



Hillside Swears in New Police Chief and New Deputy Chief

On July 11th, a special meeting was held to appoint a new Chief of Police after it was announced that Chief Joseph Lukaszek was retiring. During this meeting, the Hillside Village Board unanimously voted in favor of appointing Sergeant Daniel Murphy as the Department's new Police Chief and Sergeant Laith Ibrahim as the Department's Deputy Chief.

"We have two outstanding candidates, both educated, involved, and truly ready to take on these roles," said Hillside Mayor Joseph Tamburino.

During a regular meeting held immediately before the special meeting, Mayor Tamburino read a proclamation honoring Lukaszek, who joined the department on April 23, 1990, and was appointed Chief in 2005. The Mayor stated, "Throughout his career, Chief Lukaszek has dedicated himself to making Hillside a place to live and work safely."



▲ Hillside Village Trustees David Delgado (L) and Marvin Watson (R) with newly appointed Police Chief Dan Murphy

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**Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be
2 until 6 P.M. on October 31st.
Please have your children practice
safe distancing. See Pages 11, 12 and 13
for important Halloween information.**

**OUTDOOR WATER USE
REGULATIONS END
SEPTEMBER 15TH**

Please be reminded it is unlawful for outdoor water use **between noon and 6:00 p.m. from now through September 15th.** Using water at all other times is permitted for even numbered addresses on even numbered days and odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days. Call us at 708-202-3434 with any questions.

Village of Hillside Free Senior Snow Plowing Forms Due October 31st

Snow plowing enrollment forms will be available at the Village Hall starting October 1st and must be returned by October 31st. A new enrollment form must be completed each year. If you were on the list last year, an enrollment form will be mailed to you. The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the plowing:



- A person must be 65 years or older, retired and live in a single residence home.
- No able-bodied or employed persons under 65 can reside in the household.
- For those applying due to a disability, you must include documentation provided by the physician treating your condition.
- Minimum of 3" of snow must fall and all Village streets and alleys must be cleared before any senior plowing will be done.

Call Public Works at 708-202-3434 if you have any questions. Additional information will be provided with the enrollment forms at the Village Hall.

SAVE THE DATE!

HILLSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 15, 2022
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



Auto Extrication Demo

Fire Sprinkler Demo

Firefighter Fashion Show

Appearances by "Pluggy" & "Sparky"

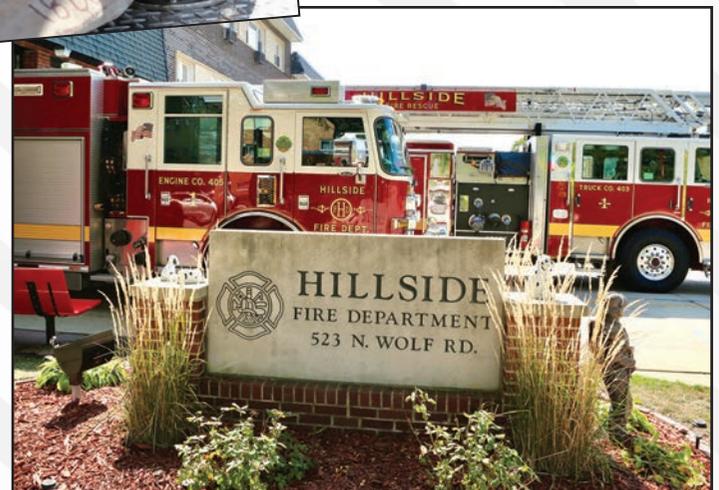
Child Safety Trailer

Fire Safety Demonstration Tables

CPR & Smart 911 Info

MyID & Home Knox Box Information

Hotdogs & Raffles



Hillside Public Works Report

STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping will take place during the upcoming weeks; September 6th through September 9th, September 19th through September 23rd, and September 26th through September 30th. In October they will sweep every week. **Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper will be present, which is approximately 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

LEAVES DISPOSAL

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

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

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

BRANCH REMOVAL

Public Works branch removal for September will be the 6th through the 9th. Place your branches on the parkway Monday, September 5th to be certain your branches will be picked up that week. October pickup will be the 3rd through the 7th. Place branches out on Sunday, October 2nd for pickup that week. **We will not return once a street has been completed. October will be our last branch pick-up of the year for Hillside Public Works and will resume in April, 2023.**

WASTE MANAGEMENT BRANCH PICK-UP

Waste Management will pick up branches on your scheduled garbage day that are secured with twine as long as the piles are approximately 2' long x 2' wide x 2' high. **Pick-up through Waste Management will end the last week in November.**

GARBAGE REMOVAL

Place your garbage, recycle and yard waste carts out to the curb after 4:00 p.m. the evening before your pick-up day, and no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of your removal. **Note:** Waste Management will remove one large item each week. Please call Waste Management direct @ 1-800-796-9696 to alert them and receive any special instructions for the item to be removed. **Do not place your carts or items in the street.**

WATER RESTRICTIONS

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



DISPOSAL OF TELEVISIONS AND ELECTRONICS

The Village Hall, **for Hillside residents only**, accepts televisions 32" or smaller tube TVs, flat screen 60" or smaller and other electronics such as VCRs, receivers, computers and monitors, telephones, etc. This recycling program is **NOT** for small appliances such as toasters, blenders, etc., however, microwaves are considered an electronic and may be disposed at the Village Hall. The Village of Burr Ridge has an Electronics Recycling Collection open to everyone. Televisions and monitors will require a donation depending on size and will benefit the Developmentally Disabled. Contact them @630-407-6700 or go to www.dupageco.org/ElectronicsRecycling

SENIOR SNOW PLOWING

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Meet New Police Chief Dan Murphy

Chief Dan Murphy served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve as a Sergeant Marine while attending Lewis University where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and Police Science. He continued his pursuit of law enforcement studies and graduated from the Police Staff and Command School at Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. He is also a graduate of Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards. He is presently enrolled in a postgraduate program to earn a MS Degree in Law Enforcement Administration at Lewis University. He will graduate in May of 2023.

In May 1997, he started his career with the Hillside Police Department as a Patrol Officer. Daniel Murphy has served in many roles within the Hillside Police Department, including Detective School Liaison at Proviso West, Detective Corporal, Patrol Sergeant, and recently as a Detective Sergeant. He served eight years as a Forensic Investigator for the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force. His broad range of experience has made him an exceptional choice for the position of Police Chief.

Village Trustee Marvin Watson, Chairperson of Hillside's Public Safety and Education Committee, stated, "In this day and age where police officers are under constant scrutiny, we are confident Chief Murphy will ensure the men and women of our Police Department will continue to serve Hillside residents with the professionalism and consideration they deserve."

Chief Murphy exclaimed, "I am honored to be named Police Chief of Hillside. The knowledge I gained patrolling every street, alley, park, school yard, and business area over the past 25 years gives me a unique insight into the hopes, needs, and fears of Hillside residents. I pledge that all Hillside police officers, under my watch, will continue to treat every resident with respect, while being ever vigilant in protecting our community from those who would do us harm."

Chief Murphy is married and has two adult children.

Meet New Deputy Police Chief Laith Ibrahim

Laith Ibrahim is Hillside's new Deputy Police Chief, a position that has not been filled since 2005. He brings to this job 25 years of experience patrolling our streets as a Hillside Police Officer. For the past 16 years he served as a Patrol Sergeant who managed administrative duties, similar to what a Deputy Chief performs, which made him an obvious choice for this new position.

Laith represents a new breed of law enforcement officers who pursue academic studies to enhance their police credentials. He graduated with honors from Robert



▲ Officer Laith Ibrahim being sworn in as Hillside Deputy Police Chief by Village Clerk Linda Gould

Morris University with a B.A. degree in Law Enforcement Management. He is a graduate of the Police Staff and Command School at Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. He holds a master's degree in public administration from Northwestern University; in fact, he is the only Hillside Police Officer with a master's degree.

Over the past 25 years, Ibrahim has not only served as Patrol Sergeant, but has held several other positions within the Hillside Police Department, such as Supervisor for the Field Training Program, Manager for Officer Training, and Commander of a multi-jurisdictional West Suburban Special Response Team. He has also served as the lead or co-lead in developing several key Police Department practices. Under his leadership, Hillside developed its policy regarding the use of excessive force long before this issue was at the forefront of American society. Since this policy was instituted, Hillside has never had a complaint filed against an officer for using excessive force.

In addition, Deputy Chief Ibrahim is very involved in community outreach programs such as police bike patrols, Hillside youth athletics, instructor at the Hillside Citizen's Police Academy, and as a liaison officer with Hillside senior citizens.

Laith Ibrahim stated, "I am humbled by the Village Board's trust in my abilities. I will bring my combination of street experience and law enforcement education to further develop the already high standard of professionalism exhibited by our police officers, because Hillside residents deserve no less."

Deputy Chief Ibrahim is raising three young boys.

Berkeley-Hillside

Autumnfest

ON THE PRAIRIE PATH

Taft & Electric Aves.



Saturday, October 8th
Sunday, October 9th
11 AM to 4 PM



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**Saturday, October 8th
Sunday, October 9th
11 AM to 4 PM**

**Located on the Prairie Path
near Taft and Electric Avenues**

(Free parking and shuttle to “fest” area)

**Beer, Wine, & Cider for purchase
from People for Children Charities
(formerly Shriner’s)
(all proceeds go to Shriners Children’s Hospital)**

**Please, NO animals allowed at this event
Bike riding through this area will NOT be allowed
during this time (bike racks available)**

**Scan This Code
To View Village
of Hillside Website
and updates.**



**For more information, please
call Evelyn at (708) 202-4343**

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

**This event is sponsored by the Villages of Berkeley and Hillside
and is NOT sponsored by any school district.
Event subject to change without notice... sorry for any inconvenience.**

Fun For All Ages!!



Free Kiddie Rides & Other Cool Attractions For Kids



Petting Zoo Hosted By Big Run Wolf Ranch



Free Wagon Rides



Pumpkins For Sale



Street Performers & Balloon Art



Food Court



Arts & Crafts Vendors
(Get That Perfect Holiday Gift)



Organization Booths

Entertainment On The Prairie Path

Music By Simply Sound
Saturday, October 8 from 12 - 3 PM

Banjo Buddies Dixieland Band
Sunday, October 9 from 12:30 - 3 PM

Entertainment Under The Berkeley Gazebo

Charlie Pansino (jazz, rock & roll)
Saturday, October 8 from 1 - 3 PM

The Hurricane Project (jazz, blues)
Sunday, October 9 from 1 - 3 PM

Hillside Police Officers Now Wear Body-Worn Cameras

This past Spring, the Hillside Police Department received its first ever *Body-Worn Cameras (BWC)*. This program implementation is required by state law.

Every Hillside Officer has been issued a *Body-Worn Cameras (BWC)* and is required to wear it while on patrol or during any other law enforcement related activity. The cameras record in HD video and include audio.

Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) will coordinate with the cameras installed in the police cars. As soon as an officer activates the mars lights, the camera in the squad car automatically turns on and starts recording. As a result, we have two different cameras with different angles recording a situation.

The purpose of the *Body-Worn Cameras (BWC)* program is to increase the transparency and accountability of the police department by having a record of interactions with the public, to help investigate complaints against Officers, and to assist in the prosecution of a criminal act.

The Hillside Police Department has a strict policy on the use and deployment of these cameras that complies with legislative mandates regarding the cameras as well as best practices for police agencies.

BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

1. Protect the privacy of citizens by turning off the camera in situations such as medical settings.
2. Requires Officers to notify the public they are being recorded during interactions.
3. BWC's are tamper-proof and officers have NO access to alter or delete recordings.
4. Recordings are automatically uploaded to a secure server located off-site from the agency, **and must be saved for a minimum of 90 days or longer depending on the content.**
5. Allows for discipline of officers not wearing or activating cameras when required.
6. Cameras are programmed to pre-record an event by saving the 30 seconds captured prior to the officer activating the camera.

Deputy Chief Laith Ibrahim stated, "These cameras will bring more transparency to our Department and thus instill in our residents more confidence in the men and women who keep their streets safe. It will also give the police officer and the person(s) they interact with an added incentive to do the right thing because they are now being watched."



Hillside Fire Department Offering Free Book Exchange... Check it Out!

Take a book, leave a book, read a book!!! The Hillside Fire Department has our own "Little Free Library". A Little Free Library (LFL) is simply a place where books are made available for anyone to take a book, to read, or leave a book for someone else to read. You don't even have to ask if it is ok to leave a book, you just put it in the library! Come check it out, located inside the entry way of our firehouse. You can also find other book locations at <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>.





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2022

ELECTION

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE

Voter Registration

October 11th is the last day to register to vote in person at the Village Hall.

October 23rd is the last day to register to vote online at: www.cookcountyclerk.com.

To register you must meet the following criteria:

- ▶ You must be a United States Citizen.
- ▶ You must be 18 on or before the date of the next election, which is November 8, 2022.
- ▶ You must live in your election precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day.
- ▶ You must not be serving a sentence of confinement in any penal institution as a result of a conviction.
- ▶ Not registered to vote anywhere else.

To register at the Village Hall, please bring two forms of identification, i.e. driver's license, utility bill, etc. One must show your current address. New residents with a current voter registration card from elsewhere may transfer their registration by mail or re-register at the Hillside Village Hall.

Mail Ballot Applications

Mail Ballot Applications are now available for the November 8th Election at the front counter of the Village Hall. To receive your mail ballot, you must complete, sign, and submit this application to the Cook County Clerk Elections Division no later than by Thursday, November 3, 2022. Applications are also available online at: www.cookcountyclerk.com/earlyvoting. **Your mail in ballot must be postmarked no later than November 8th.**

Early Voting Locations and Hours

Early Voting is Monday, October 24 through 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.

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



Mayor Joseph Tamburino,
Clerk Linda Gould and
the Board of Trustees
Invite our Residents
60 and over to a
FREE BREAKFAST

**Guest Speaker The Honorable
Speaker of the Illinois House
Emanuel "Chris" Welch**

**Friday, October 14th
at 9:00AM**

Best Western Plus Hillside Hotel
4400 Frontage Road, Hillside

RESERVATIONS ONLY

Please RSVP by Monday,
October 10th to Evelyn
at (708) 203-4343

**If You Are 60 and Over...
Register Today for Important Hillside News and Information**

The Village of Hillside is developing a registry that will enable us to inform you of upcoming events, important news, and information on our programs for Senior Citizens.



If you are 60 and over, please cut out the form below and mail it to the address seen on the form. If you need additional forms, please call (708) 202-4343 and one will be mailed to you, or you can pick one up at the Reception Desk at the Village Hall.

**VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE
Senior Citizen 60 and Over Registration Form**
Please return as soon as possible to: Village of Hillside Attention: Evelyn Belmonte
425 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, Illinois 60162
Questions? Please call 708-202-4343

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Join The Village of Hillside and The Youth Commission for a Frighteningly Good Time!



Monday, October 31st at the Hillside Commons

(located at Hillside Ave. and Washington St.)

Halloween Costume Contest 6:30 P.M.

Wagon Ride 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Bonfire 7:15 P.M.

Trick or Treat Hours in the Village of Hillside

2:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Monday, October 31st

Goody bags for everyone dressed up in costume.

Have someone carry a cell phone to call 911 in case of any emergency when going Trick or Treating!

IT'S EVERYONE'S HALLOWEEN!

Come to the Hillside Commons at 6:30 P.M. for Halloween Fun!
Only treats NOT tricks will be acceptable this night,
all Village ordinances will be strictly ENFORCED!

BE NICE... BE PATIENT!

- Avoid face covering masks that make it hard for children to see. Try face paint instead.
- Carry a Flashlight or Glow Stick while "Trick or Treating." Cross ONLY at well-lit crosswalks & corners!
- Children 7 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Remind all children to NEVER enter a stranger's home and to stay outside the door at all times! Go out in groups.
- Tell children NOT to eat ANY TREATS until an adult can check them for tampering.
- BE ACCEPTING . . . the child who is grabbing more than one piece of candy may have poor fine motor skills. The child who takes forever to pick out one piece of candy may have motor planning issues. The child who does not say "trick-or-treat" or "thank you" may be non-verbal. The child who looks disappointed when they see your candy bowl might have an allergy or be diabetic. The child who isn't wearing a costume at all might have sensory issues (SPD) or autism.

Trick or Treaters

WELCOME HERE



Tape This Sign to Inside of Screen Door So It Faces Out to Let Trick or Treaters Know They Are Welcome

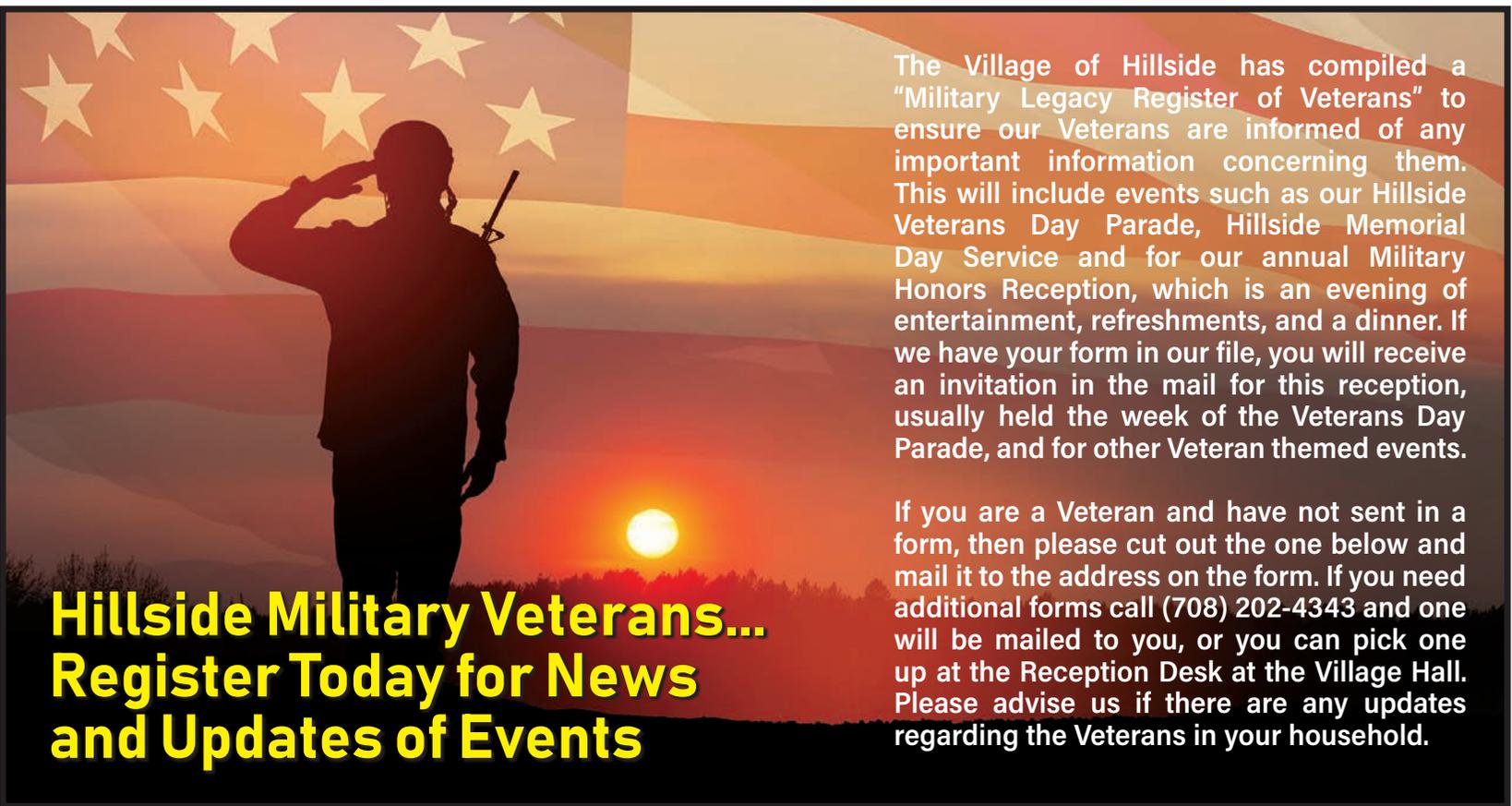
Trick or Treaters

Sorry, We Are **NOT**
Participating This Year

STAY SAFE



Tape This Sign to Inside of Screen Door So It Faces Out to Let Trick or Treaters Know You Are Not Answering the Door



Hillside Military Veterans... Register Today for News and Updates of Events

The Village of Hillside has compiled a "Military Legacy Register of Veterans" to ensure our Veterans are informed of any important information concerning them. This will include events such as our Hillside Veterans Day Parade, Hillside Memorial Day Service and for our annual Military Honors Reception, which is an evening of entertainment, refreshments, and a dinner. If we have your form in our file, you will receive an invitation in the mail for this reception, usually held the week of the Veterans Day Parade, and for other Veteran themed events.

If you are a Veteran and have not sent in a form, then please cut out the one below and mail it to the address on the form. If you need additional forms call (708) 202-4343 and one will be mailed to you, or you can pick one up at the Reception Desk at the Village Hall. Please advise us if there are any updates regarding the Veterans in your household.

**VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE
VETERANS INFORMATION REQUEST FORM 2022**
Please return as soon as possible to: Village of Hillside
Attention: Evelyn Belmonte
425 Hillside Avenue | Hillside, Illinois 60162
Questions? Please call 708-202-4343



Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Branch Of Service: _____
Rank: _____
Date Of Service: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Branch Of Service: _____
Rank: _____
Date Of Service: _____

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



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.

Read the upcoming November-December Hillside Herald Issue to Learn About this year's Grand Marshall.

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 concerts will be followed.

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

Hillside Fire Department Savings Lives... Delivering Lives



Connor Lowman, Mark Tomzik, Patrick Lee, and Fire Chief Ken Carling (pictured left to right)

Hillside Firefighter/Paramedics Connor Lowman, Mark Tomzik, and Patrick Lee were honored with the **"Outstanding Job Performance"** award at the July 25th regular Village Board meeting. On July 7, 2022, the HFD responded to a report of a women in labor on the I-290 expressway. With no time to spare, the Ambulance crew successfully delivered a healthy baby boy. Both mother and her newborn baby were transported to Loyola Medical Center in Maywood where both were reported to be doing well. Congratulations gentlemen on another job well done and for providing another reason why Hillside's Fire Department is rated in the top 1% in the country!

Village of Hillside Flag Disposal Ceremony

The Village of Hillside, in conjunction with the Broadview/Hillside American Legion Post #626, conducted a brief flag disposal ceremony on June 14th at noon. Traditionally retired American Flags are disposed of on this day, which is Flag Day. The Village of Hillside burns the retired and tattered flags in accordance with **United States Flag Code 1** which states, *"THE FLAG WHEN IT IS IN SUCH CONDITION THAT IT IS NO LONGER A FITTING EMBLEM FOR DISPLAY, SHOULD BE DESTROYED, PREFERABLY BY BURNING."*

We ask residents not to throw a faded or tattered flag in the garbage. Instead, bring your old flag to the **Flag Retirement/Disposal Box** located in the parking lot outside the Village Hall. The box decorated with flag-like images is on your left as you enter the parking lot.



Flag Disposal Box in parking lot adjacent to Hillside Village Hall.



American Legion Members preparing to legally dispose of flags at Hillside Village Hall



Maria Rangel Wins \$50 Target Gift Card by Correctly Guessing High Point Plaza Sign at 4415 W. Harrison St.



Village Trustee Marvin Watson presenting Maria Rangel her Target Gift Card



This month's picture was a tough one. The contest drew many responses but only one person, Maria Rangel, correctly guessed the *Where and What* photo as being the top of the High Point Plaza sign at 4415 W. Harrison. Look for *Where and What* games in future editions of the Hillside Herald.

Hillside's Emergency Management Unit Needs Volunteers for Upcoming Events!!!



From traffic/crowd control to lighting the concert grounds to backup assistance, Emergency Management plays a key role in *Summer Nights in Hillside's Success*.

The Summer Nights in Hillside Concert Series is over. However, there are many Village events occurring in the near future like our Annual Halloween Festivities and our Tree Lighting-Santa Visit event. These events need your assistance! How can you help? You can help by joining Hillside's Emergency Management Team.

The Village's EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA) is a department composed of volunteers. In addition to helping out at Village sponsored events, EMA also provides emergency response to natural and man-made disasters in the Village. During statewide and federal disasters, EMA becomes part of the state or federal response.

Membership is open to individuals who can devote their free time and efforts to help respond to and deal with these emergencies. Equipment and training will be provided along with uniforms and personal protective equipment to help perform your duties. Ongoing classes keep volunteers efficient and current in response techniques.

To be a member, you must be 18 years of age or older. Membership applications can be picked up at the Hillside Village Hall. Fill out the short application form and someone from EMA will call you. We meet the first and third Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Meetings are held at our Emergency Operations Center located at 4151 May St. here in Hillside.

Hillside New Flock Camera System Will Help Solve Crimes



Hillside has joined area towns like Berkeley, Oak Park, and Maywood in acquiring Flock license plate readers. These readers are or will be positioned at high-traffic areas in the village, like Harrison Street and Frontage Road near the I-290 exit.

The Flock readers give officers the ability to search for vehicles based on full and partial license plate numbers, make and model; and to flag vehicles for investigative purposes. The cameras provide police officers with real-time notification on their laptops or cell phones when vehicles are tagged as stolen or wanted as they enter or exit Hillside. Their use is intended to solve crimes. Up to 60% of stolen vehicles are associated with additional crime.

A Message from Village Trustee John Kramer...

Air Force Veteran & Broadview-Hillside American Legion Member

I thought I would write about a “glorious” time almost all military people experience – BASIC TRAINING! Perhaps “glorious” isn’t the right word but it was a very unique journey, nevertheless. Basic affected people in different ways depending on how they reacted to the abuse, which is a purposeful military technique. This takes a person with relative freedom and converts them into a person with order and discipline ready to face the worst - combat.

I ended up going to Officers Training School (OTS) and getting a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. OTS is Basic Training for men and women who qualified for being Officers (usually it meant they had a college degree).

Like regular Basic Training, OTS was the military’s way to strip a person of their civilian tendencies, and to teach them to act and think about only the military way of life. It lasted 12 weeks with military trainers yelling at us throughout the entire time.

In the beginning, whatever we did was wrong, and when we did something wrong, we would be assessed a GIG. A GIG was a demerit which had consequences. These violations included proper appearance of a uniform and rooms not cleaned or set up exactly as prescribed. Furniture, every piece of clothing, towels, wash cloths, etc. had to be placed correctly. Your bed had to be made so tightly you could bounce a quarter off it. Uniforms with NO wrinkles had to be hung in a precise

order. They had to be worn properly with the rank and any decorations in the right place. The shirt had to be tucked in properly and the buttons had to be aligned exactly from the neck to the barn door on the pants – they called this the “GIG line”. ANY deviation and you would be assessed a GIG. Late for any appointment, class, training, or any breach of discipline, also got you GIGs.

The number of GIG’s determined your status in OTS – an excessive number could wash you out of OTS. If more than 10 in a week, you might not be able to leave the Base on a weekend. In the first weeks, GIGs were impossible to avoid.

Also, GIGs could determine your OTS rank during the second 6 weeks of training. I will talk about that more in my next article.

The first few days at OTS, I remember getting uniforms issued, cool haircuts, a dental exam, and the first of many of shots. I also remember my first room inspection. It was the second or third day and a planned event – the inspectors would come in and make sure we understood everything. We all set up our rooms according to the notes we were given, I thought I was perfect. The inspection started out nice enough with a thorough explanation of everything expected. Then it turned nasty as they tore apart everything I did – my bed ended up on the floor, my clothes all over the room – I was called a number of unmentionable names. We had 2 guys to a room and the same happened to my roommate. After they left, my roommate was in tears. With a quivering voice, he asked “how could you be so calm?,” I answered “What did you expect? Better get used to it”. He didn’t and washed out

a couple of weeks later. When I went to bed that night, I did ask myself “what the %^#%# did I get myself into?”. That was just the beginning! Later room inspections were not announced – could be at any time of the day or night.

I have to mention the emergency drills. These were simulated emergencies that could also be held at any time

– even the middle of the night. When a drill occurred, you were to evacuate the barracks IMMEDIATELY with no time to grab coats or shoes - just get out. We had a time limit, if we were too slow, we did it again and again. Our first drill was held near bedtime. Those who were showering at the time were able to grab a towel, but some panicked and ran outside nude. This was embarrassing as there was a nurses’ barracks nearby.

The way OTS was run was interesting and I will write about that in my next article. Thanks for reading.



Drill Sergeants, the bane of recruits in Basic Training

Hillside Library Information

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

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.

Unless otherwise noted, all library programs and activities are free of charge.

Hillside Public Library News

We have a new strategic plan! Our strategic priorities over the next five years will be to improve our space, build community engagement, generate new marketing efforts, and enhance our organizational infrastructure.

Hillside-based businesses are now eligible for a library card. The library has many resources to help local businesses grow, and they're all free with your new card!

Youth & Family Programs:

Coming in October:

Encanto Family Movie & Craft: More info coming soon.

Spooky Scavenger Hunt: Find all the spooky items hidden at the library to win a small prize.

Kids Take & Make Crafts: Available at the library by the 15th of the month. There will be at least one craft per month.

Young Adult Programs:

Coming this Fall:

Tabletop Café: Play board games on Tuesday nights at the library!

Tween Writers Club: Join us on Thursday nights for this new weekly program!

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

Adult Programs:

Virtual Program: An Evening with Marlee Matlin: From Oscar to West Wing and Beyond

Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Hosted by Illinois Libraries Present. You can watch this interview on your device at home, or you can join us at the library to view this program. Contact the library to register.

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.

September: *An Unlikely Spy* by Rebecca Starford

October: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Mixed Stitchers: Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Bring your project and come out to knit or crochet with this fun and friendly group. Don't forget to bring your own project along. Any form of needlecraft is welcome in this group.

Mid-Day Yoga: Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Take a mid-day break and join us for some in-person gentle yoga. Bring your own mat or borrow one from the library. Limit 12. (No class on September 30)

New Reference Resource! Value Line.

This online resource gives patrons access to:

- Propriety Ranks and Ratings on approximately 1,700 stocks
- 1 year of historical reports and financial data
- Customizable one-page reports
- Access to Dow 30 stocks



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Municipal Calendar of Events



- September 12th Village Board of a Whole Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- September 22nd Community Relations Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- September 26th Village Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- September 28th Community Awareness Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- October 10th Village Board of a Whole Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- October 24th Village Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- October 26th Community Awareness Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- October 27th Community Relations Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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



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M-F 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Sat. 9:00 A.M. to Noon
Closed on Sunday



Dear Neighbors,

The crowd scene above was typical of the attendance at all five of our *Summer Nights in Hillside* concerts that drew somewhere between 5,000 to 8,000 concert patrons to the Hillside Commons. The concert series over the years has grown from a few hundred attendees to overflowing crowds. In fact, the popularity of our concerts has grown to a point that NBC and ABC newscasts did stories on our fabulous musical event.

Our Cruise Night extravaganza that accompanies the concerts is now the best in northern Illinois. Our last concert featured 425 classic cars.

Many of our food booths ran out of their product at several concerts due to the demand from the overflowing crowds. This was a winfall for these vendors who are still recovering from the financial hit they experienced during the Covid Pandemic.

These events could not be held without the backing of our wonderful sponsors. So please return the favor and support the following whose contributions helped make *Summer Nights in Hillside* a success:

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Finally, thank you, the residents of Hillside, for demonstrating to the many non-Hillside concert attendees what a wonderful diverse community we have.

Sincerely,
Joseph T. Tamburino, Mayor Hillside