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# Mayor Joseph Tamburino's End Of The Year Report

Dear Neighbors,

First of all, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

Let's get right into my review of Village programs and events that occurred in Hillside in 2023.

The year started out with the unveiling of the *Here for Hillside* program under the guidance of newly hired Community Outreach Coordinator Leslie Rios.. Hillside is the first Illinois municipality to initiate this groundbreaking two-way communication program. With *Here for Hillside*, residents can quickly and easily get answers to their questions, find information on Village services, submit service requests, leave a message for staff, or sign up for text message notifications. This is a program you download on a mobile device or laptop. Please visit the Village website at: [hillside-il.org](http://hillside-il.org) and click on the *Here for Hillside* icon that appears in lower right corner of home page. This program is also in Spanish.



Hillside is the first in the state to install Here for Chatbot program to foster better communication with residents

Speaking of Spanish, the Village, in 2023 began publishing the Hillside Herald and informational flyers in both English and Spanish to better inform our growing Hispanic population.

We also received some very good news in early 2023 when The Chicago Association of Realtors and Midwest Real Estate Data issued their 2022 year-end report on the housing market in the Chicago area. Hillside was the only town in Proviso Township to post a percentage increase in the number of homes sold between 2021 and 2022. The report also stated that the median sale price of a Hillside home in 2022

increased by 6.4%. These numbers prove that Hillside is a town people see as a place where they can safely pursue their dreams.

As I am writing this report, an interesting number just crossed my desk. Hillside is one of the few villages that offers residents the opportunity to dispose of unwanted electronic devices. A resident can place their old electronics in the blue bins in the Village Hall lobby. In 2023, we hauled away nearly 14,000 lbs. of electronics!



In 2023, nearly 7 tons of discarded electronic equipment placed by residents in the Village Hall Recycling Bins was hauled away

# January 8th Last Day to Purchase Tickets to the 22nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

This Year's Theme Is  
**"I Am the Future... A Dream Come True"**

**Monday  
January 15, 2024  
8:30 A.M.**

**Sheet Metal Workers' Local 73 Hall  
4550 Roosevelt Road, Hillside**

**\$15 per person – Only Cash or Checks  
(made out to Village of Hillside)**

Tickets are available for purchase at  
the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue  
until Monday, January 8, 2024.

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

Tickets must be picked up in advance.  
Reserved seating is for tables of 10 only.



**Guest Speaker  
Debra Vines, Founder,  
CEO of The Answer, Inc.  
a nationally recognized  
leader in serving and  
supporting families  
challenged by Autism  
and Developmental  
Disorders.**

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.

In February, the Hillside Village Trustees approved a proposal by Turnstone Development to construct independent senior housing (55 and over) on the grounds of an unoccupied church located at 5207 Ridge Avenue. This proposed over 55 housing center will NOT be Section 8 housing. It is NOT an assisted living or extended care facility, there will be no medical staff on the site. It is for people 55 and older who want to live an independent lifestyle. As of this report, Turnstone has performed boring samples that prove the ground is adequate for construction. In the next issue of the Hillside Herald, we will answer questions regarding this development and try to clarify some of the misinformation on the scope of this project.



In 2023, the Hillside Dispatch Center began handling emergency calls for other villages to better coordinate response times

At this point I want to mention a couple of our community events. Very few communities host as many events for its residents as Hillside. Please review pages 17-23 for a pictorial review of many of these events. Our Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast was sold out as usual. Hillside's very own Emanuel "Chris" Welch, the first African American Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, gave a speech on the importance of upholding the principles and legacy of Dr. King.

Our Tree Lighting and Visit with Santa saw a record number of residents in attendance. Nearly 400 children were able to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus (who made her first appearance). In fact, Santa had to scramble to find more gifts to hand to the children. All the community events owe much of their success to our Special Events Coordinator Evelyn Belmonte.

Our wildly popular *Summer Nights in Hillside* concerts continue to be one of the best summer events in the suburbs. Most nights we saw somewhere between 3,000 and 6,000 concert attendees. This year we presented two concerts at every performance. The music ranged from Latin to classic rock to Motown to modern rock.

In 2017, we had maybe 100 classic cars participate in our Cruise Night. We now welcome nearly 400 cars located on the east side of the concert grounds. Our concert Market Place vendors jumped from 24 in 2017 to 80 booths in 2023. Our food court that started with 12 vendors in 2017 had 23 this year. Our sponsorship money in 2017 was \$20,000, in 2023 we brought in nearly \$90,000. We also earned \$6,000 from the sale of beer. It must be noted that a vast majority of

the concert costs are funded by money from the Hotel Motel tax, which by law must be spent on promoting Hillside. The goodwill created by these concerts are immeasurable and have resulted in positive TV news stories featuring Hillside.

Speaking of Summer Nights Concerts, I want to give a quick shout out to the 15 Hillside Emergency Management volunteers. This team handles parking and traffic control at many Hillside events, which frees up our Police and Firefighters to concentrate on safety issues. It is with sadness that an old friend, Hillside Emergency Management Agency Director Tony Faragia retired this summer after 46 years of working for EMA. Tony served first as a volunteer and then as the Agency's volunteer director. The new director is a long time Emergency Management volunteer, Scott Lundgren.

In early 2023, our state-of-the-art Dispatch Center was chosen to also be the dispatcher for Berkeley fire calls and Westchester police and fire calls. This necessitated changing the dispatch center name to *Proviso Central*. This consolidation will help eliminate the confusion when multiple agencies are dispatched to a call for assistance.

In the Spring, we switched residential refuse collection from Waste Management to Flood Brothers at a cost savings. Also, in April the three incumbent Village Trustees won reelection to new 4-year terms.

In 2023, our Hillside Fire Department was evaluated by the National Insurance Services Office (ISO) and earned a Class 1 grade rating for its fire protection services. ISO's analysis considers suppression capabilities (staffing, equipment, and station location), fire prevention code and code enforcement, training, emergency communications, building codes, and the quality of the water distribution system. This rating results in lower insurance costs for Hillside businesses and homes in Hillside. **Out of 39,850 fire departments nationwide only 388 departments achieved this #1 rating.**



Halloween Night is just one of the several dozen events Hillside hosted for residents of all ages in 2023

In 2023, Hillside Police Chief Murphy reorganized the Department by shifting administrative police personnel back to patrolling the streets. **Hillside now has more officers performing patrol duties than we have had in several years.**

In the Spring, the Village Board approved the hiring of *Jensen and Halstead LTD* for architectural and engineering design work associated with the renovation of the Village Hall. This firm will supply the blueprint for moving the library from its present location, a new community room, a gym for our youth, and improved training facilities for our

police and fire departments. This construction will be funded by a state grant.

On March 31st, Senator Richard Durbin held a press conference in front of the Hillside Village Hall to discuss the importance of passing the *Fire Grants and Safety Act*, which would reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program. These two programs, which supply funding for fire equipment, have brought Hillside nearly \$600,000 since 2005.

In May, the Village Board unanimously voted NO on the construction of a warehouse near Wolf Road and Harrison Street. The Board felt this was not an appropriate use of the land being so close to Hillside School and Proviso West High School.

This past year, Oak Park posted a video promoting Hillside for tourism. Visit: [www.visitoakpark.com/hillside-il](http://www.visitoakpark.com/hillside-il) to view this film clip. Visit Oak Park is the state-certified convention and visitors bureau for Western Cook County.

Our Hillside Youth Commission had a busy 2023. They sponsored the following events for our children: Family Bowling Extravaganza, Easter Egg Hunt, a hands-on Reptile Show, a Game Truck Day, Halloween Costume/Bonfire Night, Tree Lighting and Santa Visit Event.



2023 saw Hillside Police inaugurate a drone program to better safeguard our community

We were once again awarded the “Government Finance Officers Association Award”. This award is given for Excellence in Government Finance that recognizes innovative programs and contributions to the practice of government finance that exemplify outstanding financial management. **We have received the 9th most GFOA awards in Illinois with 187 Illinois municipalities never having earned this prestigious award.**

### Police Department

- Restarted bike patrol after several years of inactivity and employed the unit for the Summer Nights Concerts.
- Implemented UAS (Drone) program.
- Expanded the ALPR (license plate reader) system to cover more of the village to assist in the prevention and investigation of criminal activity.
- Started the Barnacle Immobilization Program which impairs windshield visibility on vehicles that have amassed 5 or more unpaid parking tickets.
- Introduced a new special events uniform for the officers, making them more visible and easier to identify in crowds.
- Hired a new officer, Robert Zebrauskas, who graduated from the police academy on December 15, 2023.
- In May, Hillside Officers participated in Cop on a Rooftop at Dunkin Donuts, raising over \$6,000.00 for Illinois Special Olympics.
- In June, Officers participated, for the first time, in the Law Enforcement Torch Run with the surrounding towns to raise money for the Illinois Special Olympics, running from Forest Park through Maywood, Broadview, and Westchester and ending in Hillside at the Sheet Metal Union Hall.
- Sgt. Zach Sienkiewicz attended Northwestern University Center for Public Safety’s School of Police Staff & Command. This course is a combination of academic principles with practical applications. The 10-week curriculum zeroes in on such critical command-level content as planning and policies, media relations, organizational behavior, budgeting and resource allocation, human resources, contemporary policing, and more.
- Offered a *Ride Along with a Cop Program* for residents.
- Performed 83 home watches for residents on vacation.
- Consolidated dispatch services with Berkeley and Westchester. This is now done in the dispatch center in the Hillside Village Hall.

### Fire Department

- Responded to over 3,000 emergency calls, most of which were for paramedic assistance.
- In 2023, the Hillside Fire Department received new grading as an ISO 1 community for the second time in a row. Last grading was in 2017. ISO currently grades 38,000 fire departments. The Hillside Fire Department is 1 of 29 fire departments in Illinois that is rated ISO Class 1. They are also one of the 487 fire departments out of 38,000 in the United States with a Class I rating. This rating is based on how prepared a department is in handling emergencies.
- Awarded a FEMA AFG Grants for \$61,659 the purchase of new battery-operated extrication tools, new Thermal Imaging Cameras, and new air rescue high pressure lift bags and



Once again, Hillside in 2023 was rated among the top 1% of all fire departments in the country

controllers.

- Installed 18 residential smoke alarms, 12 Knox Boxes, and 12 child safety car seats.
- Took delivery of past grant awards for new portable radios, mobile vehicle radios and back-up base station radios.
- Purchased 6 sets of new turnout gear to replace the aging non-compliant NFPA turnout gear.
- Replaced over 30 lengths of new fire hose to replace the 20 year old hose.
- Hosted the third annual FD Open House for 2023 at the fire station that was attended by scores of Hillside residents.
- Celebrated the retirement of two Fire Captains who provided over 45 years of combined service to the community.
- Promoted two new Captains and two new Lieutenants.
- K9 Handler FF/PM Katie Boeke and her dog Fable responded to 19 calls for victim search assistance with the K9/Drone Team and MABAS ILTF-1 throughout 2023. K9 Handler FF Katie Boeke and Fable received National Type 1 K9 certification.
- Took delivery of a new 2024 Ford F450 Type 3 Horton Ambulance.
- Purchased new equipment to adapt to the new changing vehicle technology for electric vehicle incidents. Also added vehicle fire blanket for Electric Vehicle fires and an Emergency Plug for non-fire Electric Vehicle emergency incidents.
- The department held 15 CPR classes for businesses and individuals.
- The Hillside Fire Department presented the *Remembering When Program* at the Hillside Community Center during Senior Social Group meetings in March and October. This program deals with instructing seniors on safety issues to prevent falls.

**Our top-rated Fire Department continued its excellent work in interacting with the community.**

- Fire Department personnel attended various Village and non-Village events including Village “Egg-Citing Easter event, Summer Nights concert series, Autumnfest, Halloween, Tree Lighting, Back-to-School event, Anthony Raymond Memorial Service, Chris Welch back-to-School event at Proviso West, Senator Kimberly Lightford 13th annual Back-to-School event at Brookfield Zoo, Autism & Development Disabilities Walk-A-Thon at PWHS, First Responder Career Expo at Triton College, Youth Commission Family Bowling Event, and many more.

**Public Works**

- New salt storage dome was constructed. (The original dome was destroyed by a storm in 2022).
- 9,150 LF of sanitary sewer main cleaned and televised.
- 26 water main breaks were repaired.
- 39 new residential trees were planted.
- 46 Village trees were assessed and deemed diseased or dead and were removed.
- 58 residential and commercial water meters were upgraded and installed.



In 2023, in addition to the taxi program and grass cutting services for seniors and those with disabilities, Hillside also provided snow removal

**Summary of Other Public Works Duties in 2023**

In addition to above, Public Works has worked hard in 2023 completing a large list of tasks to keep our Village looking great. This includes tasks such as garbage and debris removal on Village property, branch removal, trimming bushes and trees, cutting grass, watering plants and grass, maintaining dig sites. Also maintain Hillside’s portion of the Prairie Path, TOT parks, Village Commons, removing dead animals, etc. In addition, they were busy keeping our streets safe when it comes to removing snow and salting our streets, filling potholes, keeping Village lights in working order, cleaning up storm damage, repairing and replacing street signs, etc. They have also spent many hours on vehicle maintenance, reading water meters, taking water samples, maintaining/replacing water meters, maintaining all Village property, just some of what keeps them busy.

For 2023, Public Works was busy repairing and maintaining the water system when breaks occurred, several fire hydrant repairs, investigating and repairing service leaks, rodding and jetting of sewer lines to clear blockages and making curb drain repairs. They have worked with contractors to restore areas that have been previously repaired and that need street, curb, and parkway restoration.



In 2023, Hillside continued to be a leader in providing services for its veterans population

Public Works does the set-up for all Village events, which there are many. Once again, they were quite busy with the largest event in Hillside that is the Summer Nights in Hillside concert series, which runs smoothly every year thanks in large part to our Public Works Department.

## Community Outreach Events

### • ComEd's Powering the Holidays Grant

ComEd's Powering the Holidays Program awarded the Village of Hillside a grant of \$2,500 to support community-based lights event. The Village of Hillside utilized this grant for our annual tree lighting ceremony and a Special Visit with Santa event. In partnership with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the grant program, established in 2021, celebrates local communities' identity and culture by supporting holiday programs that promote intercultural exchange and provide a pathway for all members of these communities to gain a sense of belonging.

### • Vaccine Clinics

Throughout the year, the Village of Hillside hosted several vaccine clinics as a part of its health initiative.

### • Tax Appeal Workshops

As a part of its community outreach efforts, Hillside conducted multiple tax appeal workshops throughout the year. These workshops serve to educate and assist community members in understanding the tax appeal process, providing valuable information and resources. By offering these workshops, Hillside aims to actively engage with the community, address their concerns, and empower individuals to navigate an important aspect of their financial rights and responsibilities.

### • 2023 Community Happenings

Very few villages offer its residents the number of events for people of all ages. The following are a few of the events that bring our community together:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, Summer Nights in Hillside concert series, Cruise Night, Breakfast with Mr. E. Bunny/Egg Hunt, Family Bowling Day, Halloween/bonfire night, UFO community clean up, AutumnFest on the Prairie Path, Game Truck Day for our youth, Reptile Show, Veterans Day Parade, Veterans Appreciation Dinner, Holiday Tree Lighting, and a Visit With Santa,.

### • Hillside Senior Social Group

In her first full year on the job, our Senior Coordinator Janice O'Connor, revved up events for the Hillside Senior Social Group. This group is for Hillside residents 60 and over. Under Janice's leadership the club meets twice a month. In 2023, the group attended two plays at Drury Lane and took a Chicago Riverboat Architectural Tour in June. They also had a Valentine's Day party, St. Patrick's Day gathering, a BBQ cookout, a Thanksgiving dinner, and a Christmas celebration. See page 11 for information on the group's upcoming Casino Trip. On page 12 in this issue is information on how to join this exciting group.



A BBQ outing was just one of many events hosted by the Hillside Senior Social Group in 2023

2024 starts with my Administration's firm commitment to ensuring Hillside continues to be a community that families want to move to and not from and that we continue to be a beacon for people of all races, creeds, and ethnicities who seek a haven where they can pursue their dreams.

I hope to see you at many of our wonderful Village events.  
Sincerely,

Mayor Joseph Tamburino



# Hillside Public Works Report

## Snow Accumulation:

Snow, ice, and freezing temperatures are the winter norm and Hillside Public Works salt trucks and snowplows are ready to go! 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. Clearing snow from around fire hydrants and storm sewers would be greatly appreciated. **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 and be safe this Winter!**

## Senior Snow Plowing

If you are part of the Senior Snow Removal, please be sure your addresses are clearly displayed or lit up. This is helpful when it becomes dark, and the driver is trying to identify an address. This is also recommended in the case of an emergency. The minutes it takes to find the address could make a difference.

## Garbage and Recycle Carts

Garbage and recycling 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.

## Holiday Schedule for Flood Brothers

If a holiday falls on a weekday or a Sunday, and your regularly scheduled pickup is on or after the holiday, your pickup will be delayed by one day. Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday. Flood Brother will not collect on the following holidays: New Years, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## Water Bill Payments

**Hillside Website – Auto Pay and One Time Payments online at:** <https://www.hillside-il.org/village-services/pages/online-payments>. Another option to pay your bill, especially if you prefer to stay home in the cold snowy weather.

**Drop Box** – A 24 hour drop box is in the Hillside Village Hall parking lot at 425 N. Hillside Avenue. It is located to the right when entering the parking lot.

**Late Payments** – Payments must be received in our office by the due date to avoid a 5% penalty charge. Failure to receive a 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.

Any questions or concerns, please call Water Billing @ (708) 202-3462.

## Streetlights

Please call us to report the outage of a streetlight so we can keep our Village lit up! Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Public Works office at 708-202-3434.

January & February

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



# Entry-Level Firefighter/Paramedic Hiring Process



## Hillside Fire Department

## Hillside, Illinois

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the Village of Hillside, Illinois is accepting applications for two immediate openings and to establish a new firefighter/paramedic eligibility register for future hiring. **Become a proud team member of a department that is one of 487 fire departments out of 38,000 in the United States with an ISO Class 1 rating.**

**Salary:** \$63,322 - \$100,368 (top in 5 years) plus \$1,900 Paramedic stipend (negotiations will begin for a new CBA in 2024). Can earn up to an additional \$3000 stipend for higher educational degrees.

**Population:** 8,320

**Sworn Personnel:** 25

**Benefit Incentives:** Health/Dental/Vision Insurance • Group Life Insurance • Annual FD medical physicals • Deferred Compensation Plans • Fire Pension Retirement • Education Stipend/Tuition Reimbursement • VEBA (retiree health savings account) • Paid Holidays • Paid time off (Vacations, Sick Days, Kelly Days) • Overtime or Comp-time • 24/48 shifts • Paid uniforms • No residency requirement.

**All applicants must meet the following minimum requirements established by the Village of Hillside:**

- U.S. citizenship
- No felony convictions
- High school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent
- Valid driver's license at time of application with the ability to obtain a Class B non-CDL License in Illinois
- Minimum of 21 years of age (as of **February 15, 2024**) -AND- must be UNDER 35 years of age as of date of hire, unless otherwise exempt by State Statute
- Possess a valid Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) or National Registry EMT-Paramedic License (EMT-P) issued **at the time of conditional offer of employment**
- Must present CPAT/Ladder Climb certification **at the time of conditional offer of employment**
- Must meet the requirements of a background check and pass a medical, psychological, and polygraph test
- Participate in a mandatory remote on-line written examination (Test will be available to applicants between **Tuesday, February 13, 2024, through Thursday February 15, 2024**)
- **Application deadline is Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 4:00 PM - No application fees**

**Preference Points will be awarded as determined by the Village of Hillside for the following:**

- Military Experience: Active-duty U.S. military service members with an un-redacted Honorable Discharge. DD-214 must be submitted with application to qualify.
- Certified Paramedics: Applicants currently certified as paramedics will be awarded preference points on the final register list. A copy of valid certification must be submitted with application to qualify.

**To apply for this position or obtain additional information, please visit the following website: <http://www.applytoserve.com>**

*The Village of Hillside is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is Committed to maintaining diversity in its workforce.*





# HILLSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dreaming of a career as a FIREFIGHTER?



Choosing fire and emergency services as a career can prove to be one of the most interesting and personally satisfying choices you can make. In this ever-changing, complex world, firefighting and emergency medical services is not just another job. It is an employment opportunity that offers a challenging, demanding, exciting, and rewarding career for men and women.

### HILLSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT STATS:

In 2022 HFD Responded to **2971 Total Incidents** including **925 fire calls** and **2046 EMS calls**.

24 FF/Medics | 1 Firehouse | Div. 20 | ALS Vehicles

Follow us on our social media sites to stay informed on our recruitment information and upcoming application dates!

 @HillsideFireDepartment

 @HillsideFireDept

### Hillside Firefighter Employment Benefits

- Salary starting at \$63,322 plus \$1900 Paramedic Stipend (2021)
- Health/Dental/Vision Insurance
- Paid time off (vacations, sick, Kelly Days)
- Fire Pension Retirement Plan
- Education Stipend/Tuition Reimbursement
- 457 Deferred Compensation Plans
- Holiday Pay
- Overtime or Comp-time

# February 20th, Last Day at the Hillside Village Hall for Registering to Vote for the March 19th, 2024, Presidential Primary Election

The Hillside Village Clerk's Office provides voter registration services for residents at the Hillside Village Hall between the hours 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Monday thru Friday and 9 AM thru Noon on Saturday.



**In order to register, all following requirements must be met:**

- You must be a United States Citizen
- At least 18 years old by the date of the election
- A resident of your precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day
- Cannot claim the right to vote anywhere else



## 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 access.

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; therefore contact the Public Works Department immediately at 708-202-3434.



## DON'T GET STUCK... OBSERVE HILLSIDE'S 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 and create hazardous conditions for pedestrians and vehicles. Please keep the snow on your own property and parkway.





VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB  
CASINO TRIP  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

**RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 4, 2024**

TRIP DATE: **THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024**

COST: **COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON**

**CASINO PACKAGE:**

**The Buffet, Timbers Fast Food & Deli, Grab N Go, Kankakee Bar & Grill**

\*(Please note...the food credit can only be used at one of above restaurants. You will be responsible for any amount, including gratuity, over the \$10 credit given)

**DEPART: 9:30 AM... Hillside Community Center - 1 N. Lind Ave.**

**ARRIVE: Casino 11:30 AM (CST) 12:30 (EST)**

**DEPART: Casino 3:30 PM (CST) 4:30 PM (EST)**

**ARRIVE: Community Center at approximately 5:30 PM (CST)**

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

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

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

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

Casino Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT DUE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024**

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
Village of Hillside  
425 Hillside Avenue | Hillside, Illinois 60162  
Attention: Janice O'Connor  
Any Questions ... call (708) 544-8599



# Hillside Senior Social Club Is for Those Looking for Fun and Adventure

Hillside Director of Senior Programming, Janice O'Connor, is on the search for people 60 and over to join the Hillside Senior Social Club. If you are looking for fun activities that add enjoyment to your life then look no further than the Hillside Senior Social Club.

So far in 2023, the Hillside Senior Club has held a Valentine Party, a Bingo Game Day, a St. Patrick's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas luncheons, a trip to Drury Lane Theater to see "A Chorus Line", and a "Christmas Carol", a Chicago River architecture tour... with more events planned!

Membership is FREE to any Hillside resident over 60. One can enroll by one of the following ways:

1. Call Janice O'Connor at 708-544-8599
2. Register at the Village Hall
3. Cut out the form below and mail it to the address on the form or bring it to the front desk at the Hillside Village Hall.



Day Trips to Dining Adventures and Much More

## HILLSIDE SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB REGISTRATION FORM

Please return as soon as possible to:

**Village of Hillside**  
**Attention: Janice O'Connor**  
**425 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, Illinois 60162**  
**Questions? Please call 708-544-8599**

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Friday Meetings 12:30-2:30 PM

# Hillside Senior Social Club

JANUARY 12th & 26th  
 FEBRUARY 9th & 23rd  
 MARCH 8th & 22nd  
 APRIL 12th & 26th  
 MAY 10th & 24th  
 JUNE 14th & 28th  
 JULY 12th & 26th  
 AUGUST 9th & 23rd  
 OCTOBER 11th & 25th  
 NOVEMBER 8th & TBD  
 DECEMBER 13th & TBD



(Dates & times subject to change)

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER  
 1 N. LIND AVE., HILLSIDE, IL 60162

CONTACT THE COORDINATOR OF SENIOR SERVICES JAN O'CONNOR  
 (708) 544-8599

# Everyone Wins When You Practice Fire Safety...

## James Scruggs Wins Fire Safety Contest Gift Basket

In the last issue of the Hillside Herald, the Hillside Fire Department ran a "Home Fire and Life Safety checklist contest" for its residents. This was in preparation of this year's NFPA Fire Prevention week October 8-14, 2023. This year's theme was "Cooking Safety Starts With YOU".

I am happy to announce that Mr. James Scruggs won a gift basket filled with many home safety devices. Pictured is Mr. Scruggs accepting his gift basket from Fire Department shift members and Mayor Tamburino.

Fires can break out at any time. The Hillside Fire Department encourages everyone to minimize the risk by practicing FIRE SAFETY EVERYDAY! And thanks to all who submitted entries.



James Scrugg being presented his Fire Safety Prize

## JG's Jerk Grill Brings a Taste of the Caribbean to Hillside

*JG's Jerk Grill*, 4848 Butterfield in Hillside, opened its doors on August 26th and held its grand opening on September 30th, which was attended by several local village officials.

"We are the first Black-owned Caribbean jerk restaurant in Hillside," said Jacquelyn Guidry, who owns the restaurant with her husband Marvin.

"We're excited to offer more food offerings that aren't fried," Jacquelyn said. "Our food is made with lots of love and preparation. It's all made with recipes from our family and recipes we've curated and perfected over the years."

Jerk is a spicy grilled-meat dish mostly associated with Jamaica but common throughout the Caribbean.



Mayor Tamburino, Village Clerk Gould, and Village Trustee Watson cheer on Jackie Guidry as she officially cuts the ribbon on Hillside's latest dining option.



Jerk Chicken with sides is one of JG's Jerk Grill signature dishes

Jerk refers to a style of cooking in which the main ingredient—which most often is chicken but may also be beef, pork, goat, boar, seafood, or vegetables—is coated in spices and slow-cooked over a fire or grill traditionally composed of green pimento wood positioned over burning coals; the resulting smoke is key to the flavor of the dish.

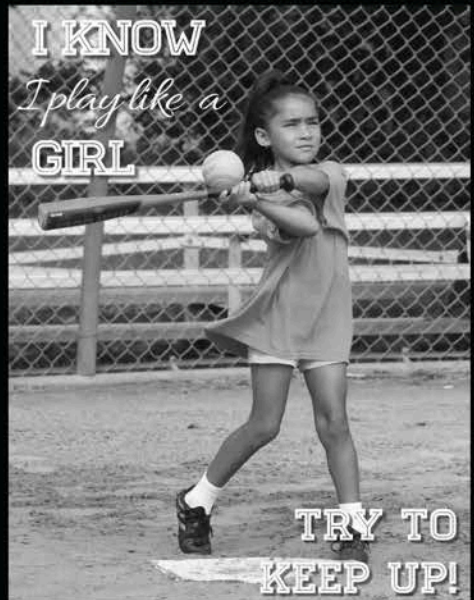
Visit their website at [www.gsjerkgrill.com](http://www.gsjerkgrill.com) to view their menu. They also provide GrubHub or UberEats delivery service to your door.

Also, take a moment and go online and read the many positive customer reviews of *JG's Jerk Grill*. The Hillside Herald bids you welcome and wishes success for your restaurant.

# Westchester Is Inviting Hillside Girls From Kindergarten To Seniors In High School To Register For Girls Softball!!!



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# GIRLS SOFTBALL

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**T-BALL**  
ages K - 1st Grade  
**JUNIORS**  
2nd - 4th Grade  
**MINORS**  
5th - 8th Grade  
**MAJORS**  
9th - 12th Grade



## 2024 SEASON

MAY - JULY

### OPEN REGISTRATION

DECEMBER 1ST - FEBRUARY 29TH

\*T-Ball registration extended through April 1st

### REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ONLINE & MAIL-IN

please see website for additional information

[www.leaguelineup.com/wgs](http://www.leaguelineup.com/wgs)

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sportsmanship,  
fair play, courtesy, respect,  
honesty & integrity

T-BALL	\$120
JUNIORS	\$155
MINORS	\$165
MAJORS	\$165



Registration deadline 2.29.24  
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\*restrictions apply

# Hillside Library Information

## January and February 2024 Events and Programs

Hours: Monday – Thursday 9 am to 8 pm; Friday – Saturday 9 am to 5 pm; Sunday Closed

Closed: January 1, 15 and February 19

### YOUTH

**Lego Club:** January 10 and 24; February 7 and 21 at 5:00 pm.

**Winter BINGO:** Stop in at the end of your winter break to play some BINGO! January 4 at 5:00 pm.

**Pajama Movie Afternoon:** Enjoy an afternoon in pajamas while watching a movie! Bring a stuffy and blanket. January 20 at 1:30 pm.

**Bookworm Bunch:** Perfect for littles ages 2-4 years old. January 25 at 2:00 pm.

**Valentine's Day Storytime and BINGO:** February 14 at 5:30 pm.

**Frog and Toad Leap Year Tea Party:** Celebrate this extra day with our leaping friends Frog and Toad! February 29 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

### TWEENS AND TEENS

**Teen Glow in the Dark Paint Night:** Paint a canvas with glow in the dark paint with friends! January 18 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

**Teen Tech BINGO:** Collect a BINGO card all month long in February. Each task is technology based at the library. All cards due by March 1.

### ADULT

**Monday Movie Matinee:** Snacks and beverages at 2:00 pm and the movie begins at 2:15 pm.  
January 8: *After the Thin Man* starring William Powell and Myrna Loy.  
February 12: *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* with Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn, and Sidney Poitier.

**NEW!!! Zumba:** Start 2024 with our newest wellness class. Limit: 15. January 24 at 9:00 am and February 23 at 12:30 pm.

**Financial Protection Series:** Hosted by Elmhurst Bank, these classes will help you make sure your finances are secure. Classes start at 10:00 am.  
January 6: Identity protection  
February 3: Preventing financial exploitation

**Narcan Training:** 1-hour hands-on class on using Narcan. January 16 at 6:00 pm, January 24 at 10:00 am, and February 12 at 5:30 pm.

**Soundbath Meditation:** February 7 at 12:00 pm.

**Valentine's Day Movie Special:** Start Valentine's Day enjoying coffee and breakfast treats while watching

*An Affair to Remember* with Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr. February 14 at 10:00 am.

**Mental Health Awareness:** The start of a new year can be stressful! Get tips from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). January 16 at 5:00 pm and February 22 at 5:00 pm.

**Professional Headshots:** An experienced photographer will take high quality headshots. Bring a USB drive. January 3 at 4-6:00 pm.

### ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

**Adult Book Discussion:** Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm. Snacks and beverages.  
January 3: *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano  
February 7: *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro

**Mixed Stitchers:** Every Thursday at 6:00 pm.

**Mid-Day Chair and Floor Yoga:** Every Friday at 12:30 pm. No class on February 23.

### Illinois Libraries Present:

Virtual events brought to you in partnership with **Illinois Libraries Present**. Register at [www.hillside.library.org](http://www.hillside.library.org).  
Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 pm – *Speculating our AI Future* with Corry Doctorow, Ken Kiu, and Martha Wells  
Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm – *A Conversation with Jerry Craft*  
Tuesday, February 20 (Time TBD) – *Bridgerton and all things romance* with Julia Quinn

**Senior Tech Help:** Call the library to make an appointment.

### ALL AGES/COMMUNITY/FAMILY

**Black History Month Raffle:** Enter our raffle celebrating Black History Month.

**Winter Break Family Yoga:** Keep the kids moving during winter break. January 3 at 12:00 pm.

**Pygmalion at the Western Springs Theatre:** Off-site Event: Register by January 20. Cost: \$10.00 for ticket and transportation. February 3. Show begins at 2:30 pm.

**HIVECLASS Self-Defense Class:** Learn basic self-defense moves from our new database Hiveclass! February 8 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

**Drop-In Valentines:** Stop by to make Valentine's for your friends and family. February 8-13 All Day.

### EVENTOS EN ESPAÑOL

**Noche de Lotería:** jueves, 15 de febrero 6-7 pm  
¡Únete a nosotros para jugar este juego tradicional mexicano! Este es un evento para toda la familia. Se recomienda registrarse para este evento.

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**The Village of Hillside Youth Commission's**



# **BOWLING**

## *Extravaganza*

**Saturday, February 25th  
Noon until 2 PM**

(Limited space available - first come first served)

**Registration opens at 11 AM**

**Cost \$5 per person (includes shoe rental)**

**HILLSIDE BOWL**

**4545 Harrison Street • Hillside**

This event is sponsored by the Village of Hillside ONLY and is NOT sponsored by any school district.



# VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE 2023 EVENTS AS SEEN THROUGH A CAMERA LENS

Very few Villages host as many events for its residents as does Hillside. Starting in January with the always sold-out Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast through the Spring with the Easter Egg Hunt to the Summer with our fabulous Summer Nights Concert series to the Tree Lighting/Santa Visit at the end of the year, Hillside has something for residents of all ages.

Let's take a look at some of these 2023 events as seen through the camera lenses of Brody Farries, La Shawn Campbell, Leslie Rios, and Special Events Coordinator Evelyn Belmonte.



## JANUARY

### Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



▲ Community Relations Commission Chairman. Anthony Padgett, Speaker of the Illinois House Emanuel "Chris" Welch and Hillside Mayor Joseph Tamburino at the MLK Breakfast



▲ Freedom Baptist Church Youth Performing Arts participated in celebrating Dr. King's legacy



◀ Another sold out MLK event enjoyed by all

The 21st Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, hosted by the Hillside Community Relations Commission, is always a popular event. On January 16th, over 300 people gathered in the Sheet Metal Workers' Local #73 Union Hall in Hillside. The attendees dined on eggs, potatoes, sausage, bacon, fruit, bakery goods, assorted juices, and coffee.

While dining, they heard a speech from Hillside's very own State Representative and Speaker of the House Emanuel "Chris" Welch on the importance of keeping Dr. King's legacy alive. Entertainment included the Freedom Baptist Church Youth Performing Arts Ministry and music was provided by DJ B-Low.

## APRIL

### In April Things Were Hopping at Hillside's Easter Egg Hunt

On a brisk sunny April 8th, Mr. E. Bunny made an appearance in the Hillside Commons. Prior to the egg hunt, hundreds of free donuts were gobbled up by kids and adults alike. At 10 a.m., children, sorted by age groups, dashed onto the Hillside Commons field to gather eggs in hopes that they grabbed a special egg that guaranteed them a unique prize. However, there were no losers. Every child went home with a smile and a prize.



▲ Every child left with a prize



▲ Get out of the way there are eggs to be found

◀ A smile that warmed a brisk morning

# VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE 2023 EVENTS AS SEEN THROUGH A CAMERA LENS



## MAY

### May Sees Hillside Come Alive after a Winter Hiatus

May 12th, the popular Game Truck was parked in the Village Hall parking lot and was continuously packed with video game players. On May 15th, the Hillside Fire Department presented to Proviso West seniors the graphic results that reckless behavior on prom night can cause.



Game Truck, a popular Hillside event

The Game Truck event demonstrates the diversity that is Hillside

The focus was intense and the competition even more intense



First, the Jaws of Life to extract a victim



Second, the extraction of the victim



Lastly, the victim is passed in front of the students

On May 20th, Hillside held its annual UFO day where residents volunteer to pick up accumulated winter debris in all areas of Hillside. This year, we had one of our biggest turnouts thanks to Hillside Baseball managers volunteering their teams.

The last May event was held on Memorial Day in the Hillside Veteran Memorial Plaza to honor those who have fallen in defense of our freedom.



Playing "Taps" to honor Hillside's fallen



One generation passing on to the next the meaning of Memorial Day

This years Hillside Baseball was actively involved in the clean-up effort



Free lunch for volunteers courtesy of the Hillside McDonalds



Families joined in the effort to clean up our Village



Lowering the flag to half-mast



# VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE 2023 EVENTS AS SEEN THROUGH A CAMERA LENS

## JUNE

### June Is Busting Out All Over



▲ It was great day to float down the Chicago River



▲ Ready to head to the boats



▲ Ship Ahoy! The Riverboat Adventure begins

The Hillside Senior Social Group continued its busy 2023 with a Chicago Architecture tour on the Chicago River. On a beautiful day, 53 club members headed to downtown Chicago to board a Wendella Tour boat. For over an hour the seniors were mesmerized by the buildings that have made Chicago a leader in architectural design.



▶ Can I take him home?



Yuck, it's slimy ▲



▲ Always a fun show for people of all ages

On June 23rd, the Village Board Room was host to kids and adults alike as they learned about exotic animals and were even able to hold some. The informative presentation was conducted by the Crosstown Exotic company.

## JULY

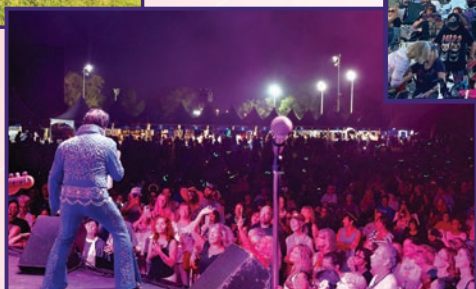
### July... the Days Were Warm... But the Music at the Summer Nights in Hillside Concert Series Was Even Hotter!



▶ A view of the thousands who attend our Tuesday concerts



▲ Our Cruise Night, which is attached to the concert grounds, is one of the biggest in the suburbs, drawing over 300 cars



◀ Our 2023 concerts featured two musical acts a night featuring a variety of music. The one pictured here featured the best Elvis Tribute Artist

Thanks to the Hotel/Motel tax money, which by state law must be spent on promoting Hillside. The Village is host to one of the Chicago area's best concert series. Chicago broadcast TV have done stories on how our tiny Village attracts several thousand to the Hillside Commons every Tuesday to listen to top musical acts. This season, the concerts were expanded to include two musical acts. Attached to the concert grounds is one of the largest Cruise Nights in the suburbs with over 300 classic vehicles on display.

# VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE 2023 EVENTS AS SEEN THROUGH A CAMERA LENS

## AUGUST

### August... Summer Coming to End but Hillside Events Kept Rolling Along



▲ Students enjoying the Game Truck



▲ Free lunch was served



▲ Local organizations handing out free gifts

The *Summer Nights in Hillside* Concert Series was not the only Village sponsored event to take place in August. The Village also hosted a Back-to-School Celebration on August 12th. Parents and their children were given free gift bags, fed Home Run Inn Pizza, danced to music supplied by a DeeJay, played video games in the Game Truck, and experienced several school-oriented activities. This event continues to grow each year.



▲ What better way to spend a summer day than with friends



▲ Burgers and dogs must be accompanied by pasta salad, cole slaw and potato salad



▲ Burgers and dogs enjoyed by all

On August 31st, The Hillside Seniors Social Group hosted an end of summer BBQ. On a beautiful summer day, dozens of Hillside's seniors chowed down on burgers and assorted side dishes and desserts while basking in the nice weather in the Village Hall Courtyard.

## SEPTEMBER

### September, the Days Are Shorter but that Doesn't Mean the Fun in Hillside Ends

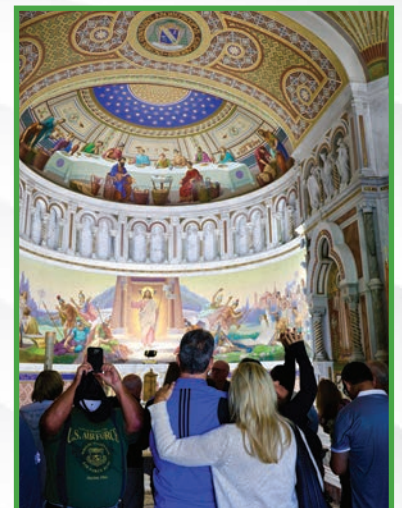
On September 30th, the Village hosted the always sold-out Cemetery Tour. Hillside is known for being home to several cemeteries. The tour takes place on a trolley. The tour is conducted by Mayor Joseph Tamburino who enlightens residents about the unique history each cemetery contains. If you have never been on the tour, make it a point to attend in the future.



▲ Mayor Tamburino talks about the cemetery tour while attendees enjoy a breakfast



▲ Entering the masoleum where Chicago Cardinals are entombed



▲ Gazing at the beautiful ceiling in the Cardinal masoleum

# VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE 2023 EVENTS AS SEEN THROUGH A CAMERA LENS

## OCTOBER

### October, as the Leaves Begin to Turn, Hillside Turns to More Events



▲ The Prairie Path was buzzing with activity



◀ There was all sorts of activities for children

The first weekend in October, Hillside, in conjunction with Berkeley, held their 3rd AutumnFest along the Prairie Path. The weather was in the low 50's, but that did not deter the crowds who hiked along the path listening to music, dining on food, purchasing gifts from market vendors while their children were entertained by rides and kid-oriented attractions.

▶ Wherever you went, music filled the air



On October 14th, the Hillside Fire Department hosted its annual Open House at the Fire Station on Wolf Road. People got to sit on fire trucks, watch fire safety demonstrations and witnessed firefighting techniques.



▲ Pictures were taken of Junior Firefighters



▲ Hillside Firefighters did fire technique demonstrations



▲ People of all ages lined up to sit on a fire engine

On October 31st, a great Hillside Halloween tradition continued with the annual bonfire and the Halloween costume contest. All participants were given prizes. The weather was frigid, but that did not deter the attendees from having a great time.



▲ Celebrating Halloween in Hillside is not just for children

On a very cold night the Halloween bonfire was a welcome sight ▼



▲ The Horse Drawn Wagon is a Hillside Halloween favorite

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## NOVEMBER

### Every November Hillside Honors Its Veterans

On November 1st, at the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 73 Hall, Hillside feted 186 residents who served in the armed forces. Veterans enjoyed a sit-down dinner of chicken limone, salad, soup, asparagus spears, and Duchesse potatoes, topped off with cake and ice cream. They were serenaded by singer Collette Hawley. Each veteran was presented a half-zip shirt with the words Proud Veteran emblazoned on it.

On November 4th, the Village of Hillside held its 21st Annual Veterans Day Parade. It was one of the nicest days the Parade has enjoyed in many years. The parade kicked off at 1 pm from the Village Hall. The parade wound for blocks featuring military organizations, veteran groups, local school bands, charitable groups, and a host of suburban village fire trucks and police cars. This year's Grand Marshal was George Cross, who at 101 years old, was our oldest Grand Marshal ever. No Village honors its veterans like Hillside.



▲ Mayor Tamburino announces Hillside's Parade Grand Marshal who is 101 years old, alongside Mr. Cross' daughter-in-law Haroleon Cross



▲ One of the many local JROTC and youth groups who marched in the parade



▲ The Army National Guard unit presents the flag before dinner



▲ A beautiful morning brought people out along the parade route



▲ Hillside Veterans deservedly being honored with a dinner



▲ Bagpipers leading the bus containing veterans before the reviewing stand

# VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE 2023 EVENTS AS SEEN THROUGH A CAMERA LENS

## DECEMBER

### Every December Hillside Celebrates the Season of Peace and Joy

On December 4th, Hillside welcomed Santa Claus, and for the first time ever, Mrs. Claus accompanied the jolly old elf. They were there to flip the switch on the Village Christmas Tree and to listen to children as they told Santa what they wanted for Christmas. It was the nicest night in recent memory for this event, which resulted in the largest crowd to ever attend. Nearly 400 children visited with Santa while parents sipped on hot chocolate.



▲ Santa ready to light the Village Holiday tree



▲ Mrs. Claus made her first ever Hillside appearance



▲ Santa makes his entrance to cheers and pictures being snapped



▲ Singer Collette Hawley serenaded the crowd with Seasonal Standards

On December 5th, the Hillside Senior Social Group held its 2nd Annual Christmas Party luncheon at the Hillside Best Western. Around 100 seniors were entertained by singer Collette Hawley who sang seasonal favorites while Steve the Magician had audience members come up on stage and be part of his act. The attendees were served ham, roasted chicken, sweet potatoes, salad, soup, and sherbet. The Best Western generously donated red and white wine to the event.



▲ Steve the Magician involved audience members in his show



▲ The Hillside Senior Social Group getting ready to enjoy their lunch

# Municipal Calendar of Events



- January 8th Board of a Whole Meeting – 7:30 P.M.
- January 22nd Village Board Meeting – 7:30 P.M.
- January 24th Community Awareness Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
- January 25th Community Relations Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
- February 12th Village Board of a Whole Meeting – 7:30 P.M.
- February 22nd Community Relations Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
- February 26th Village Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
- February 28th Community Awareness Meeting – 7:00 P.M.



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## Mark Your Calendar for the Following Hillside 2024 Events

The following events are scheduled for the following dates. All events are subject to change.

### JANUARY

#### 22nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast -

Monday, January 15th. Sheet Metal Workers' Local 73 Hall, 4550 Roosevelt Road, Hillside at 8:30 A.M.

### MARCH

**Breakfast with Mr. E. Bunny/Egg Hunt -** Saturday, March 30th in the Hillside Commons at 9:30 A.M.

### MAY

**Spring Clean Up Week -** May 13th through May 17th

**Project UFO, Spring Clean Up -** Saturday, May 18th in the Hillside Commons at 10:00 A.M.

#### Memorial Day Commemoration -

Monday, May 27th, Veterans Memorial Area in the Hillside Commons at 12:00 P.M.

### JULY

**Cultural Diversity Celebration -** Saturday, July 13th, Hillside Commons, with details to follow.

#### Summer Nights in Hillside – Concerts/Classic Car Cruise Nights/Food Court/Market Place -

Tuesday, July 23rd and 30th, in the Hillside Commons. The Market Place, Food Court, and Cruise Nights start at 5:00 P.M.; Concerts at 5:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

### AUGUST

#### Summer Nights in Hillside - Concerts/Classic Car Cruise Nights/ Food Court/Market Place -

Tuesday, August 6th, 13th and 20th, in the Hillside Commons. The Market Place, Food Court, and Cruise Nights start at 5:00 P.M.; Concerts at 5:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

**Back to School Event -** Date, Time, and Location TBD

### SEPTEMBER

#### 21st Annual Cemetery Tour -

Saturday, September 28th, starting at the Village Hall at 9:00 A.M. Limited Seating by reservations only.

### OCTOBER

#### Hillside-Berkeley AutumnFest on the Prairie Path -

Saturday, October 5th and Sunday, October 6th. Taft and Electric Avenues from 11 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. both days.

**Halloween Event/Bonfire -** Thursday, October 31st, in the Hillside Commons at 6:30 P.M.

### NOVEMBER

**Veterans Dinner -** Wednesday, November 6th, at the Sheet Metal Workers' Local #73 Union Hall 4550 Roosevelt Road, Hillside at 5:30 P.M. by invitation only.

#### 21st Annual Veterans Day Parade -

Saturday, November 9th. Parade Starts at the Hillside Village Hall at 1:00 P.M.

### DECEMBER

#### Santa's Arrival & Tree Lighting -

Thursday, December 5th, at the Hillside Village Hall and Courtyard at 6:30 P.M.

**5th Annual Holiday Parade -** Wednesday, December 18th, will proceed on streets throughout the Village of Hillside.

*Read future Hillside Herald editions for details on these events and other events as they become scheduled.*