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**Save Time...  
Visit Village of Hillside  
Web Site to Download  
Documents or to Pay Bills**

Why take time out of your busy day to travel to the Village Hall to pick up permits, pay a water bill, or retrieve other Village documents when you can do all of this online by visiting Hillside's web site at: [www.hillside-il.org](http://www.hillside-il.org).

Click on the **Village Services** tab along the top to view an extensive menu of items to research or download.

Click on the **Our Community** tab along the top to download various village maps. In the same **Our Community** tab section you can click on the **Report a Concern** tab in the far right column to send the Village a question you may have or report things like a burnt-out streetlight. Business owners can click on the **Doing Business** tab along the top to download various Hillside business documents.

Click on the **Forms** tab, seen in the green bar under the water fountain, to download building forms, home sale information, inspection forms and much more. At the very bottom of the **Forms**



**Screenshot of Hillside Web Site Home Page**

page click on **View Construction Information and Guidelines** to view a page listing various building construction guidelines for you to download.

Also, in the green bar under the water fountain, click on **Payments** tab to pay water bills or tickets on-line.

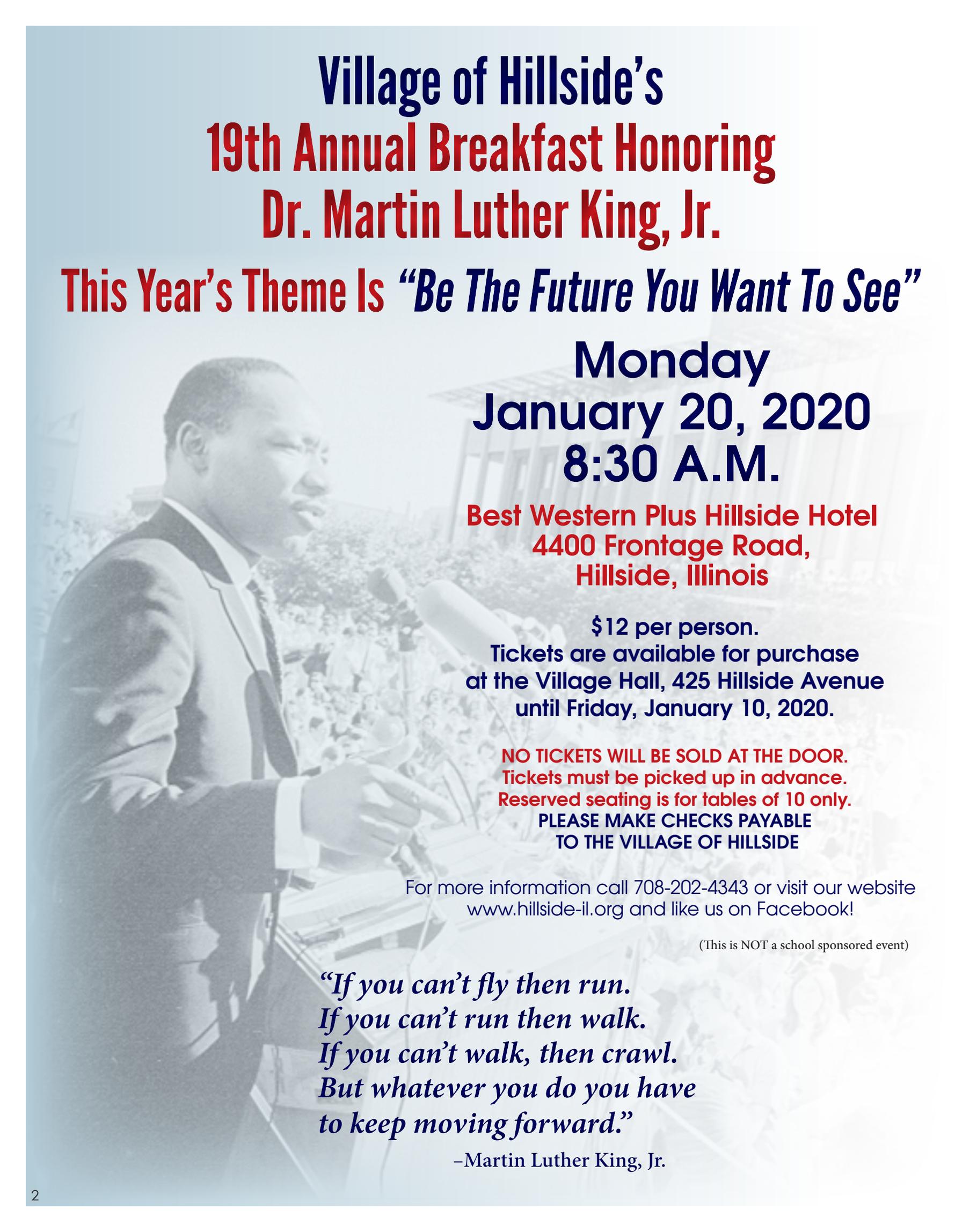
Your days are too busy to spend time at the Hillside Village Hall when just a quick click of the mouse can retrieve all the documents or information you need... visit [www.hillside-il.org](http://www.hillside-il.org) today.

**Need Help in Completing Your Property Tax Forms...  
Stop by the Hillside Village Hall on January 28th**

On Tuesday, January 28th, a representative from Proviso Township Assessor Steven Zawaski's office will be in the Village Hall Board Room, 425 N. Hillside Avenue, to answer questions and help you fill out forms such as a homeowner exemption form and any other Cook County property tax forms a homeowner needs to file.

Any Hillside homeowner who needs assistance with their property tax forms please **stop by the Village Hall on Tuesday, January 28th, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** If you have any questions, please call the Proviso Township Assessor's Office at (708) 449-4304.





# Village of Hillside's 19th Annual Breakfast Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**This Year's Theme Is *"Be The Future You Want To See"***

**Monday  
January 20, 2020  
8:30 A.M.**

**Best Western Plus Hillside Hotel  
4400 Frontage Road,  
Hillside, Illinois**

**\$12 per person.**

**Tickets are available for purchase  
at the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue  
until Friday, January 10, 2020.**

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.  
Tickets must be picked up in advance.  
Reserved seating is for tables of 10 only.**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE  
TO THE VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE**

For more information call 708-202-4343 or visit our website  
[www.hillside-il.org](http://www.hillside-il.org) and like us on Facebook!

(This is NOT a school sponsored event)

***"If you can't fly then run.  
If you can't run then walk.  
If you can't walk, then crawl.  
But whatever you do you have  
to keep moving forward."***

**-Martin Luther King, Jr.**

The Village of Hillside's Youth Commission Presents

# FAMILY BOWLING

# Fun



## Hillside Bowl

4545 Harrison St.

**Saturday,  
February 29, 2020**

**Bowl 2 Hours  
For \$5.00**

per person  
(FREE shoe rental, too!)

**12:00 to 2:00 PM**

Limited space  
available.  
Registration for lane  
assignment begins  
at 11:00 AM.

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

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

*This is not a school sponsored event.*



## Hillside Seniors Join Us Every Friday at the Hillside Community Center

Don't want to be stuck in the house during the winter months? Then think about coming to our Community Center located at 1 N Lind Avenue in Hillside. Doors open at 11a.m.

Join your over 55-year-old neighbors in a variety of FREE activities from playing cards and bingo to participating in other fun projects. The best part is meeting with people who share your interests while catching up on the local village gossip. You do not have to be a member, just walk in and have fun. We hope to see you there.

## Help Our Fire Department Protect Your Home

Snow can prove especially challenging when trying to fight fires because in many cases it makes the fire hydrants hard to see or get to.

the hydrant so firefighters have easy access. Please make a path from the hydrant to the street so it can be accessible quickly. Remember, every second counts!

If there's a fire hydrant near your home that is covered with snow, please do your part to keep it visible this winter by clearing at least a three-foot radius around

Ice around the fire hydrant??? Could be a leak; contact the Public Works Department immediately at 708-202-3434.



### Help Your Neighbors...

Check on elderly friends, neighbors, or those with medical conditions during the winter months.

## WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

Parking is not permitted on any public street or alley within the Village when snow accumulation reaches three inches (3") or more, and until snow removal operations are completed.

**PLEASE DO NOT SHOVEL OR BLOW SNOW INTO OR ACROSS ANY PUBLIC STREET OR SIDEWALK (CODE OF ORDINANCE'S SEC. 74-9).**

Icy patches and frozen blocks of ice form creating hazardous conditions for pedestrians and vehicles. Please keep the snow on your own property and parkway.

# Hillside Gets Grant to Modernize Public Safety Dispatch Center

In our Village's continuous efforts to improve the safety of its residents, Hillside successfully sought out a consolidation grant from the State of Illinois in the amount of \$449,738.48. These funds will go towards the cost of updating our dispatch center equipment. This will allow for our dispatch center to begin dispatching for the Village of Westchester, police and fire, which is why it is called a consolidation grant.

The dispatch center updates will include an updated 9-1-1 answering system that will improve the accuracy of the 911 calls received and a newer IP based radio console with increased features.

Additional features include a fire station alerting system for improved communication between the dispatch center and the fire departments. Overall, the system will be better equipped with redundancy (handling calls more expeditiously), ability to connect to a statewide 911 network (ESInet), and more capable of handling any next generation 9-1-1 challenges.



## Have Our Fire Department Install Your Child's Safety Seat

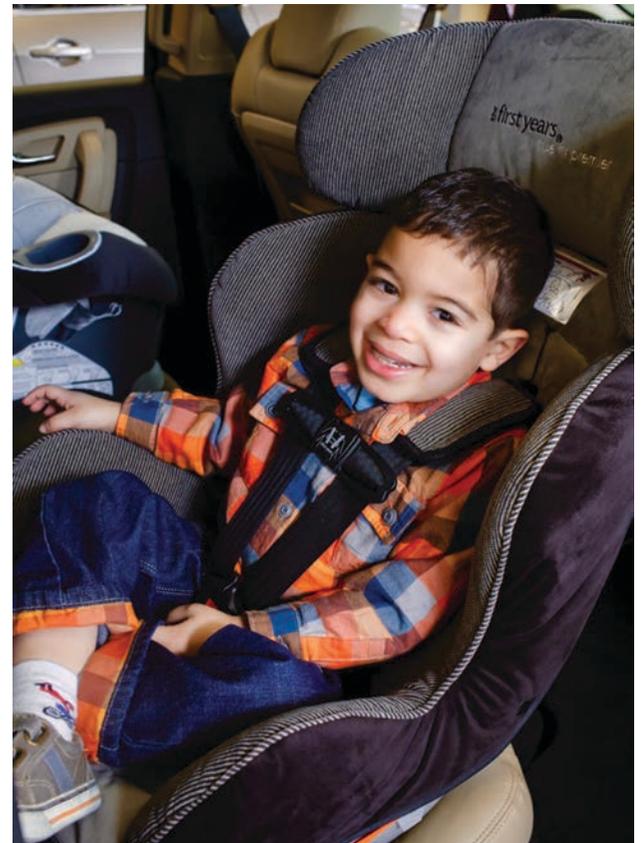
Illinois law requires parents and caregivers to secure children in rear-facing safety seats until they are 2 years old, unless they weigh more than 40 pounds or are more than 40 inches.

Children are five times safer riding in a rear-facing seat because their head, neck and spine are better protected in a crash. Children riding rear-facing may use a rear-facing only car seat or a convertible car seat installed rear-facing.

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.



# Village Clerk **Linda Gould**... Making a Difference

Making a community a better place for having lived there, is one measure of a person's character. Hillside is fortunate to have just such a person, Village Clerk Linda Gould.

A 42-year resident, Linda's commitment to Hillside is reflected in her impressive volume of volunteer work; St. Domitilla Bereavement Minister; St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Treasurer; Broadview/Hillside American Legion Women's Auxiliary Member; former Hillside Girls Softball Manager; Hillside Boys Baseball Board Secretary and Concession Stand Manager; Brownie and Girl Scout Volunteer; Rainbows for All God's Children Coordinator - a program for single parent children; Chicago Blackhawks vs. Hillside Baseball Coaches Special Olympics softball game Coordinator; Hillside Police and Fire Commission Member for 5 years; and Village Clerk for 7 years.

Not only does her volunteerism demonstrate Clerk Gould's commitment to community, but so does her employment history. She was a secretary at St. Domitilla School from 1986 until 1999. Then in 1999, she began working at Learning Point Associates, an educational laboratory that researched and developed programs that could be implemented in schools. While there she held several positions including Department Secretary and Business Office Purchasing Coordinator.

In 2012, Linda was appointed Village Clerk to fill the position of previous Clerk, Patrick O'Sullivan, after he passed away. Linda fondly recalls her meeting with Mayor Tamburino when he first asked her to consider becoming Village Clerk. As always, the Mayor was very convincing and seven years later, Linda is still the Clerk and admits that the work is just as exciting and challenging as the first day she was sworn into office.

Never one to take responsibility lightly, Clerk Gould admitted that she regularly attends classes to become more proficient in her duties. To add to her credit, she has received her Registered Municipal Clerk and Certified Municipal Clerk certifications. She also holds memberships in the North/Northwest Cook County Clerks Association; Municipal Clerks of Illinois; and the prestigious International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Clerk Gould told this reporter that as Village Clerk you are the "Keeper of the Records." In light of that responsibility, her duties include attending all meetings of the Village Board and maintaining accurate records of those proceedings, certifying copies of official documents, presiding as the Freedom of Information Act officer, acting custodian of the official Village Seal, administering the Oaths of Office and attesting to all Ordinances and Resolutions.

Further into our interview, Linda made it clear that she could not do her job without Deputy Clerk, Noreen Thermos. As Gould stated, her Clerk position is part time, so she depends on Noreen to assist her with the Clerk duties. Furthermore, Gould continued, "Noreen's institutional knowledge and work ethic make her invaluable to both myself and the Village."

At this point in the interview, we decided to ask Clerk Gould how she arrived in Hillside 42 years ago. Like many young families in post-World War II, Linda's family moved from Chicago to the suburbs and settled in Bellwood where she attended St. Simeon Grade School and Nazareth Academy. It was during her high school years that Linda's family moved to Berkeley.

After graduating from Nazareth, Linda worked as a secretary in the X-ray Department at Hines Hospital. A year later after starting her new job she was introduced by a family member to her future husband, Bill Gould, a Navy veteran known as "Corky" to his friends. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bill and Linda made their first home in Bellwood, but as their family grew, they decided to move. After much house hunting, they decided Hillside was the best place to raise a family and have lived in the same house on Hillside Avenue for the past 42 years.

When asked what her interests are, Linda listed traveling, crocheting, shopping, the Cubs, the Blackhawks, thin crust pizza (her favorite being from Q's Hillside Restaurant) and naturally spending time with family. When asked if she had a favorite recipe, she stated the family always asks her to make her *Strawberry-Pretzel-Jello* dessert (see recipe on page 9).

Clerk Gould smiled proudly when talking about her children and granddaughters. Her son Jim is an architect, and daughter-in-law Christine, a commercial furniture



**Village Clerk Linda Gould**

sales rep. Her daughter Lisa is a senior administrative assistant for IRMA, (Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency) and son-in-law Greg is the principal of Westchester Middle School. Linda's smile went from bright to full blown beam as she talked about the "joys of her and her husband's lives," their two teenage granddaughters, Abbey and Ashley, with whom she loves to spend time baking and shopping.

When asked about the recent reports of Hillside being one of the hot real estate markets, Linda replied, "Our location is ideal, and our homes are affordable, which is why we are called the 'Hub of the Western Suburbs'. We also have our Town Center that produces needed tax revenue and provides a gathering place for people to shop and dine together."

Clerk Gould concluded our interview by stating, "The bottom line is this; location and affordable homes aside, it's the people that make Hillside great. Hillside residents of all races and ethnicities are committed in making this a community where the American Dream of a better life is alive and will be our legacy passed on to the next generation. This is why I am proud to call Hillside my home".

# Vote by Mail Is Open... February 18th is the Last Day to Register at the Hillside Village Hall



## Vote By Mail Is Open

Any registered suburban Cook County voter with a driver's license, state ID or social security number on file may request a mail in ballot using an online or paper application. You may pick up a vote by mail ballot application at the Hillside Village Hall or visit [www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/vote-mail](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/vote-mail) to download a vote by mail application. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day (March 17) in order to be counted.

## Voter Registration Information

Residents can register to vote 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 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, please bring two forms of identification, i.e. driver's license, utility bill, etc. One must show your current address and be a photo ID. New residents with a current voter registration card may transfer their registration by mail, at the Hillside Village Hall or online by visiting: <https://ova.elections.il.gov>.

## Early Voting In Person Information

For the March 17, 2020 Presidential Primary Election, traditional Early Voting will take place **March 2-16**. Closest places to Hillside for Early Voting are Bellwood and Melrose Park. As of press time the hours when one can Early Vote had not been released. We will provide this information in the March/April Hillside Herald edition.

If you have any questions regarding vote by mail, registration or early voting, please call Village Clerk Linda Gould at 708-202-4325 or Deputy Clerk Noreen Thermos at 708-202-4390.



## Attend Hillside Baseball League Indoor Winter Camp Ages 4-16

**Being Conducted at Hillside Elementary School  
at 4804 Harrison, Hillside, Il. 60162 (Enter thru door #6)**

**Winter Schedule Dates:**

Days/Dates:	Ages: 4 to 9	Ages: 9.5 to 16
Monday 1/13/20	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Monday 1/27/20	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Monday 2/3/20	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Monday 2/10/20	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Monday 2/24/20	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**Cost: \$5 per Session**

**For more info email: [hillidelittleleaguebaseball@gmail.com](mailto:hillidelittleleaguebaseball@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook: Hillside Baseball**

**We are looking for volunteer coaches. We have a special need for players ages 4 and 8.**

Have any questions or need more information contact: Coach Ray at 773-742-6261.



# Register Today for Hillside's Innovative **Free** Tutoring Program

The Village of Hillside is **providing free tutoring services** to residents at the Hillside Public Library beginning January 27, 2020 through April 30th. The hours and days available for tutoring assistance are 4 PM - 8:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program is open to grade school students, high school students and college students (or even adult students). Bilingual service/education (Spanish-English) is also available.

Students/Residents can schedule an appointment for a half hour or full hour and will need to contact the **Hillside Village Hall at 708-449-6450** to register. You will need to supply your name, the student(s) name, address, grade level and subject to be tutored.

The tutor is Stephen Klir, a Hillside resident and a teacher at Lyons

Township High School. He brings 21 years of classroom and 12 years of tutoring experience to this program. Mr. Klir stated, "Math is the number one tutoring request among students because of the "Common Core" math curriculum. For many decades, math has been taught (in the US) as finding the definitive answer to the problem, usually a number. Now with Common Core, there has been greater emphasis placed on the "process" of finding the answer and applying the process to real-life experiences. For students, this may seem intimidating, as they may lack the real-life experience to which they can relate the process. Both parents and students seem scared and confused about it. I am happy to help students in this area."

**Register today by calling the Hillside Village Hall at 708-449-6450.** We kindly ask that you call if you need to cancel the appointment.

## Access Hillside Vehicle Accident Reports 24 Hours a Day

The Hillside Police Department is dedicated to providing its citizen the ability to obtain accurate and affordable traffic accident reports within a reasonable time. To accomplish this, we have made traffic accident reports available anytime through the Internet.

The Hillside Police Department has entered into an agreement with **BuyCrash.com** to place traffic accident reports on-line utilizing their Accident Report System. **BuyCrash.com** is an Internet based application that helps law enforcement agencies, insurance companies, and car owners manage and access traffic accident reports

in a more efficient manner. Using "cutting edge" online document management technology, you are now able to rapidly find and view an accident report usually within 24 hours of scanning. No more waiting in line or mailing report request forms. **Now you can access your reports over the Internet, 24 hours a day!**

- Reports are available from work or home, 24 hours a day via the Internet
- Saves citizens the hassle of driving and standing in line
- Reports are converted to PDF format making them easy to view, save, print and email
- Finding a report takes only a few seconds
- Reports cannot be modified, maintaining report integrity
- Provides clear, high resolution images of each report for optimal viewing and printing

Visit **[www.BuyCrash.com](http://www.BuyCrash.com)** to learn more about **BuyCrash.com**, its services or request a report.

Citizens may still visit the police station to request a copy in person if they wish. The Hillside Police Department Records Division is located in our lobby and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and closed on weekends and holidays. You may contact the Records Division by calling 708-202-4322.



# IMPORTANT ALERT FOR HILLSIDE RESIDENTS

## SECRETARY OF STATE EXPANDS OFFICE HOURS TO HANDLE REAL ID RUSH

Many Illinois driver's services offices have expanded their hours to accommodate the increased volume of Illinois residents applying for REAL ID driver's licenses and identification cards. Over 500,000 Illinois residents have applied for the License ID that looks like the one seen here.

**Starting in October 2020, Illinois residents over 18 who plan to fly domestically or visit military bases will need a REAL ID or passport.** The identification card requires additional paperwork to be completed to prove an applicant's identity. The process to apply for a REAL ID takes longer because multiple documents are required.



## Application Process for REAL ID Driver's License or ID

- STEP 1:** Visit a Secretary of State Driver Services facility and take your photo and the required exams.
- STEP 2:** All applicants must provide proof of identity. (Examples are: a U.S. birth certificate, a U.S. passport, an employment authorization document, a permanent resident card or a foreign passport with an approved I-94 form.) \*Please note that name change documents, such as a marriage certificate, will be required if the applicant presents a birth certificate with a name different from his/her current name.
- STEP 3:** All applicants must provide proof of full Social Security number (SSN). (Examples are: an SSN card, a W-2 or a pay stub with full SSN.)
- STEP 4:** All applicants must provide two current residency documents with the applicant's name. (Examples are: a utility bill, rental agreement, deed/title or bank statement.)
- STEP 5:** All applicants must provide proof of signature. (Examples are: a credit/debit card, canceled check or current Illinois DL/ID.)
- STEP 6:** Receive a temporary, secure paper DL/ID at the facility. \*Please note that the TSA and federal agents will not accept the paper document.
- STEP 7:** After review and verification of documents have been conducted, your new permanent REAL ID card will be mailed to you within 15 business days.

### Expanded Hours Schedule for Local Secretary of State Facilities

#### Chicago facility at 5301 W. Lexington St.

Monday hours are 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday hours are 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### Des Plaines facility at 1470 Lee St., Lombard facility at 837 Westmore, and Melrose Park facility at 1903 N. Mannheim Rd.

Tuesday - Friday hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday hours are 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Village Clerk Linda Gould's Strawberry Pretzel Jello



### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups crushed pretzels
- 3/4 cup melted butter
- 3 tablespoons white sugar
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 cup white sugar
- 8 oz. Cool Whip
- 2 packages (10oz.) thawed frozen sliced strawberries
- 2 packages (3oz.) Strawberry Jello dissolved in 2 cups of boiling water

### DIRECTIONS

- In a bowl, combine the pretzels, butter and 3 tablespoons of sugar. Press into a greased 13 x 9 inch baking dish. Bake at 400° for 8-9 minutes. Let cool.
- For filling, in a small bowl, beat cream cheese and 1 cup sugar until smooth. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread over pretzel crust. Refrigerate until chilled.
- For topping, dissolve gelatin in boiling water in a large bowl. Stir in thawed strawberries; chill until partially set. Carefully spoon over filling. Chill until firm.

## Snow Accumulation

Freezing temperatures, snow and ice are the winter norm for this area, and Hillside Public Works salt trucks and snowplows are ready.

**Parking is not permitted on any public street within the Village when snow accumulation reaches three inches (3") or more until snow removal operations are completed.**

Please do not shovel or blow snow **into or across** any public street or sidewalk, (Code of Ordinance Section 9.108.1). Icy patches and frozen blocks of ice can form, which are a danger to pedestrians and vehicles. **The Village does not clear neighborhood sidewalks.**

Please be a snow angel and shovel your sidewalk so school children and pedestrians can walk with greater ease and safety. If able, please clear snow from around fire hydrants and storm sewers. **Please keep the snow on your own property and parkway.**

## Snowplow Safety

Stay safe around snowplows by keeping your distance. A snowplow driver's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you. Watch for sudden stopping or turning. Plows are wide and can cross center lines. Do not tailgate and do not pass. Snowplows tend to go under the speed limit. Be patient and allow plenty of time to slow down. Take it slow this Winter!

## Garbage And Recycling Carts

Garbage, recycle, and yard waste carts, by Ordinance (Article 1, Sec. 70-33), must be put out on the parkway and **NOT IN THE STREET**. The Public Works Department is unable to maintain our streets (snow plowing) with these obstacles on the street. To ensure pick-up on your scheduled day, The Village highly recommends placing your garbage out on the parkway any time after 4:00 p.m. the day before your scheduled pick-up day to ensure pick-up the following morning. Holidays delaying the garbage pick-up by one day are: New Years, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**REMINDER:** Yard waste pick-up has ended and will resume in April 2020.

## Sump Pump Discharge

All residents must comply with proper discharge of your sump pump storm water. Water must be directed so the grass areas existing in your 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 stated in Section 21.305 (Nuisance) of the Municipal Code of Ordinances.

## Streetlights

Please call us at 708-202-3434 to report the outage of a streetlight so we can keep our Village bright and safe!

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free To contact the Public Works office at 708-202-3434.

## Disposal Of Televisions And All Electronics

The Village of Hillside and Waste Management **will not pick-up** TVs at curbside. TVs have many toxic materials and as of 2012, are prohibited from landfills. It is the responsibility of us all to dispose of electronics properly. For Hillside residents only, The Village has a recycling bin for electronics only, where you can dispose of your TVs and electronics properly. There is a size restriction. Please call 708-202-3434 with any questions.

DuPage County Recycling Program is open to all. This program benefits the Developmentally Disabled. By going to their website at: <http://www.dupageco.org/ElectronicsRecycling/> you will get all the information pertaining to this program.



January &  
February

# Hillside Public Works Report

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

## Water And Sewer Payments

**Auto-Pay** - Pay automatically with our payment service that makes in more convenient for you to pay your monthly water bill to the Village of Hillside. How does it work? Your monthly payment is automatically taken from the account you authorize the bank to use, and the money is directly credited to your water account at the Village of Hillside. You will continue to receive a paper statement for your records. If you are interested, call our Water Billing Clerk at (708) 202-3462.

**Hillside Website** - pay online at [www.hillside-il.org](http://www.hillside-il.org)  
**Drop Box** - A 24 hour drop box is located at the Hillside Village Hall at 425 N. Hillside Avenue in the parking lot south of the entrance.

**Late Payments** - Payments must be received in our office by the due date to avoid a 5% penalty charge. Failure to receive bill or payment by the due date does not excuse the late charge. **Payments must be received, not postmarked, by the due date to avoid the penalty charge.**

# A Message from... John Kramer, Village Trustee and Proud Air Force Veteran

I hope you all have a very nice holiday season.

December 7th marked the 78th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. I hope you not only paused for a second to honor those who died there that sad day but also for all the true heroes who have lost their lives defending our country.

If you have been trying to reach the American Legion Post in Hillside, we have been having some problems with our phones and I apologize. Perhaps, the best way to get to us is to email me at [jkramer@hillside-il.org](mailto:jkramer@hillside-il.org) or call me at 708-548-8032. We are always looking for new members and we are still looking for clothing in reasonably good condition to donate to Hines.

## MEMBERSHIP:

**Remember, years of service no longer apply to be eligible...** all you need is proof of an honorable discharge (DD214). To join the American Legion, you may stop by the Post (any Tuesday or Friday evening - 6:30 to 9:00 PM) and bring the below 3 things OR send them to us at Hillside Legion at 4941 Butterfield Rd, Hillside, IL 60162.

1. A copy of your DD214
2. A check made out to the Hillside American Legion for \$36.00 for your dues
3. A filled-out Application Form seen below.



## Clothing Donations For Hines Hospital Veterans:

We accept any new or used clothing in reasonably good shape to be given to and worn by the Veterans at Hines Hospital. Please bring it to the American Legion Hall at 4941 Butterfield Rd, Hillside on Tuesday or Friday evenings from 6:30 until 9 PM. Or call 708-548-8032 and we will arrange to pick the clothing up.



Cut along dashed line.

## American Legion Membership Application

(Name)

(Date of Birth)

(Mailing Address)

(Phone Number)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

(Post #)

(E-mail)

Male  Female

(Dues)

Aug. 2, 1990-cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Government

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946  | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918 | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41 - 8/15/45 (only eligibility) |



I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Name of Recruiter

# Register For Hillside Youth Police Academy

## March 23-27, 2020 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

The Youth Police Academy program has been developed to reach out to young people from ages 14-17 and is available to Proviso Township students only. Our goal is to build a positive relationship between our communities youth and our Police Officers.

### Topics covered:

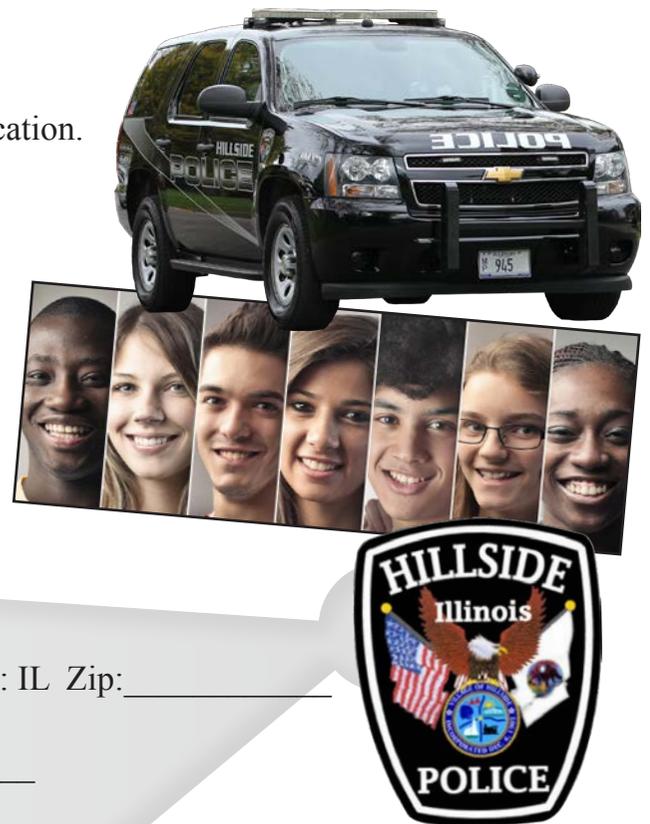
- ★ Arrest Procedures   ★ Traffic Laws   ★ Crime Scene Investigations   ★ Evidence Collection
- ★ Interactions with the Police   ★ Use of Force   ★ Equipment

**There is no cost to attend the Academy.** All classes will be held at the Hillside Police Department. It will be the responsibility of the student to provide transportation each day to and from class. Class sizes are limited so submit your application early. **Please fill out the application below and on page 13, and return it to the Hillside Police Department 425 Hillside Ave. Hillside, IL 60162 by March 16, 2020.**

## HILLSIDE YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY APPLICATION

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please print or type your answers, except for your signature.  
- Incomplete or illegible applications will not be processed.
2. Use a blank piece of paper if you do not have enough room on the application.
3. An application without a signature will not be accepted.
4. Parental signature is MANDATORY.
5. Respond N/A for questions not applicable to you.



### APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last
First
Middle

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License/State ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: IL Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PARENT'S/ LEGAL GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### APPLICANT'S EDUCATION

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Year

**Have you ever been charged with a crime for any law violation(s)? If yes, please explain below:**

**Please Read Each Statement Below Carefully Before Signing:**

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and complete. I understand that any false information or omission may disqualify me from further consideration for acceptance into the Hillside Youth Citizen Police Academy and may result in my dismissal if discovered at a later date.

I understand that the Hillside Police Department will conduct a criminal background check which may include information as to my character, reputation and conduct.

I authorize the background check of any or all statements contained in this application and also authorize any person, school, employer and organization named in this application to provide relevant information and opinions that may be useful in making a decision to accept me as an academy participant. I release such persons and organizations from any legal liability in making truthful statements.

**I understand that this application does not create, express, or imply acceptance in the academy nor guarantee acceptance for any definite period of time. If accepted, I understand that I have been accepted in the Youth Citizen Police Academy at the will of the Hillside Police Department and my status may be terminated at any time.**

**I have read, understand, and by my signature, I consent to these statements:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Legal Guardian**

I have read, understand and consent to \_\_\_\_\_ signing this application for the Hillside Youth Citizen Police Academy.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hillside Police Department**

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# Hillside Herald Partners with the Social Security Administration to Help Residents Navigate the Complexities of Social Security

Nearly nine out of ten individuals age 65 and older receive Social Security benefits. **50%** of elderly married couples and **70%** of unmarried persons receive **50%** or more of their income from Social Security. Among elderly beneficiaries, **21%** of married couples and about **45%** of unmarried persons rely on Social Security for **90%** or more of their income!!!

For these reasons the Hillside Herald and the Social Security Administration are working together in providing important information to our residents. Look for more articles like the following in future issues of the Hillside Herald.

## 2020 Increase in Social Security Announced

Each year, Social Security Administration announces the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). By law, federal benefits increase when the cost of living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Usually, there is an increase in the benefit amount people will receive each month, starting the following January.

**Nearly 69 million Americans will see a 1.6 percent increase in their Social Security benefits and SSI payments in 2020.**

Other changes that will happen in January 2020 reflect the increase in the national average wage index. For example, the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll tax will increase to \$137,700 from \$132,900. The earnings limit for workers who are younger than "full" retirement age (age 66 for people born in 1943 through 1954) will increase to \$18,240. (We deduct \$1 from benefits for each \$2 earned over \$18,240.)

The earnings limit for people turning 66 in 2020 will

increase to \$48,600. (We deduct \$1 from benefits for each \$3 earned over \$48,600 until the month the worker turns age 66.)

In December 2019, Social Security COLA notices were posted online for retirement, survivors, and disability beneficiaries who have a *my Social Security* account. You will be able to view and save future COLA notices via the Message Center inside *my Social Security*.

You can log in to or sign up for a *my Social Security* account today at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount) to get more information about your new benefit amount. The Message Center on the site also allows you to go paperless by opting out of receiving agency notices by mail that you can get online, including annual cost-of-living adjustments and the income-related monthly adjustment amount increases. The Message Center is a secure portal where you can conveniently receive sensitive communications that we don't send through email or text. More information about the 2020 COLA is available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/cola](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola).



# HILLSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2020 ADULT PROGRAMS

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

## Adult Book Discussions

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM  
January 8: Christmas Bells by Jennifer Chiaverini  
February 5: The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey  
Visitors and new members are always welcome.  
Books are available for checkout at our circulation desk one month before the meeting.

## Evening/Weekend Book Group

The library would love to have an evening and/or weekend book discussion group. If you have any interest in a group like this, please leave your name at the information services desk.

## Mixed Stitchers

Meets Every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM  
For knitters and crocheters of all levels. You can view a sample of their needlework in our library window this January.

## Gentle Yoga

Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Be sure to arrive before 7:00. Participants must be over 16. Call the library if you have any questions.

## Cookbook Exchange

Sunday, January 5 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM  
Let go of any unloved cookbooks and exchange them for different ones. Receive one ticket for each cookbook you donate. Use the ticket(s) to select one of the other donated books. You may drop off your cookbooks any time up until the start of the exchange on January 5th.

## Daytime Drop-In Coloring and/or Craft for Adults

Fridays from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Begins January 10th then held every Friday through February. Pencils, crayons, and coloring pages will be provided. Some Fridays may also have a simple craft available. Light refreshments served. Drop in program.

## Abraham Lincoln's Birthday Celebration

Stop by the library and enjoy a piece of cake to celebrate Illinois' most famous citizen. After your cake, try your hand at answering a question about Abraham Lincoln's life and times to win a small prize.

## National Soup Day

Monday, February 3rd from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM  
We welcome back chef Paul McKenna, owner of Starship Restaurant in Forest Park. Paul, AKA, The Soup Man, will demonstrate two soup recipes. Recipes and tastings provided.

## Lunch and Learn for Seniors

Monday, February 10 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM  
Captain Howard Murray from the Hillside Fire Department will speak about ways seniors can be safer at home. He will be handing out My ID bands to those who qualify. The benefits of Knox boxes and smoke detectors will also be discussed. This program is limited to Hillside residents only. Maximum of 25 participants. Lunch will be provided. Registration required by Thursday, February 6th.

## Family Book Discussion

Sunday, February 9 from 2:00 PM to 2:45 PM or Tuesday, February 11 from 6:30 PM to 7:15 PM  
You may choose either discussion date to attend. Participants will read/listen to *A Long Walk to Water* at home as a family, then meet at the library to discuss the book. Copies of the book will be available for check out at the circulation desk beginning January 13th.



Hillside Public Library

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

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

## HILLSIDE PET REMINDER



Hillside requires all pets to be licensed (tags are free at the Village Hall), have their rabies shots up to date, be on a leash and cannot run at large. Also cleaning up after your pet is a must. If you have any questions, please call (708) 449-6450.

# The Year In Review from Mayor Joseph T. Tamburino

Dear Neighbors,

We find ourselves on the threshold of a whole new decade, but before we look ahead let's review the highlights of Hillside, 2019.

It was great news for Hillside homeowners when two separate reports provided numbers showing Hillside home resale values reflected a renewed interest in our Village. A study released in January of 2019 by the Midwest Real Estate Data and Chicago Association of Realtors, reported that Hillside was one of the few suburban communities in 2018 with a **double digit increase in median home resale prices over 2017** - a 17.8% jump. Then in July of 2019, Crain's Chicago Business reported that Hillside was **one of 13 villages** out of 175 communities in Cook and the collar counties to be experiencing a real estate boom in the first 6 months of 2019. Crain's described Hillside's real estate market as "Strong."

As always, our fabulous Public Works Department continued to keep our town looking great in 2019. They resurfaced over 2 miles of residential streets and replaced 3,000 linear feet of 6-inch water main piping that was installed in the 1940's. And though we dread winter, we can continue to rely on them to provide one of the best snow removal programs in the suburbs.

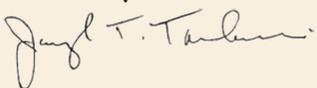
Our Fire Department continued to uphold their Class 1 ISO rating indicating superior fire prevention and suppression capacity. Out of 47,000 fire departments in the United States, Hillside is in the top 1% nationwide to achieve this honor. We also welcomed a new Fire Chief, Ken Carling, who grew up in Hillside. The Department improved its EMS program by implementing a Mobile Integrated Healthcare System that aims to deliver higher quality and more cost-effective medical care. The Department also expanded its community fire safety outreach program by conducting an open house, partnering with the American Red Cross to install home smoke detectors, and hosting several CPR/First Aid/AED classes.

And our outstanding men and women in blue continue to keep our streets safe. In 2019, they initiated the first Juvenile Citizens Police Academy in Proviso Township, which is a continuation of their efforts to work with our youth in keeping juvenile crime related issues to a minimum. Two additional police officers were hired and placed on the street. The Department successfully secured grants to combat distracted drivers and another grant that will modernize our 911 dispatch center. Our police initiated a strategy that is successfully targeting speeding vehicles on our side streets.

And the streak of good things taking place last year didn't end there, my administration was proud to unveil a taxi service for veterans that will take them anywhere in the Chicagoland area at no charge. And to keep the ball rolling, our summer concert series was a big hit once again. Last year's six concerts drew around 25,000 attendees... not bad, indeed!

Our booming real estate market can be partially attributed to the men and women who work for Hillside, but the lion's share of the credit goes to you, the residents. Your dedication to keeping our community clean, safe and welcoming to people of all backgrounds is the real reason why Hillside is a village that people want to move to and not from. Together, let's make 2020 an even better year.

Sincerely,





**January  
& February**

**Municipal  
Calendar  
of Events**

**Village Board of a Whole Meeting,  
7:30 p.m. on January 13th**

**Village Board Meeting,  
7:30 p.m. on January 27th**

**Village Board of a Whole Meeting,  
7:30 p.m. on February 10th**

**Village Board Meeting,  
7:30 p.m. on February 24th**

**Community Awareness Meeting,  
7:00 p.m. on January 29th**

**Community Awareness Meeting,  
7:00 p.m. on February 26th**

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



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Village Hours

M-F 7:00 AM-5:00 PM

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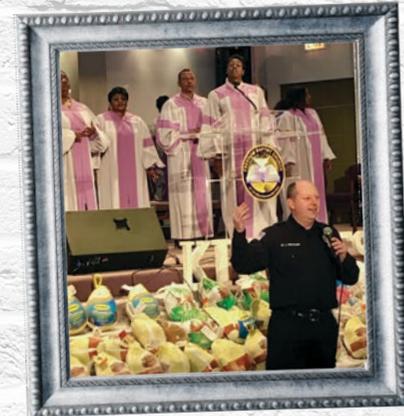
The Fire Department held its first open house in early October. It was a big hit with the residents and firefighters. There was a car extrication, fire extinguisher demonstration, smoke house, food, jump house and a firefighter fashion show.



On October 30th, over 250 people attended Hillside's annual complimentary dinner honoring our local veterans.



Hillside's November 2nd Veterans Day Parade stretched for several blocks. Parade participants included R.O.T.C. cadets, local school bands, veteran groups, Hillside American Legion members, and police and fire engines from surrounding suburbs.



November 24th, our Fire Department delivered 45 turkeys, which were donated by the Firefighter's Union, to Freedom Baptist Church. Hillside Firefighter Michalski addressed the congregation.



On December 5th, hundreds of residents anxiously awaited Santa throwing the switch on the Village's Christmas tree.



In early December, Hillside Police and Fire personnel served kids and parents at Hillside School's Breakfast with Santa.

Christmas, Veterans Day Parade and Dinner pictures are from Photos by Brody Farries of Studio 352