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Hillside Police Prepare for the Pretrial Fairness Act (No Bail Law)

Guest Article by Hillside Deputy Police Chief Laith Ibrahim

On January 1st, 2023, the Pretrial Fairness Act (PFA), which was signed as a part of a larger bill known as the Safe-T Act in 2021, goes into full effect. The Safe-T Act brings many changes to the criminal justice system in Illinois, along with reforms to policing and law enforcement in general. Here are some of the things the act requires.

Police Reform

All of the following mandates in this new law have already been implemented by the Hillside Police Department.

- Increased training directives which include the proper use of force, crisis intervention and first aid.
- Utilization of body-worn cameras required by all police departments by 2025.
- Enforces a strict duty to intercede if an officer witnesses excessive force by another officer and exacts a duty to render aid if any force results in an injury.
- Prohibits chokeholds outside of deadly force encounters.
- Additionally, the act creates a database through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board for police misconduct, requires police certifications by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board which can be revoked for misconduct, prohibits the use of military equipment in policing, removes the requirement for sworn affidavits for complaints, requires services and training for an officer's mental well-being, and requires reporting of deaths while in police custody.



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Hillside Village Hall Hours During the Holiday Season

Open Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | Saturday 9:00 a.m.- Noon
Closed on Sunday

CLOSED on the Following Days:

Veterans Day

Friday, November 11th and Saturday, November 12th

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 24th, Friday, November 25th and Saturday, November 26th

Christmas

Saturday, December 24th and Monday, December 26th

New Year's

Saturday, December 31st and Monday, January 2nd



Information for November 8th Election Day

Early Voting Ends Monday November 7th...

Locations and Hours

Early Voting Ends next Monday, November 7, 2022. The nearest Early Voting locations to Hillside are:

Village of Bellwood, 3200 Washington Boulevard, Bellwood

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

Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Hillside Polling Places for November 8th Election:

Precinct 3 Community Center 1 N. Lind Ave.

Precinct 93 Community Center 1 N. Lind Ave.

Precinct 30 Hillside Village Hall 425 Hillside Ave.

Precinct 60 Hillside Village Hall 425 Hillside Ave.

Precinct 39 Memorial Park District 700 Speechley Blvd.

Precinct 49 Progressive Life-Giving Word Cathedral 4500 Frontage Rd.



For additional information, call the Hillside Village Clerk's Office at 708-202-4325 during regular business hours.

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

COMING SOON...

***Here for Hillside* - a Resident Communication Tool**



The Village of Hillside will be launching a new resident communication tool in the near future named, ***Here for Hillside***. The AI-powered assistant is accessible via text message 24/7. It will be launching in partnership with Citibot, the leading provider of interactive chat solutions for local government.

The village is the first municipality in the state to launch this new technology. 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. Residents will be able to take Hillside matters into their own hands - one text at a time.

Look in future Hillside Herald editions for more information on this exciting new communication tool.

This Winter Do Not Let Cabin Fever Get You Down... Your Best Prescription Is the Village of Hillside's 50/50 Taxicab Program

A cure for Cabin Fever is using *The Village of Hillside's 50/50 taxicab reimbursement program*. Unlike other government bus or taxi programs that limit your travel to within the Village limits, *Hillside's program allows you to travel anywhere in Chicago and the suburbs*. To participate in the 50/50 Taxicab Program, here is all you need to do:



-  Be a Hillside resident, 60 years and over or be 16 years or over with a disability.
-  Enroll in the program at the Hillside Village Hall, 425 N. Hillside Avenue. Please bring proof of age such as a driver's license, state I.D. card, birth certificate, etc.
-  Once enrolled, the Village will issue you a permanent taxicab I.D. card to purchase your 50/50 taxicab coupons. Coupons can only be purchased at the Village Hall during regular business hours.
-  Coupons are sold in \$10.00 booklets – you pay \$5.00, and the Village of Hillside pays the remaining \$5.00.
-  **American Taxi (847-255-9614) and Blue Cab (708-583-6900) are the only taxicab companies that accept the 50/50 coupons.**
-  Coupons can pay for the entire fare, including the tip; or you can use the coupons for the fare and tip the driver in cash – the choice is yours.
-  The coupon allows you to bring up to three friends of any age on your trip at no additional cost. For more information about this innovative and exciting Taxicab Program, please call 708-449-6450

Helpful 50/50 Taxi Program Hints:

- **Call** at least one hour before you need to be picked up; preferably one day in advance.
- **Advise** the cab company if you will be requiring special assistance.
- **Mention** that you have Village of Hillside 50/50 Senior Citizen Ride coupons.
- **Report** lost or stolen coupons to the Village of Hillside immediately at 708-449-6450.

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.



The Village of Hillside
and Broadview-Hillside American Legion Post #626
Present the
20th Annual Veterans Day Parade
Saturday, November 5th, 2022 at 1 P.M.
Grand Marshal David Delgado



A parade consisting of Chicago area JROTC units, Military Units, Suburban Police and Fire Departments, Local Marching Bands, Shriners and Medinah Organizations, Representatives from Various American Legion and VFW Posts, Pipes and Drums of the Midwest and Local Dignitaries will start marching at 1 P.M. at the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue. The parade will then proceed south to Butterfield Road; east on Butterfield Road to Wolf Road; north on Wolf Road to Washington Street; west on Washington Street to the Reviewing Stand at the Veterans Memorial in the Village Commons.

These events are sponsored by the Village of Hillside ONLY and is NOT sponsored by any school district. For more information call 708-202-4343. CDC and State of Illinois Covid-19 guidelines in place at the time of the event will be followed.

**Let Us Honor Those Who Have Fought
and Continue to Defend Our Country**

2022 Veterans Day Grand Marshal David V. Delgado...

Marine, Vietnam Vet, Community Leader

The distinction of Grand Marshal for this year's Veterans Day Parade goes to David (Dave) V. Delgado, who is one of those unique individuals who believes in making his community a better place. Dave has been a resident of Hillside since 1983, and resides with his wife Laura and daughter Gina on Warren Avenue.

Dave has been, and still is, an active member in a number of Hillside organizations. He is a long-time member of St. Domitilla /Queen of All Nations Parish where he has volunteered as an usher for nearly 30 years. He also had the honor of serving for 5 years as the Grand Knight of the Assumption Council Knights of Columbus. For several years he coached within St. Domitilla's intramural sports program; and Dave was also a softball coach in the Hillside Baseball League. Dave is a member of the VFW and a past commander of the Broadview-Hillside American Legion Post 626 where he has been an active participant for 30 years.

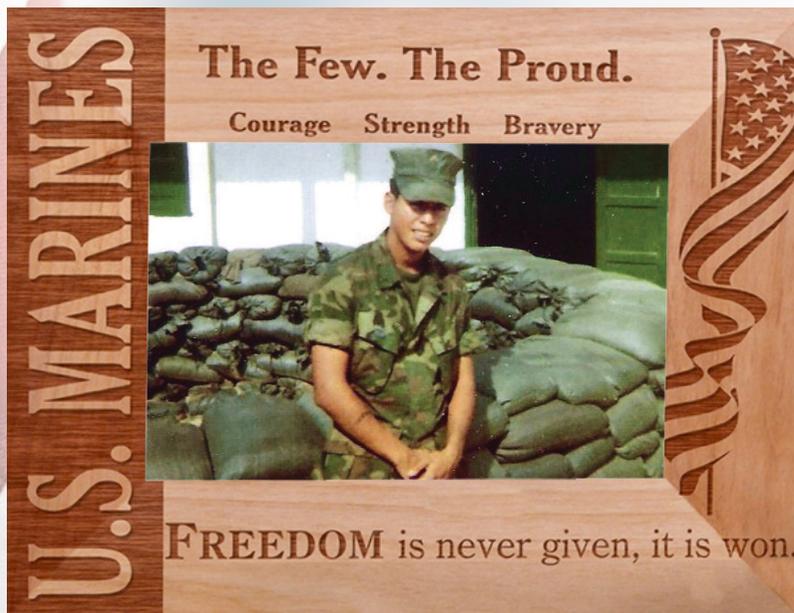
His community involvement did not go unnoticed, and he was named to the Hillside Zoning Board of Appeals. Dave was then elected to the Hillside Village Board of Trustees in 2005. As a Village Trustee, he has been a member of the Finance, Public Safety, and Planning and Zoning committees and is currently chairperson of the Technology Committee.

Born in Chicago, Dave graduated from Chicago Vocational High School with a degree in automotive mechanics. Dave worked in the automotive sector until enlisting in the United States Marine Corps at the age of 19. He attended Marine boot camp in San Diego, California.

given a psychological evaluation and aptitude test which qualified him for the Combined Action Program. The basic concept of this detail was to insert a Marine squad into a village to work with the local Popular Forces (Nghia Quan) and to protect, train, and perform civic action initiatives. His squad was also tasked with engaging insurgent forces (NVA and Viet Cong) and to keep them from attacking the village. After attending CAP school to learn the basic Vietnamese language and customs, Delgado was placed in a village just south of a Phu Bai combat base.



Grand Marshal David V. Delgado



David at a base in Da Nang Vietnam

After basic training, he was sent to Camp Pendleton for combat instruction that included Basic Infantry Training and Infantry Regiment Training in preparation for his deployment to Vietnam.

Dave was deployed to Okinawa and then flown to Da Nang in Vietnam for assignment to a combat unit. Once in Da Nang, he was

After his tour in Vietnam, Dave spent time with a Marine battalion landing team attending jungle survival school in the Philippines and cold weather survival school in Japan. He also took part in mountain warfare training at Camp LeJeune in North Carolina.

His citations include the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat. He was honorably discharged from active duty as a Corporal in April 1971, and was in inactive reserve until April 1976.

Upon his return to civilian life, Dave began working in various settings within the automotive industry where he eventually settled into a purchasing career. Dave is now retired but maintains a part-time position at European Auto Sales in Westchester.

Grand Marshal David Delgado stated, "My number one goal in remaining active in our Village is to ensure the stability of Hillside as a viable community for future generations to thrive and raise a family. In some small way I want to pass on the opportunities and blessings that Hillside has given my family, and it is for those reasons I am honored to serve as the 2022 Grand Marshal."

Be Informed about Tornado Sightings, Street Closures, and Much More by Registering for Hillside's CodeRED Program

Along with emergency and critical messages like tornado sightings, the **CodeRED** notification system can also enhance our community engagement via the release of important yet non-emergency information. This information ranges from road closures to trash collection schedule changes, and other services.

Hillside chose **CodeRED** for its innovative features, user-friendly platform, and information security. We're excited to have the ability to communicate with our residents through text, phone, email, and social media. Whether from the field or from our offices, we are able to provide the information residents need to know to help them make better informed decisions.



areas are sure to receive this valuable information.

Residents and visitors alike can keep track of alerts in Hillside or while traveling with the **CodeRED** Mobile App, which notifies smartphone holders of real-time alerts in the area. We can launch alerts from anywhere at any time, and residents potentially impacted by weather and other time sensitive events will receive them directly to their smartphones. This all happens within seconds, which can make a huge difference in saving lives.

If you have not already signed up, please visit the Village website at www.hillside-il.org to register. Once you are on the village website home page: 1) click the tab at the top called Village Services; 2) then on the popup menu go to the first column and click on **CodeRED** NOTIFICATION SYSTEM; (3) then follow the instructions to immediately start receiving these informative, life-saving alerts. For more information call our police department non-emergency phone at (708) 449-6133



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

Hillside Unveils New Village Website



The Village recently updated their website to make it more user friendly. On the home page you can easily surf to make online payments, download various Village permits, and do much more. It also has a calendar of events section to view upcoming Village happenings. Back issues of the Hillside Herald along with important community information can be found under the Community tab along the top of the home page. Take a moment and visit www.hillside-il.org and check it out.



TREE LIGHTING

and a visit with Santa!

AT THE HILLSIDE VILLAGE HALL

**Thursday
December 1st
6:30 - 8 PM**

**Hillside Village Hall
425 Hillside Avenue**

**Free Sleigh Ride
from 6:30 to 7:30 PM**

**Gifts for Children
(while supply lasts)**



**Brought to you by
The Hillside Youth
Commission!**

**Santa will "flip" the switch
that will make Trees at the
Hillside Commons and the
Courtyard come alive with
thousands of beautiful lights**

**Weather permitting;
we will have a bonfire
to welcome Mr. Claus!**

Then **Visit with the
"Jolly Ol' Elf
until 8 PM in the
Board Room of
the Village Hall**

**For More Info Call the Mayor's Office of Special Events (708) 202-4343
or Check Our Website www.hillside-il.org or Facebook.**

(This is NOT a school sponsored event)

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



A NOTE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If you would like Santa to email or mail a holiday message to your child or children, please provide the following:

1. Your child or children's full name(s) (you can use a child's nickname) and age.
2. The address/email where you would like Santa to send your child a note.
3. Any personalized note you would like Santa to include such as work harder to raise your math grade or help mom around the house more or something similar to make Santa's note more personalized.
4. **The deadline for your request is Monday, December 5th.**

When your request is completed, you can:

a) email it to Santa@Hillside-il.org

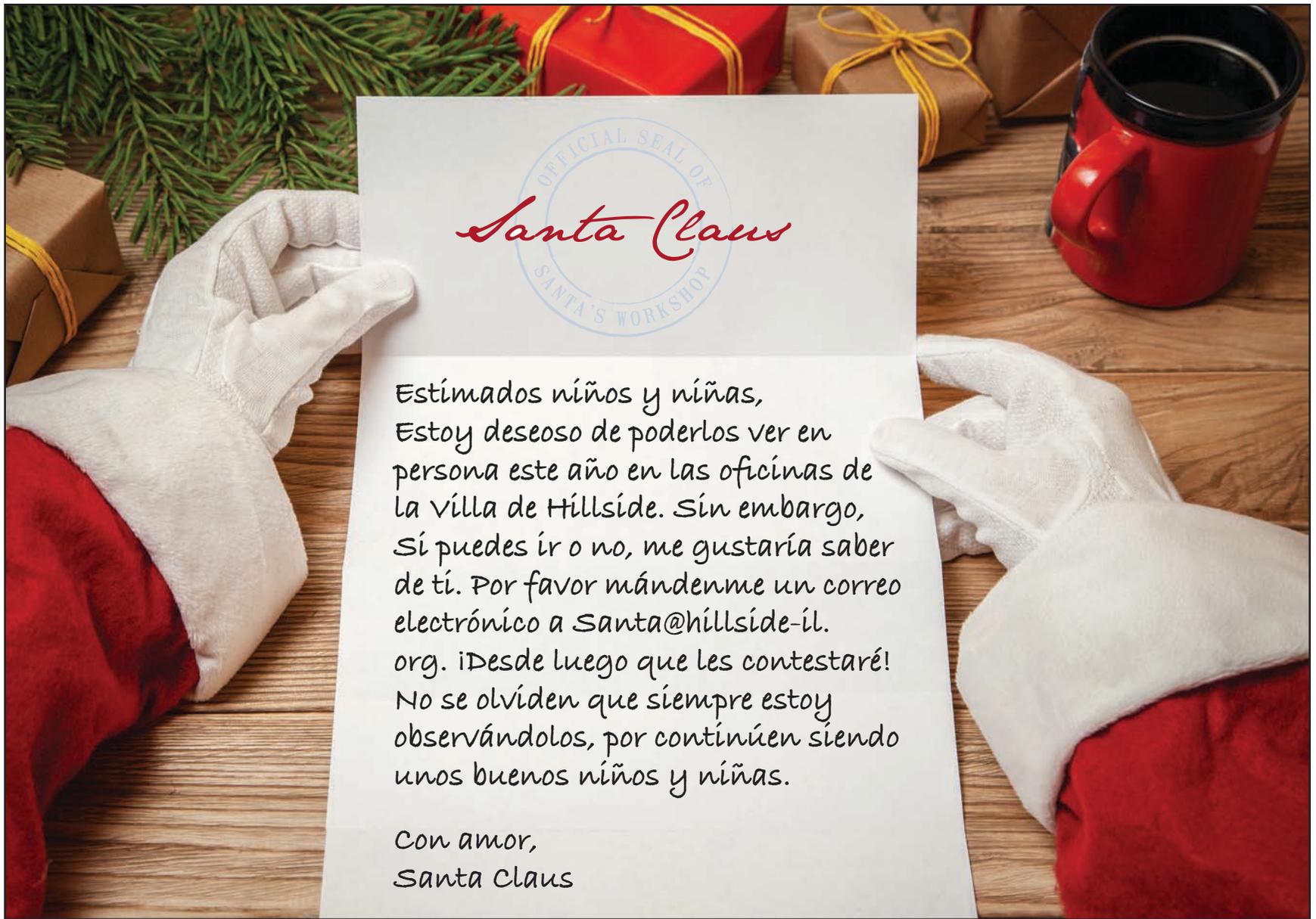
OR

b) Place your request in the Santa Mailbox, seen in the picture to the left, which will be in the lobby of the Hillside Village Hall starting November 15th.



Have a Safe, Healthy, and Happy Holiday Season!

Hillside Youth Commission



Estimados niños y niñas,
Estoy deseoso de poderlos ver en persona este año en las oficinas de la villa de Hillside. Sin embargo, si puedes ir o no, me gustaría saber de tí. Por favor mándenme un correo electrónico a Santa@hillside-il.org. ¡Desde luego que les contestaré! No se olviden que siempre estoy observándolos, por continúen siendo unos buenos niños y niñas.

Con amor,
Santa Claus

UN AVISO PARA LOS PADRES DE FAMILIA Y/O TUTORES

Si usted quiere que su hijo(a) reciba una carta o un correo electrónico de parte de Santa Claus, por favor denos la información siguiente:

1. El nombre completo de su(s) hijo(s) (usted también puede usar el apodo que usa para él o ella) y su edad.
2. La dirección o el correo electrónico al que quiera que Santa Claus mande la nota.
3. Cualquier nota personalizada que usted quiera que Santa Claus escriba, por ejemplo, tienes que trabajar más para mejorar tus calificaciones de matemáticas o tienes que ayudar a tu mamá con los quehaceres de la casa o algo similar para que sean incluidas en la nota de Santa Claus.
4. La fecha límite para su solicitud es el lunes 5 de diciembre.

Cuando tenga esa información haga el favor de mandarla a:

a) Por favor mande un correo electrónico a Santa@Hillside-il.org

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b) Ponga la información en el buzón de Santa Claus, que se muestra en la foto de la izquierda. Este buzón se encontrará en el vestíbulo principal del edificio de la Villa de Hillside a partir del 15 de noviembre.

Esperamos que tengan una temporada de fiestas decembrinas llenos de salud y felicidad. **Comisión de la Juventud de Hillside**



Hillside Public Works Report

FROM PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDING SERVICES
WE ARE WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY,
AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON
NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2022

LEAVES

You can dispose of leaves in your green yard waste cart, or brown yard waste bags, which can be placed out after 4:00 p.m. the evening before your scheduled pick-up day. **Blowing or raking leaves into the street is a violation of Village Ordinance.** **YARD WASTE REMINDER:** The last yard waste pick-up will be the week of November 28th, on your scheduled pick-up day.

SNOW REMOVAL

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 ORDINANCES 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.

BRANCH PICK-UP

The Village branch pick-up has ended for 2022. If you have small branches, bundle them in a 2' x 2' x 2' pile, secure them with twine, place them on parkway the evening before your scheduled garbage pick-up day for Waste Management to remove. The last pickup is the week of November 28th on your scheduled garbage day pick-up. The Village Branch chipper route will resume in April 2023. Be sure to read The Herald for start dates.

STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping is scheduled every week for the month of November. This will conclude street sweeping until March of 2023. Please **refrain from parking on the streets from 6:00 am until 4:30 pm during these dates.**

STREETLIGHTS

It is that time again when our days are becoming shorter and darker. Please report the outage of streetlights to the Public Works and Building Services Department. We do not always know about a streetlight that is out, or one that is turning off and back on again. That is why we need the help of the community to get the lights back on and keep our Village lit up! **Please call 708-202-3434.**

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT

Garbage, recycling, and yard waste will be delayed by one day on the following major Holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Place your carts out on the parkway one evening later than the regular scheduled pick-up.



RECYCLING INFORMATION

Do not place plastic bags in your blue recycle cart. There are many items that can be recycled by using your blue recycle container. Some items not to recycle are: **plastic bags**, electronics, car batteries, light bulbs, window glass, mirrors, styrofoam, tires, hoses, shower curtains, plastic utensils, fast food packaging and hazardous materials.

All items placed in your blue recycle container should be clean and dry. For a complete list of items, please go to Waste Management's website @ <https://www.wm.com/recycling-services/home.jsp>, or call them @1-800-796-9696.

Important note from Waste Management - Plastic bags and bagged recyclables are the biggest contaminants in our MRFs (Material Recovery Facility). Plastic bags get tangled in the sorting equipment and can shut down an entire facility, posing safety hazards to our workers who must remove them from the machinery. It is easier than you think to recycle without using plastic bags.

NOTE TO OUR RESIDENTS

Garbage, recycling, 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 (sweeping, snow plowing) with these obstacles on the street. **Please place your carts on the parkway.**

21st Annual Breakfast Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This Year's Theme Is
Dare to Dream

"For success, equality and freedom"

**Monday
January 16, 2023
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
starting Monday, December 12, 2022,
until Monday, January 9, 2023.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

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

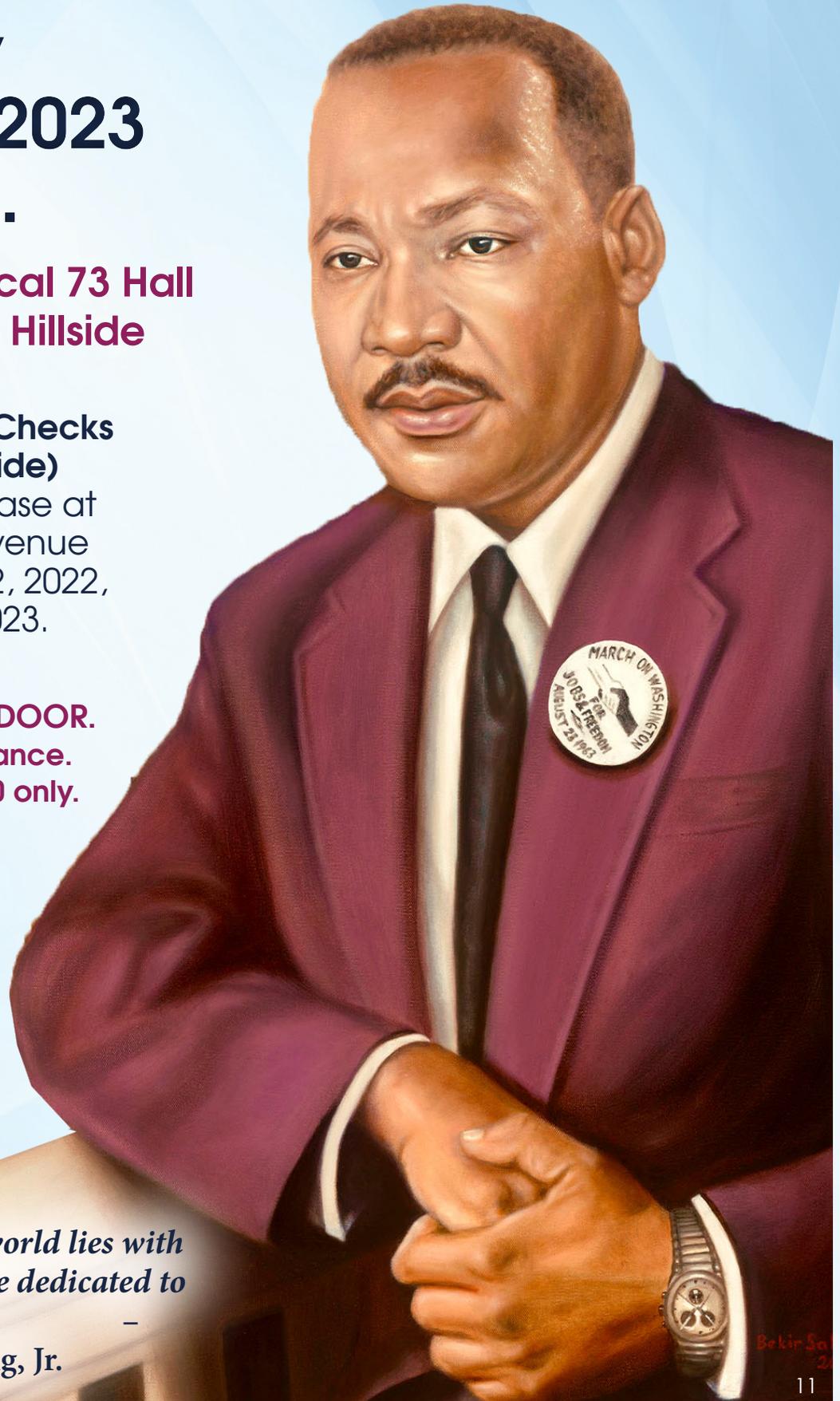
For more information
call 708-202-4343 or visit
our website
www.hillside-il.org
and like us on Facebook!

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

(This is NOT a school sponsored event)

*"The hope of a secure and livable world lies with
disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to
justice, peace, and brotherhood."*

–
–Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



The Hillside Community Relations Commission and The Village of Hillside

ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Students are invited to write an original essay based on the theme for the 21st Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Celebration that will be held on Monday, January 16, 2023.

*Our 2023 Topic is
Dare to Dream*

"For success, equality and freedom"

The essay content from students should address ideas or actions that promote positive life values, access to job opportunities, education or justice for everyone, regardless of race.

FORMAT: The essay submission should be 1,500 words or less, either neatly hand-written or typed. All essays should be in English and only one submission per student.

CRITERIA: Essays will be judged on the quality of the expression of the theme, organization of thoughts and essay presentation (spelling, grammar, and punctuation, etc.).

Each school should select the **top three essays** per grade, per school and submit those to the Hillside Community Relations Commission for winner selection. Please ensure that final essays list the student name, grade and teacher.

DEADLINE: Please submit the top essays to the Hillside Village Hall marked "Attention: Hillside Community Relations Commission" by Friday, December 9, 2022. In addition to the name of the school, be sure to list the email of the School Principal or contact person on the envelope.

The Hillside Community Relations Commission will judge the final essays. The essay winner's school principal or contact person will be notified for communication to the student.

For more information, please call (708) 449-6450 or (708) 202-4343; or visit the website at www.hillside-il.org.

Thank you for your participation!

Tony Padgett - HCRC Chairman
Hillside Community Relations Commission,
Village of Hillside - 425 Hillside Ave., Hillside, IL 60162

Hillside Community Relations Commission & The Village of Hillside Presents

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 2023 DREAM AWARD

This award recognizes an individual who exemplifies the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through their personal commitment to human relations and social justice. The nominee should be actively engaged in activities that support the dream of Dr. King such as: promoting non-violence, striving to improve their community, respecting all ethnicities, and making a priority of helping people in need.

Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____

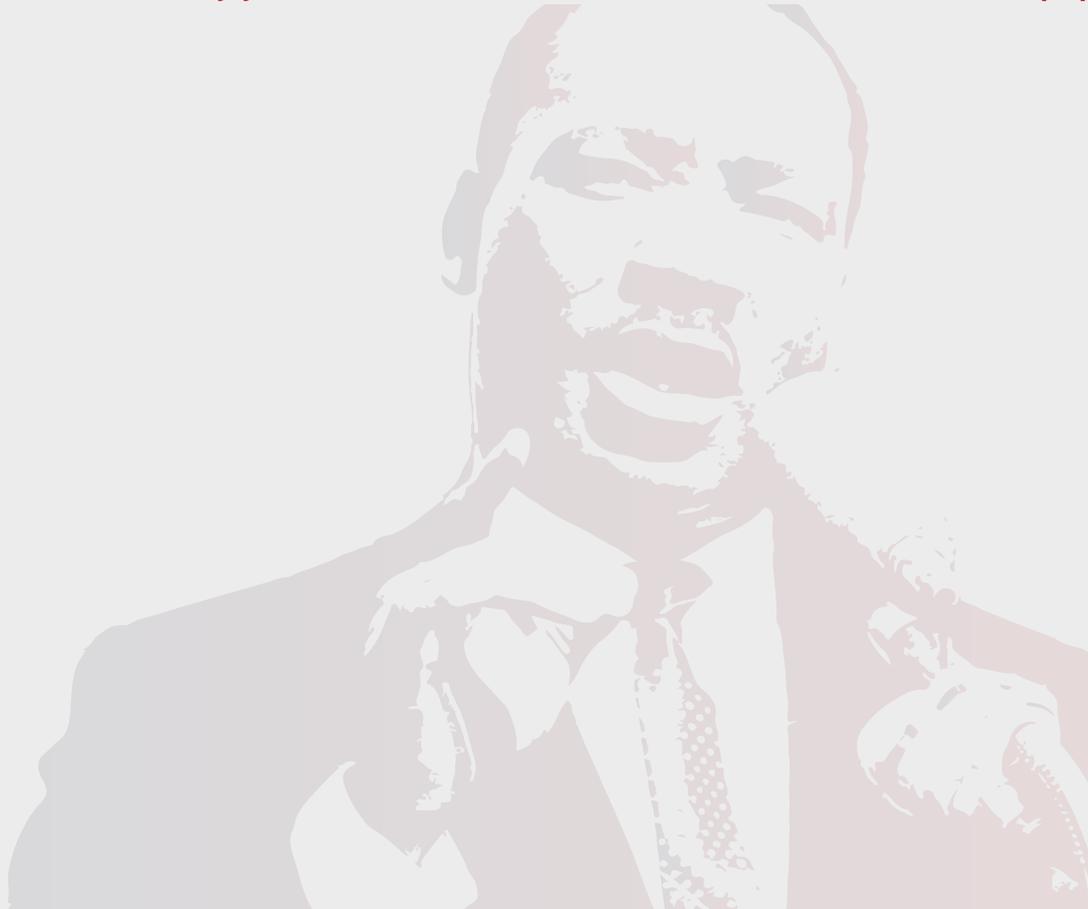
Nominee Telephone #: _____ Nominee E-mail Address: _____

Submitted by: _____

Address of Nominator: _____

Telephone #: _____ E-mail Address _____

Write in the space below why your nominee deserves this award (use additional paper if needed).



When completed, return this application no later than December 9, 2022 to

Attention: Hillside Community Relations Commission, Village of Hillside, 425 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, IL 60162 or put it in the Village Drop Box.

If you need more information, please call (708) 449-6450 or (708) 202-4343

(This is NOT a school sponsored event)

What is the Pretrial Fairness Act?

The Pretrial Fairness Act as of January 1st, **will eliminate cash bail for offenses in all of Illinois. It changes how people that are only charged, not convicted, of a crime are handled prior to trial.** Arrestees in many cases will be released without posting money but will still be accountable under a pre-trial release program.

The **Pretrial Fairness Act** will include some felonies in its enactment. The Act does outline which offenses are detainable (held in custody) and non-detainable (released but with pretrial conditions). It is important to note that even non-detainable offenses, in some cases, can lead to detention if certain conditions are met, such as a person being charged with a particular type of crime, or they pose a threat to a specific person or persons, or their risk of flight is probable. **Non-detainable offenses do not mean the person is automatically released in all circumstances. In any arrest, if it is necessary, a procedure is in place for a hearing to be held by a judge to decide whether a person is released or held in custody.**

The act does mandate a ticket be issued in lieu of an arrest and processing for low-level crimes such as disorderly conduct or trespassing. However, this does not mean that an arrest cannot be made. **To be released only with a ticket and NOT taken to the police department the following criteria must be met.**

1. The person needs to be positively identified on the scene.
2. They may not pose an obvious threat to the community.
3. The person does not have an obvious medical or mental health issue.

If any of the above are not met the police department may take the individual into custody and transport them either to the police department or a medical facility, if appropriate.

According to the text of the bill, defendants can be denied pretrial release if a hearing finds that they meet any of the following criteria:

-The defendant is charged with a "forcible felony" that comes with a mandatory sentence of imprisonment without probation upon conviction, and that the release of that defendant would constitute a threat to any person or the community at large.

"Forcible felonies" include "first degree murder, second degree murder, predatory criminal sexual assault, robbery, burglary, residential burglary, aggravated arson, arson, kidnapping, aggravated battery resulting in great bodily harm or permanent disability or disfigurement and any other felony which involves the use or threat of physical force or violence against any individual."

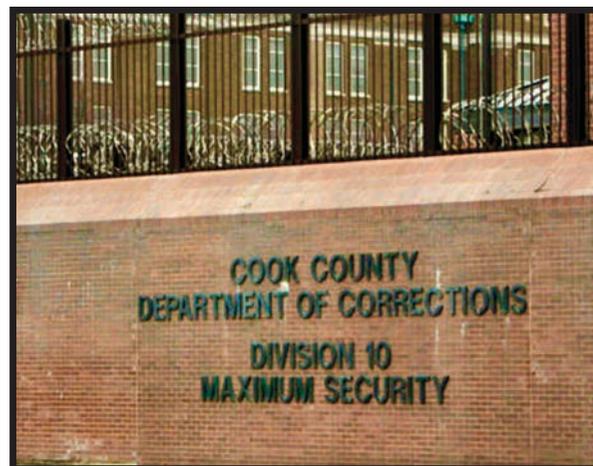
-If the defendant is charged with stalking or aggravated stalking, and their release would pose a threat to the community or to an individual.

-If the defendant is charged with domestic battery or aggravated domestic battery, and their release would pose a threat to the community or an individual.

-If the defendant is charged with a sex offense, and their release would pose a threat to the community or an individual.

-If the defendant has a high likelihood of "willful flight to avoid prosecution" and is charged with a forcible felony.

The Hillside Police Department is currently in the process of developing operational procedures to help guide our officers with standards that will help them balance compliance with the new law while still providing safety and security for our Village. Furthermore, it is our belief that by not arresting and processing low-level offenders that meet certain guidelines, our officers and other law related resources will be freed up. As of now, many hours are spent processing these types of arrests, this law will allow officers to return to their regular duties much quicker. Rest assured the Hillside Police Department is diligently working to fulfill our mission of ensuring the public's wellbeing and preparing for the new law.



PLAY WHAT AND WHERE IN HILLSIDE AND WIN A



Last month's *What and Where* image showing the top of the High Point Plaza sign was a tough one. We only had one correct answer. So, in the holiday spirit this issue's picture is an easy one for you to identify. Win a \$50 Target gift card by correctly identifying this month's Hillside's *Where and What* image seen in this article and where it is located. All correct entries will be entered in a random drawing where one winner will be drawn.

Rules

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

Hillside Officer Named Outstanding Recruit



Mayor Joseph Tamburino, Police Chief Murphy, Deputy Chief Ibrahim and the men and women of the Hillside Police Department would like to Congratulate Officer Nicholas Rodriguez on his graduation from the Chicago Police Metro Academy. Officer Rodriguez received the Outstanding Recruit Award; this award is voted on by the recruits and presented at the graduation ceremony and is one the most prestigious awards handed out by the academy. Officer Rodriguez will now start his Field Training program with our training officers for the next twelve weeks.

Hillside Fire Department Gets New Equipment Donated

The Hillside Fire Department generously received a donation from Country Financial Insurance's "Operation Helping Heroes" program. With the additional funds, the Department was able to purchase a cordless operated 9" saw. This saw has multiple uses and will improve Firefighter safety and fireground operations.



Hillside Fire Chief Ken Carling Being Presented a New Cordless Saw from Country Financial Insurance



The Greater Chicago Food Depository states around 15% of area residents are food deprived, that is, they do not know when their next meal will be, or if it will be enough food. Many households that experience food insecurity do not qualify for federal nutrition programs and visit their local food banks and other food programs for extra support.

Right here in our own backyard, let's make it our mission to ensure no neighbor goes hungry this holiday season. If you want to give to a food pantry that serves Hillside, please donate to the following:

The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

There are three drop off locations where you can donate food or toiletry items:

- In the blue bins in the back of St. Domitilla's Church on Saturday or Sunday after mass
- St. Domitilla's Office at 4940 Washington Street, Hillside during weekday hours
- In one of the red boxes in the lobby of the Hillside Village Hall during regular business hours

St. Vincent DePaul accepts all food and toiletry items, but they have a real need currently for breakfast cereals, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix and syrup, shampoo and conditioner, kitchen dish soap, laundry detergent, deodorant and body wash.

The Westchester Food Pantry

This pantry serves the communities of Berkeley, Bellwood, Broadview, Hillside, Hines, La Grange Park, Westchester, and Western Springs. They are open 4-7 P.M. on Wednesday and 9-11 A.M. on Saturday. The pantry's address is 1938 S. Mannheim Road, Westchester. Clients can come once each calendar month and must show proof of residency.

They have a need for peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned meals (chili, ravioli, stew, etc.), soup, cereal, pasta, baking mixes, canned meat and dry and wet dog and cat food.

For more information, or for other locations to drop off items or to learn on how you can help, please contact the Westchester Food Pantry at westchesterfoodpantry@gmail.com or www.westchesterfoodpantry.org or 708-927-4826. The Westchester Food Pantry welcomes new volunteers.

**Put Your Hands Together
Hillside Pantry**

**SATURDAY PANTRY DATES
NOV. 12TH & DEC. 10TH**

**HOLIDAY MEAL BOX DISTRIBUTIONS
TUE. NOV. 22ND & FRI. DEC. 23RD
FROM 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2317 S. WOLF ROAD HILLSIDE IL 60162**

Hillside's Vacation Check Program Will Watch Your Home While You Are Vacationing For The Holidays



Keep Your Home Safe by registering for the Hillside Police Department's VACATION CHECK PROGRAM which entails an officer stopping by your home twice a day to make sure everything is secure.

Call 708-449-6133 or stop by the Police Department at 425 Hillside Avenue to register.

Make Room for Those Gifts Santa Is Bringing... Dispose of Your Old Electronic Devices Today!



The Village of Hillside offers a unique electronic recycling program for Hillside residents only. You can dispose of your old 32" or smaller tube televisions, 60" flat screen TV's or smaller, and other electronics such as VCRs, receivers, telephones, etc. This recycling program is NOT for small appliances such as toasters, blenders, etc. The Village of Hillside and Waste Management will not pick-up TVs at curbside. The recycling bins, as seen in the adjoining picture, are located inside the front entrance of the Hillside Village Hall.



◀ Pictured l. to r. Village Trustee Marvin Watson, Fire Chief Ken Carling, FF/Medic Connor Lowman

Top Rated Hillside Fire Department Wins Humanitarian Award

On Saturday September 17th, the Hillside Fire Department was honored with the "Humanitarian Award" at The Answers Inc. Autism Gala in Elmhurst. The HFD raised nearly \$3,000 during their Autism Awareness t-shirt fundraiser in April.

100% of the proceeds collected went to a child or children within the Village of Hillside who are on the spectrum with Autism to help with any schooling, learning devices, therapy, or other needs for the child.

A Message from Village Trustee John Kramer...

Air Force Veteran & Broadview-Hillside American Legion Member

In my last article I talked about what it was like for me going through Officers' Training School (OTS). It was Basic Training but for those qualified to be officers.

A new OTS class would start about every six weeks. When first starting OTS you were in the Lower Class for 6 weeks, then proceeded to the Upper Class. After 12 weeks you would graduate and get your officer commission.

The Upper-Class OT's actually ran OTS with help from the "regulars" who are the military officers & non-commissioned officers. It was the Upper-Class OTs that did most of the yelling, inspections, and drills.

OTS was structurally set up like an Air Force Base – OTS had a Wing at the top echelon, then two groups below that included three or four squadrons each. The Upper Class OTs were given OT rank depending on their position. We wore this rank on our uniforms and we practiced all the military protocols – like saluting any OT who out-ranked us.

The second six weeks were easier than the first six. We became the yellers and the disciplinarians, etc. The Upper Class OTs with rank were under constant scrutiny from the "regulars" and could be demoted if we didn't do our jobs. Also, if OTs failed a test/measurement, they were demoted to OT 2nd Lieutenant which was a rank that was recognized as a failure rank.

I was given the position of Group Chapel Representative with an OT Captain's rank. I was responsible for talking to the Chaplains about religious service changes/schedules and to ensure they were properly publicized. If any OT had questions or issues regarding personal or church related matters, I ensured they got appropriate answers or help. Since I did not have Chaplain privileges, OTs weren't supposed to tell me anything personal, but I would arrange a meeting for them with a Chaplain. I thought being a Chapel Rep would be a pretty easy task, but my experience during that 2nd six weeks proved to be a little more complicated than I imagined.

Sometimes, a Chaplain of one denomination would volunteer to conduct a service for another – I was responsible to type and post all the changes with details while still maintaining my regular OTS scholastic and military curriculum - I didn't want to flunk a class/test.

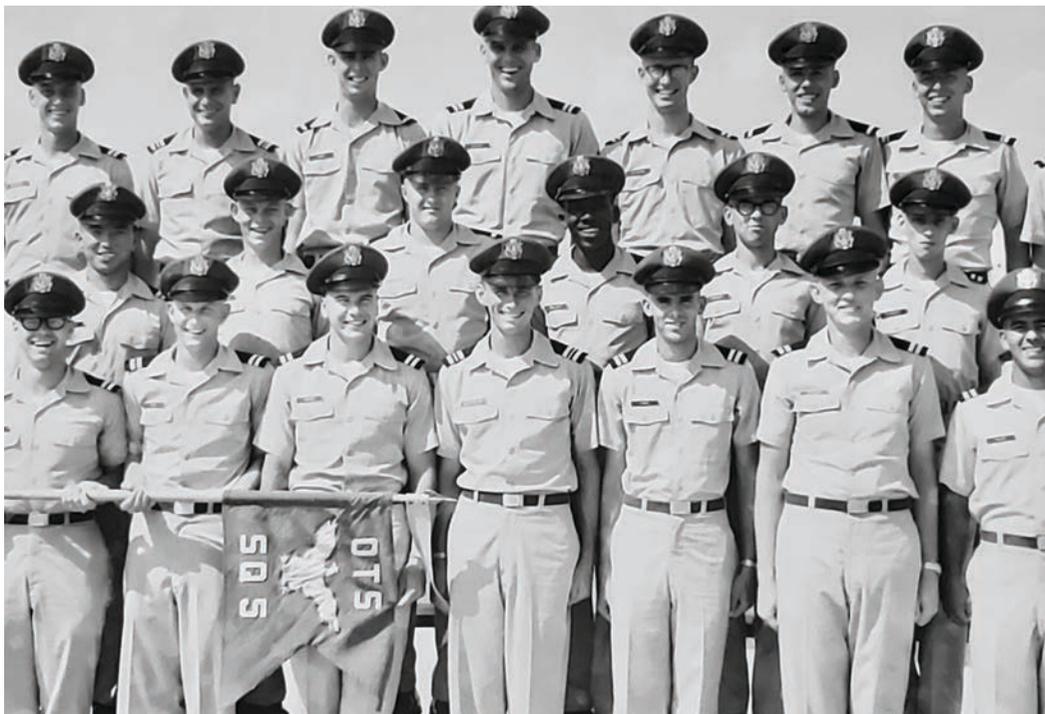
The previous OT Chapel Rep before me warned me to be very careful. He had a bad experience when an OT approached him one day and had no idea how badly this OT was struggling. He was a Lower Classman and had flunked a couple of measurements, which meant he could be eliminated from OTS. The OT Chapel Rep followed the protocol and told him not to tell him anything that he might have to report and that he should see one of the chaplains. The troubled OT started to talk more loudly. The Chapel OT told him if he continued, he would have to report him. Then suddenly the OT completely broke down, started crying violently and got very ill. The OT had the Air Police and Medics summoned. The Medics and Air Police responded, and they took him to the hospital.

I took note of this warning because when something like that happens, it gets thoroughly investigated which could have affected this OT Chapel Representative's future in the Air Force. The OT was later cleared

Fortunately, my tour as a Chapel Rep was less stressful. One Lower Class OT approached me and told me he was afraid of guns and had never

fired one. I called the range officer and alerted him of this. The first time this OT went to the range, he shot the roof over his head because he closed his eyes and pointed the gun upward. This OT eventually qualified and even shot "expert".

OTS was a challenge. It was focused on taking us from civilian life to military life. If you came in disorganized or without purpose – you left OTS quite the opposite or you were washed out. It did me a world of good, and more importantly, prepared me to serve my country. Have a wonderful and safe holiday season.



Captain John Kramer with his OTS graduating class.

John is in second row in the dark rim glasses



Hillside Library Information



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

**Holiday Closures: Wednesday, November 23 the library will close at 5 pm
The library will be closed all day on November 24; November 25; December 24;
December 26; December 31; and January 2**

Mask wearing required inside the library. Please be aware that library hours, events, and procedures can change so check our social media accounts or call the library for more up to the minute information. All library programs and activities are free of charge.

Hillside Public Library News

The library will be launching a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge for newborns, infants, and toddlers. The goal is simple, just read 1000 books! If you have a favorite book you like to read with your child, you can count it as many times as you want. You can finish the program in less than three years if you read just one book per day. Celebrating early literacy is an important way to help your child build language skills, vocabulary, expression, and comprehension. It's also a great way for you to bond with your child and foster lifelong memories for both of you. It's ok if your child is still learning how to read, or if your children are in different stages of reading development. Listening to books in the car, reading with an older sibling or relative or coming to story time are all ways you can log extra books.

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

**November 3: *Snowflower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See
December 7: *The Eleventh Man* by Diog Ivan**

Unicorn Party! Wednesday, November 9, 6:00-7:00 pm
Registration Encouraged.

Winter Scavenger Hunt! Starts December 1.
Find all the winter items hidden in the library for a small prize.

***Check your Hillside Public Library newsletter or stop in at the library for the most up to date information.**

Storytimes This Fall (Caregiver must be present)

Radiant Readers: Mondays, 10:00 am Ends November 14
Ideal for ages 2-4 - All children welcome.

Family Reading Night: November 17, 6-7:30 pm
Pop in the library to read a book with your family! Snacks, crafts, and a dreamy story time will be available. Kids can come in their PJ's and bring their favorite stuffed animal.

Inklings: Comics and Creative Writing:
Thursday, November 10, 4:30-5:30 pm - Registration Encouraged
Come show off your comic and writing skills in this group! Feel free to come with previous work or start when you arrive! Supplies will be provided.

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

November Raffle: Win a Thanksgiving dinner basket.

Mixed Stitches: Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 pm
Please bring your project, and a mask. Come out and knit or crochet with this fun and friendly group. Presently this group meets once a month on the second Thursday. If there is interest in meeting more often, please let the library staff know.

Mid-Day Yoga: Fridays, 12:30-1:30 pm
Take a midday break and join us for some in-person gentle yoga. Bring your own mat or borrow one from the library. Registration encouraged. Limit 12. (No class on 11/25)

Gingerbread House Competition:
Saturday, December 10, 1-3 pm
Individuals, couples, and families are welcome to come build their own gingerbread house. The library will provide supplies. Please let us know of any food allergies!

The Art Show: Thursday, December 1, 4-8 pm
Come paint a small canvas to leave on display at the library. If you are not able to attend, you can pick up a take home kit the following day. (While supplies last.) Then you can bring your painting back to display at the library! Paintings can be picked up on December 22 or December 23 to take home. This program is for all ages.



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

Municipal Calendar of Events



- November 14th Village Board of a Whole Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- November 16th Community Awareness Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- November 17th Community Relations Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- November 28th Village Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- December 12th Village Board of a Whole Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- December 15th Community Relations Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- December 19th Village Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

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



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Season's Greetings From Your Hillside Elected Officials



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Joseph T. Tamburino



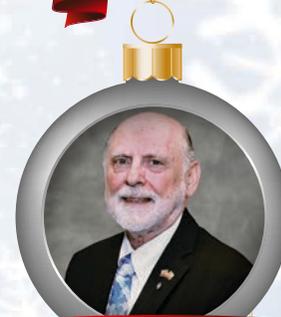
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Water Billing
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EMA 708-449-6410
Director: Anthony Faragia
Special Events Coordinator
Evelyn Belmonte
708-202-4343
Village Hours
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Sat. 9:00 A.M. to Noon
Closed on Sunday

As the end of the year draws near, we'd like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you in making Hillside a beacon of hope where people of all races and ethnicities can live, play and work harmoniously together.

Your Hillside Village Officials and Village Employees wish this holiday season fills every resident's heart with love, your home with joy, and your life with laughter. Happy Holidays and to a prosperous and healthy 2023.