * Western Springs
*Only Homeowners within the boundaries of Proviso Township.

Handyman Program for homeowners
over the age of 60 and/or disabled
residents of Proviso Township

- Minor repairs only
- **\$5.00** per visit plus the cost of parts, if needed
- Provide referrals on a variety of home maintenance issues
- Appointments are **45 minutes or less**

Please call us if you have any questions and to
schedule your appointment at **708-547-4001**

WE DO.....	WE DO
Blinds/Curtain Rods - Install/Repair	Mailboxes - Install/Repair/Replace
Boxes Stored (50 lbs. limit)	Outdoor Furniture - Put Away/Take Out
Carpentry-Minor repairs i.e.: Replace loose/rotten boards	Outdoor Lighting - Repair or Replace (Height Limit of 6 feet)
Caulking - Minor interior only - No removal of existing caulk	Outdoor Water Spigot - Shut Off/Turn On
Ceiling Fans - Repair Switches Only	Picture - Hang Only
Decks - Minor Repairs Only	Referrals for Tradesperson - Referrals Only Not Recommendations
Doorbells - Repair/Replace Buttons	Screens - Put In/Take Out (Limit 6 feet)
Door Locks - Repair/Replace	Shower Heads - Repair/Replace/Install
Door Sweeps - Repair/Replace/Install	Shower Wands - Repair/Replace/Install
Doors - Plane, Repair/Replace Hinges	Sink Drains Pipes & Stoppers - Repair or Replace
Electrical Outlets & Switches - Replace	Smoke Detectors/CO Detectors - Install or Replace Batteries
Electrical GFCI Outlets - Replace & Install	Storm Doors - Repair (No Installations)
Faucets - Repair or Replace	Storm Windows - Put In/Take Out (Limit 6 feet)
Furniture Assembly (Small pieces only) (no IKEA)	Supply Valves - Replace, Kitchen & Bath Only
Furniture Moving - 50 lbs. limit	Threshold - Repairs & Replacement
Furniture Repair - Minor Only	Toilets - Minor Repairs - No Rodding
Grab Bars - Install or Replace	TV/TV Converter Box - Install & Program (NO Comcast)
Handrails - Install or Replace	Weather Stripping - Doors & Windows
Light Bulbs - Change	
Light Fixtures - Repair or Replace	



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CMAP Presents First Draft of Taft Avenue-Prairie Path Corridor Plan



The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) submitted their first draft of the *Prairie Path and Taft Avenue Corridor Plan*. This study is funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and the MacArthur Foundation.

CMAP has worked closely with the Villages of Hillside and Berkeley over the past two years in formulating a blueprint for future development around Taft Avenue and the Prairie Path. This would include the area between Wolf Road on the east, the Tollway on the west, Maple Avenue on the north and Warren Avenue on the south.

The *Prairie Path and Taft Avenue Corridor Plan* aims to improve and increase biking, hiking and other activities along the Path, attract businesses to the area, and beautify the parks and open space in this designated area.

Throughout the planning process, CMAP conducted more than 150 interviews, held steering committee meetings, did surveys, sought public comments, participated in conversations at community events, and had residents submit ideas through a project website.

The top recommendations submitted by the public for this plan are as follows:

1. Better lighting along the Prairie Path
2. More native plants and gardens along the Prairie Path
3. A coffee shop on Taft Avenue that can serve trail users and residents
4. Better sidewalks, nicer signs, awnings, benches, and trees along Taft Avenue
5. Better bike connections to the Metra station
6. More diverse programming at Berkeley Park and Hillside Commons
7. More trees along the Prairie Path

To learn more about everything that is in the first draft of the *Prairie Path and Taft Avenue Corridor Plan*, **visit the Village of Hillside website's home page at: www.hillside-il.org and then click on *Prairie Path and Taft Avenue Corridor Plan Draft*.**



Illustration in report on Taft Avenue streetscape idea

Village of Hillside Offers Free Child Safety Seat Installation

Illinois law requires parents and caregivers to secure children in rear-facing safety seats until they are 2 years old, unless they weigh more than 40 pounds or are more than 40 inches.

The Hillside Fire Department can help you install your child safety seat properly. It is a free service available to Hillside residents. Please call the fire department non-emergency phone number at 708-547-8684 to set up a time to have your child safety seat installed.

Tips to Follow if You Install the Safety Seat

- Never install a rear-facing safety seat in front of an active airbag.
- Follow recline indicator for rear-facing installation.
- Child's head may need at least one inch or more below the top of the safety seat when rear-facing.
- Use the harness straps/slots at or below shoulder level when rear-facing.
- Harness straps must be snug on the child; the harness clip should be at armpit level.
- When a child outgrows a rear-facing safety seat, he or she may transition to a forward-facing seat with a harness system.



Hillside Police Warn...

A Car Running Unattended Can Lead to Your Car Being Stolen

Hillside Police are seeing an increase in car thefts. They say the chance of your car getting stolen increases during cold weather. Don't leave your car while it's running. The Police want to inform residents that while it is convenient to let your car stay warm in cold weather — it is easy for thieves to steal.



What You Can Do to Protect Your Vehicle

1. Keep your vehicle always locked, even while driving.
2. When parked, never leave your keys in the car.
Close all the windows and the sunroof.
3. Never leave your car running and unattended.
4. Avoid leaving valuables inside your vehicle where a passerby can see them.
5. Do not leave your vehicle title in the car.
6. Hide your vehicle registration in a secure place in the car. Too often a car thief is pulled over and gets away from the police because he or she can produce the auto registration.
7. Install an anti-theft system in your vehicle if it doesn't have one. Thieves are reluctant to steal vehicles if they know the cars can be recovered quickly.
8. Thieves prefer to work in the dark. Be particularly cautious at night about where you park your car. Park it in a well-lit area if possible.
9. Look around. Be aware of your surroundings, especially in garages, parking lots and gas stations.
10. If confronted by a carjacker, do not resist. Cars can be replaced; you can't.

Who You're Dealing With!!

- Professional car thieves commit the majority of auto thefts
- They prefer high-performance cars, as well as less exotic, more popular models whose parts are interchangeable
- These thieves usually turn the cars they steal over to "chop shops," which dismantle them and sell the parts
- They also steal cars for export to other countries, often "stealing to order" to fulfill requests for certain types of vehicles

Carjackers may bump your car from the rear, then steal it when you get out to look for damage. When stopped at a traffic light, leave room to maneuver around the vehicle ahead if you need a quick escape route. If another car bumps yours and you feel threatened, drive to a populated area or, if you have a cellular phone, call the police for assistance.

SOS Ministries in Hillside Can Help Build Your Child's Reading & Comprehension Skills

Kevin and Jackie Neal have over 25 years of educational experience as lead teachers in the classroom and as former owners of The Phat Phonics Reading Labs; teaching children from 5 -13 years old and from grade levels K - 8th.

They have found that many struggles our children have in the classroom stem from a lack of reading comprehension. Analytical reading, comprehension and understanding are vital and necessary skills to master, particularly in this pandemic season of virtual learning. These are but some of the reasons why so many children didn't fare well during virtual learning.

The Neal's have helped many children confidently overcome some of the academic obstacles they encountered in the classroom, in a fun and non-threatening environment. **And now they can help yours too!**

Their services focus on building skills such as: reading comprehension, reading for detail, drawing conclusions, making predictions, problem-solving, and main ideas. Mastering just some of these skills will produce a confidence that will raise academic performance in and out of the classroom.



Space is limited, so hurry and book an appointment today, as they are only accepting 20 children! Call Kevin & Jackie Neal at 1 (630) 703-3768.

SOS Ministries is located at 4415 W. Harrison Street Suite 304, Hillside.

Need to Dispose of Unwanted Drugs or Out-of-Date Medications? The Village of Hillside Can Help!



The Village of Hillside has a 24-hour prescription drop-off container in the lobby of the Police Department where residents can dispose of unwanted medications. Prescription drugs left unattended in homes can be just as dangerous as illicit drugs.

Hillside Receives \$1,500 Grant to Improve Safety for Firefighter/Paramedics and Their Patients

The Hillside Fire Department received a \$1500 grant from IRMA (Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency) under their "Lift Assist Equipment Program" for the replacement of an older, defective stair chair. The new Stryker Stair-PRO comes equipped with all the latest safety features.

Hillside's Firefighter/Paramedics are relentless in their pursuit for optimal patient care. There are unique challenges for them when handling a patient in stairways. The strain on their back from lifting and lowering patients down a flight of stairs can add up over time. One in four EMS workers suffer a career-ending back injury within the first four years of employment. Equipping our Firefighter/Paramedics with a modern stair chair makes it easier, safer, and more efficient when moving patients.





Registration is now open!



Register for Memorial Park District's SUMMER DAY CAMP

June 6 - July 29

Before & After Day Care 7-9 AM & 5-6 PM
Camp hours 9 AM - 5 PM

Fee: \$135 per week (\$110 week of July 4)
Ages 6-12 Years

Eisenhower Community Center | 700 Speechley Blvd, Hillside | (708) 547-3900

**Swimming • Track & Field Games • Arts & Crafts • Music & Dance • Friday Cookouts
• Theme Weeks • Mobile Field Trips • Storytelling... and Much More!!**



Date: June 6 - July 29 (8 weeks) •
Day/Time: Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm
Min/Max: 30/65

Location: Eisenhower Community Center in Hillside
Included in Fee: Before Care 7-9 a.m. After Care 5-6 p.m.



Interested in becoming a camp counselor?

If you are creative, energetic, and love working with kids, then working as a summer day camp counselor will be a great opportunity for you. Applications will be available after March 1st. For more information call 708-547-3900.

Hillside – Berkeley Chamber Kicks Off 2022 with a *Lunch and Learn* Event!

We are excited to start off 2022 with a *Lunch & Learn* to get your business ready for the rest of the year! The event will be conducted virtually and for the first 10 people who register to attend in person at the Chamber offices located at 4850 W. Butterfield Road in Hillside.

With all the changes in our work environments, planning and marketing are more important than ever! Our guest presenter, Dan Butterworth, will walk us through how to navigate a strategic plan and successfully market your business on a variety of platforms. This will include your website, social media, and print. Dan will also be available for a Q&A session afterwards.

Wednesday, March 23, 2022
12:00 – 1:00 PM

BYO Lunch

**Please RSVP before Friday March 18 by calling
708-449-2449**

**An email will be sent with the Virtual
Meeting Link prior to the event**



Dan Butterworth has over 10 years of marketing experience in both corporate and small business settings. As the Vice President of Member Experience for First Financial Credit Union, he is responsible for developing marketing campaigns to attract both consumers and small businesses alike.



Put Your Hands Together

SPRING FOOD PANTRY DAYS

March 12, April 9 & May 14
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

No one turned away until we run out of food.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
2317 S. Wolf Road Hillside IL 60162
708-562-5590

Hillside Library Information

Hours: Monday – Thursday 9 A.M. to 8 P.M. Friday – Saturday 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Sunday Noon to 4:00 P.M.

Mask wearing required inside the library.

Please be aware that library hours, events, and procedures can change, so check our social media accounts or call the library for more up to the minute information.

All library programs and activities are free of charge.

Adult Book Group:

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 P.M. If you have a passion for reading, or just want to make new friends, check out the library's book discussion group. Visitors and new members are always welcome! Books are available at the Circulation Desk one month before each meeting.

March 9: *Wild Women and the Blues* by Denny Bryce

Usual date of 1st Wednesday, changed for this month only!

April 6: *Ginny Moon* by Benjamin Ludwig

May 4: *We Never Asked for Wings* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Make and Take Craft Kits: Stop by the library every few weeks to pick up a simple craft to make at home. This craft will be suitable for all ages and abilities. One kit per family please, supplies are limited.

Crochet/Knit Group: March 10 and April 14 from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. Please bring your project, and a mask. Come out and knit or crochet with this fun and friendly group. Presently this group meets once a month on the second Thursday. If there is interest in meeting more often, please let the library staff know.

Mid-Day Yoga: Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M.

Take a midday break and join us for some in-person gentle yoga. Bring your own mat or borrow one from the library. Registration is requested. Limit 12. Call the library for more information.

Attention Geocachers: Did you know the library has its own cache? Use the Geocache app to locate the cache. Don't forget to sign the logbook and as always, take something, leave something. More geocache info at:

<https://www.geocaching.com/play>

Contact Robin, the Adult Services Librarian, if you have any questions.

Job Seekers: If you are looking for a job, stop by the library to check out our notebook that contains flyers from the Triton College Job Board. If you see a job or internship that interests you, you may take a copy of that flyer. The notebook is located in the computer lab.

100 Books Before Graduation: Local high school students can begin to track their reading to earn prizes. Every 25 books earn a prize! You can track online or with a paper log.

What's the Buzz Book Club: A book club geared toward Parents and Guardians who want to know more about popular Young Adult literature. Stay tuned to the library's webpage, newsletter, and flyers at the library for more info.

Teens, if you are looking for volunteer hours, contact Ms. Niki for volunteer opportunities at:
ncovello@hillsidepubliclibrary.org

Notary

Notary Service is available at no charge. As the notary does not work every day, reservations are encouraged.

Meet and Greet. The public is invited to attend a Meet and Greet gathering to introduce the new Library Director, Amy Franco. Ms. Franco comes to Hillside after nearly 10 years at the Glen Ellyn Public Library, where she worked various roles, most recently as the Adult Department Director. This Meet and Greet event is open to adults and accompanied children. Hope to see you there!



Hillside Public Library | 405 Hillside Ave. | 708-449-7510
Email: contact@hillsidepubliclibrary.org | www.hillsidepubliclibrary.org

Municipal Calendar of Events



**Village Board of a Whole Meeting,
7:30 P.M. on March 14th**

**Village Board Meeting,
7:30 P.M. on March 28th**

**Village Board of a Whole Meeting,
7:30 P.M. on April 11th**

**Village Board Meeting,
7:30 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,

Winter hit us pretty hard this past January and February and for that reason I want to take a moment to thank our Village of Hillside Public Works Department for their round-the-clock efforts in keeping our residential streets clear... we have by far the best snow removal crew in the area.

No matter what the weather, I am excited to report it did not keep 86% of our Hillside residents from getting at least one dose of the Covid 19 vaccine. My question is why are some people hesitant to be vaccinated? The pandemic has taken the lives of 900,000 Americans, which is roughly 300,000 more deaths than those who died from cancer in 2021 as estimated by the American Cancer Society and approximately 240,000 more people than died from heart disease last year as reported by the Center for Disease Control.

It has been over a year since the vaccinations were made available to the public, and they have proven to be safe and very effective. The Village, along with local school districts, area leaders, and pharmacies have hosted several local vaccination clinics, so convenience is not an excuse for being unvaccinated. The Center for Disease Control reported unvaccinated adults had a 68 times greater chance of dying from the Omicron variant than fully vaccinated adults. Do your community, your family, and most of all, do yourself a favor and get vaccinated today!

Our 2022 calendar of events can be viewed on page 3 of this newspaper issue. I can safely say very few villages host as many community happenings as here in Hillside. I believe engaging residents in events like our summer concert series, the Easter and Halloween festivities, and other Village activities instills a sense of community spirit. This spirit will develop a sense of pride in its residents to keep their community safe and clean. These events also bring together Hillside's diverse population, which helps break down the barriers that can exist between people.

Over the past two years, the pandemic has made people feel the need to create more meaningful connections and offer support to others with whom they can build and strengthen relationships. Our Village events fortify those bonds and give residents a sense of belonging to something bigger.

I am excited about the fact that in the next few years the Village Hall renovation project (funded with a grant from the State of Illinois) will include a youth gym, a multi-purpose room, and a banquet facility. These additions will help enhance and expand our community event offerings and provide even more opportunities for residents to get together.

Speaking of events, if you have not purchased your tickets for the rescheduled Martin Luther King Breakfast to be held May 14 (see page 2 in this issue), please do so starting April 18th at the Village Hall (NO tickets are sold at the door of the event).

Sincerely,

Mayor Joseph Tamburino

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708-202-3434
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708-202-3462
EMA 708-449-6410
Director: Anthony Faragia
Mayor's Office
of Special Events:
708-202-4343
Coordinator
Evelyn Belmonte
Village Hours
M-F 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Sat. 9:00 A.M. to Noon
Closed on Sunday