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Hillside Fire Department Rated #1 Again!

The Hillside Fire Department once again has been awarded a **Public Protection Class 1 rating** by the **Insurance Services Office (ISO)**. The Department first achieved this elite rating in 2017 and is honored to maintain this elite status as an ISO Class 1 Fire Department.

ISO's Public Protection Classification ratings are utilized to help establish appropriate fire insurance premiums for residential, commercial, and industrial properties. The program provides an objective countrywide standard that helps fire departments plan and budget for facilities, equipment, and training. ISO's evaluation program includes 10 classifications, with 1 being the highest and 10 being the lowest. ISO's rating system evaluates communities in four primary categories:



Water Supply

Forty percent of a community's overall score is based on the adequacy of the water supply system. A review of the system is conducted to determine availability of water to fight a fire, focusing on whether the community has sufficient water supply for fire suppression beyond daily maximum consumption, as well as the number and location of fire hydrants and frequency of hydrant inspections and flow testing.

Emergency Communications Systems

Ten percent of the community's overall score is based on how well the emergency communications center receives and dispatches fire alarms. The evaluation of the emergency communication center includes review of the facility for the public to report fires, staffing, training, and education of telecommunicators, and facilities for dispatching fire departments.

Community Efforts

The calculation also takes into consideration community risk reduction efforts such as fire prevention codes and enforcement, public fire safety education and fire investigation.

A presentation of the award was made on June 12, 2023 by representatives from the Insurance Services Office. Also on hand was State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera. 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 1 rating.** The Village of Hillside continues to maintain the best overall coverage to ensure our public safety meets and exceeds the community's expectations. Congrats to the men and women of the Hillside Fire Department, you not only keep us safe but also make us proud.



Fire Chief Ken Carling and members of the Hillside Fire Department proudly receive their #1 Rating Certification at the June 12th Village Board Meeting with Mayor Tamburino, State Fire Marshall James Rivera, and ISO officials looking on.

Fire Department

Fifty percent of a community's overall score is based upon the fire department's structure fire suppression system and ability to minimize potential loss. This review includes engine and ladder/service vehicles including reserve apparatus, pumping capacity, equipment carried, first-alarm response, geographic deployment of fire companies, automatic-aid agreements, and personnel training.

Hillside Public Works Report

BRANCH PICK-UP FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Public Works branch removal for September will be the 5th through the 8th. Place your branches on the parkway Monday, September 4th to be certain your branches will be picked up that week. October pickup will be from the 2nd through the 6th. Place branches out on Sunday, October 1st 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 2024.



BRANCH PICK-UP OPTION

Flood Brothers will pick-up branches on your scheduled garbage day that are secured with twine as long as the piles are manageable with branches no longer than 4' long x 3" in diameter. **Pick-up through Flood Brothers will end the last week in November.**

LEAVES DISPOSAL

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

STREET SWEEPING

Street Sweeping will be cleaning our streets September 5th through September 8th, September 18th through September 22nd, and September 25th through September 29th. In October they will sweep every week. **Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper will be present, which is approximately 7:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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: Flood Brothers will remove one large item each week. Please call Flood Brothers direct @ 630-261-0400 to inform 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.

SENIOR SNOW PLOWING

Enrollment forms will be available at the Village Hall starting October 1st and must be returned by October 31st. Each year a new enrollment form must be filled out.

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.
- A 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 at the Village Hall with the enrollment forms.

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 electronic and may be disposed of 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

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

When contemplating a home project, call the Building/Inspection Services Dept. 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 @ <https://www.hillside-il.org/building-services/pages/building-permits-applications>

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.

Seniors and Disabled Residents... Have the Village of Hillside Mow Your Lawn for \$10!!!

Mayor Tamburino, the Village Clerk and the Village Board are offering an exciting grass cutting program for our qualifying seniors and disabled residents.

For \$10 you receive the following services:

- Grass cutting
- Line trimming areas only not accessible by mower
- Blowing of any loose clippings from driveway, sidewalks and patios
- Hauling away the grass clippings

The program **DOES NOT** include:

- Edging
- Spring/Fall clean up
- Leaf removal
- Fertilization and weed control/aeration/power raking
- Weeding

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the grass cutting program:

1. A person must be 65 years or older, retired and live in a single residence home.
2. No able-bodied or employed persons under 65 can reside in the household.
3. For those applying due to a disability, you must include documentation provided by the physician treating your condition.

To enroll in this program, please call 708-202-3434 and we will mail you an application form along with information as to where to mail or drop off your filled-out form. Along with your application, you **MUST** show proof of age by including a copy of either your driver's license, state I.D. or birth certificate.

The Village of Hillside will schedule your lawn cutting service. Each month, the Village of Hillside will send out grass cutting service invoices. During the month of June, a senior citizen had their grass cut three times at \$10 per cut, thus they will receive an invoice for \$30. For additional information, call the Public Works Department at 708-202-3434.



**Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be 2 to 6 P.M. on October 31st.
See Pages 9, 10 and 11 for important Halloween information.**



Village of Hillside Over 60 Club Is for Those Looking for Fun and Adventures

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

So far in 2023, the Hillside Senior Club has held a Valentine Party, a Bingo Game Day, a St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage luncheon, a trip to Drury Lane Theater to see "A Chorus Line", and 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

VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE
Senior Citizen 60 and Over 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: _____

Attention Seniors and Homebound... Register for the Hillside Police Departments *Are You Ok?* Program

The *Are You Ok?* program contacts an elderly person or a homebound individual on a daily basis to confirm their well-being. This program gives them and their extended family a feeling of security.

Each day, at a pre-arranged time, the *Are You Ok?* program automatically makes a computerized monitoring call. If the *Are You Ok?* subscriber doesn't answer after a preset number of call attempts, an alert is given visually on the computer's monitor and audibly on the computer's speakers. A printout containing emergency information on the subscriber, including doctor name and phone number, contact name and phone number, next of kin, and brief medical history is generated. A Hillside police officer is then dispatched to the home to conduct a well-being check. To register for this program, call the Hillside Police Department today at (708) 449-6133.



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

The Village of Hillside maintains 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 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 wonderful 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, 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 2023-24**
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: _____
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Berkeley-Hillside

Autumnfest

ON THE PRAIRIE PATH

Taft & Electric Aves



Saturday, October 7th
Sunday, October 8th
11 AM to 4 PM



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Autumnfest

**ON THE
PRAIRIE PATH**

**Saturday, October 7th
Sunday, October 8th
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**

**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**

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
and Under The Berkeley Gazebo***

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

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

Trick or Treat Hours in the Village of Hillside

2:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, October 31st



Goody bags for everyone dressed up in costume while supplies last.

Tuesday, 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.

- 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.

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!



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 Fire Safety Self-Inspection Checklist

Hillside Fire Department

523 N. Wolf Road

708.547.8684 | www.hillside-il.org

Exterior

- House numbers visible from the street
- Trim trees away from chimney
- Remove needles and leaves from roof and rain gutters
- Trim trees and hedges so a fire truck can navigate your driveway, cut low overhanging branches
- Have someone qualified trim trees away from electrical wires

Heating Equipment Safety

- Have chimney inspected and cleaned annually
- Keep portable space heaters at least 3 feet away from combustibles
- Wood burning stove installed in conformance with all applicable codes
- Fireplace equipped with close fitting screen
- Dispose of ashes in metal container
- Install spark arrestor on chimney cap
- Clean lint from clothes dryer and ensure vent not blocked
- Keep combustibles away from water heater

Electrical

- Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
- Do not overload electrical circuits
- Use extension cords only as a temporary measure - have additional outlets installed by a qualified electrician
- Do not tack cords to walls or run them under rugs

Fuel Safety and Hazardous Material

- Store hazardous materials in approved containers with tight fitting lids and correct labels
- Store hazardous materials away from heat sources
- Store and use hazardous materials in well ventilated areas away from children, sparks and heat
- Put oily rags in metal containers with tight fitting lids
- Dispose of and recycle hazardous materials properly

Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Keep stove clean and free of grease
- When cooking, avoid wearing clothing with long loose fitting sleeves
- Turn pot handles inward to avoid burn injuries
- Keep combustible items such as paper towels, tea towels, curtains etc. away from the stove
- Keep BBQs away from the house when in use
- Dispose of coals and ashes in a metal container

Smoking Materials and Candles

- Never leave lit cigarettes or candles unattended
- Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only
- Never smoke in bed
- Store matches and lighters out of reach of children
- Use candles in sturdy noncombustible containers that fully enclose the flame

Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors

- At least one smoke/CO alarm on every level of the house
- Smoke/CO alarms tested monthly
- Smoke/CO alarms vacuumed every six months
- Batteries change annually
- Smoke alarms older than ten years old replaced with new ones
- CO detector sensor unit changed every two years or as per manufacturer instructions

Fire Extinguishers

- Purchase adequate multipurpose (ABC) fire extinguishers - minimum one for the kitchen and one for the furnace room or near the woodstove/fireplace
- Install near the entrance/exit so that you don't have to pass the fire to get the extinguisher
- Inspect extinguishers annually
- Learn how to use it... remember P.A.S.S.: Pull the pin, Aim, Squeeze the lever, Sweep at the base of the fire

Develop a Plan in Case of a Fire -

The plan should include the following:

- Crawling low under smoke and heat
- Two exits out of each area of your house
- A meeting place outside

Practice the plan with the family at least twice a year

Teach the family how to:

- Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency (give your name and address)
- Stop, Drop and Roll if clothes catch on fire.

In spite of taking the above precautions, fire may still strike your home. Remember these important points:

- Alert everyone in the house/apartment and follow your escape plan. Never go back inside for any reason.
- Call the fire department as soon as possible from a safe location.
- Meet our firefighters and tell them of any people or pets trapped inside.

Name: _____

Contact #: _____

Address: _____



Home Safety Contest for Residents 50 & Over... Win a Home Safety Kit Worth Over \$100!

You can win a home safety fire kit by entering the Hillside Fire Department Safety Inspection Checklist Contest seen on the page to the left. The Home Safety Fire Kit will be similar but not identical to the one pictured here.

CONTEST RULES

- a) Must be a Hillside resident
- b) Must be aged 50 years and over
- c) Must live in a home, condo or townhome (sorry apartments are not eligible)

HOW TO ENTER

Fill in and then cut out page 12 and mail it or drop it off to:
Hillside Fire Department
523 N. Wolf Road, Hillside, IL 60162

or

Fill out page 12, scan it, and then email scan to:
hillsideherald50@gmail.com

or

You can enter the contest by calling the Hillside Fire Department at **(708) 547-8684** to schedule a firefighter to conduct an in-home fire safety inspection.

Entry Deadline October 15th



◀ This is a sample of what a Home Fire Safety Kit may look like but not necessarily the ones that will be given away

2023 Back 2 School Celebration Earns an A+

The Hillside Community Relations Commission and the Village of Hillside hosted their annual Back 2 School Celebration on Saturday, August 12 from noon until 2:00 pm. The kids totally enjoyed playing video games in the Game Truck. The event included a lunch with Home Run Inn Pizza, potato chips, Rice Krispy treats, juice, and water.

Music was provided by DJ B-Low who created a magical outdoor dance experience in the Village Hall courtyard, which was great since the weather was warm and sunny.

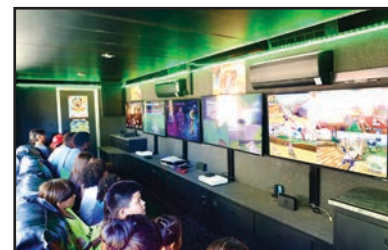
There were plenty of giveaways provided by the Hillside Community Relations Commission, the Hillside Fire Department, the Hillside Police Department, the Hillside Public Library, and the West Cook Youth Club. There were school supplies donated by Target that were packed in bags supplied by Special T Unlimited along with candy provided by Ferrara Pan Candy.

All the families commented that they enjoyed the experience and were very grateful and appreciative of the lunch, school supplies, and gift cards. The smiles on the schoolchildren said it best that this event earned an A+.

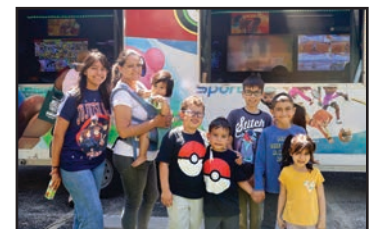
The Village of Hillside would like to thank the Hillside Public Library, Home Run Inn Pizza, Target, Special T Unlimited, Ferrara Pan Candy Company, Hanson Engineering, West Cook Youth Club, and the Village of Hillside Fire and Police Departments for their donations.



Families chowing down on pizza



The Game Truck was busy all day



A fun day for all ages



Children collected goodies from several organizations



Beautiful day for the event



Maria Delgado Wins \$50 Target Gift Card by Correctly Guessing the Immanuel Lutheran Church Steeple on Wolf Road.



◀ Mayor Tamburino presents a \$50 Target Gift Card to Where and What winner Maria Delgado and her two sons Daniel and Luis.

The latest **Where and What** picture was correctly guessed by eleven residents. The partial picture was correctly identified as the steeple on Immanuel Lutheran Church located on Wolf Road. The names of the residents who correctly named the steeple and its location were put in a hat with Maria Delgado, who was assisted by her two sons being picked as the winner. Be like Maria Delgado and enter the next **Where and What** picture contest and win a \$50 Target gift card. Look for **Where and What** games in future editions of the Hillside Herald.

A Job Well Done!

Since we started our Summer Concert Series in 2017, the men and women of the Hillside Police, Fire, Emergency Management, and Public Works Departments have done an outstanding job in crowd control and ensuring the safety of all concert attendees. The following letter was sent by a Lombard resident who is a regular *Summer Nights in Hillside* concert attendee acknowledging their fine work.



Hillside Police Officers are on constant patrol at the Concerts which has made Hillside Summer Nights a Safe Haven for concert goers

Just wanted to send the Mayor's office a note on how **FABULOUS** your Hillside Concert security is!

This past Tuesday, I attended with my handicapped brother. When leaving, my brother had trouble breathing. I asked a policeman there to please call a shuttle, if possible. Before I knew it, **THERE IT WAS**, manned by another police officer.

The policeman shuttled my brother and I safely to my car avoiding what could have been a dangerous incident for us. I wanted to **THANK ALL** the people connected with putting on this wonderful event with such **FANTASTIC** helpers. **WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO.**

By the way, I have brought **MANY** friends over the years and introduced them to your event-- and they bring two friends, and they bring two friends, and so on. :)

Shannon M. Smith
Village of Lombard

Hillside Public Library September and October Events and Programs

Hours: Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday – Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday Closed

Closures: September 4 (Labor Day) and September 29 (Staff In-Service Day)

YOUTH

Bookworm Bunch Storytime: Ages 2-4.

September 7, October 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Lego Club: September 13, 27, October 4, 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Grown Up and Me DIY Crystals: Ages 5 – 10.

September 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Grace Lin Craft: Special craft at 6:00 pm and watch her virtual presentation at 7:00 p.m. October 17.

TWEENS AND TEENS

Supernatural Society: Come talk about creepy things!

Grades 6-12.

RPG Tabletop: Let's play games! Grades 6-12.

DIY Lava Lamp: Make a lava lamp.

September 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Terrorium Craft: Spooky jar craft! October 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Scary Movie Night: Snacks included.

Bring your own cozy items! October 25 at 6:00 p.m.

ADULT

Monday Movie: Snacks and beverages.

September 11 at 2:00 p.m: **Storm Center** stars Bette Davis as a small-town librarian fighting for the Freedom to Read.

October 9 at 2:00 p.m: **To Kill A Mockingbird** starring Gregory Peck.

AARP Smart Driver Class:

You may receive an insurance discount after the class.

September 27 and 28 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Blood Drive: Scan the QR Code below or call Versiti at (847) 305-9998 to register. October 2 from 1:30 – 6:00 p.m.



Chair Yoga: September 13 at 12:00 p.m.

CPR and Safety Class: September 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Retirement Security Savings Month:

An expert from Elmhurst Bank will review savings strategies. Refreshments provided. October 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Narcan Training: Learn how to use Narcan to prevent deadly overdoses. October 23 at 6:00 p.m.

ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Adult Book Discussion: September 6 at 2:00 p.m: **Violeta** by Isabel Allende; October 4 at 2:00 p.m: **Educated** by Tara Westover

Mixed Stitchers: Bring your own project and come knit with the group. Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Yoga: Every Friday at 12:30 p.m.

Virtual events in partnership with **Illinois Libraries Present.**

Register at www.hillsidepubliclibrary.org. September 6 at 7:00 p.m. –

Colson Whitehead; October 4 at 7:00 p.m. – **Stephen Graham Jones;** and October 17 at 7:00 p.m. – **Grace Lin**

Senior Tech Help: Make an appointment for one-on-one help.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month: Participate in the Passport to Proviso Challenge for a chance to win a \$100 gift card AND receive a FREE pair of eclipse glasses.

It's Juggle Time! Jason Kollum will perform interactive juggling and balancing routines. September 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Book Treasure Hunt! September 9, 16, 23, and 30. Search the library for a gold wrapped book. 4 winners each week.

Geocaching: Hear from Jim Kouba, a Hillside resident and geocaching expert, about this free family "treasure-hunting" activity. September 11 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Sticker Book Party: September 23 at 2:00 p.m.

College Savings Month Class: A representative from Elmhurst Bank will review planning tips. Refreshments provided. September 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Let Freedom Read Week: October 2-7: Raffle drawings for all ages as we celebrate our Freedom to Read!

Banned Books Week Webinar: On October 2 at 7:00 p.m., hear a webinar moderated by Heidi Steven. Guest Alexi Giannoulas, Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian. Visit www.hillsidepubliclibrary.org.

Pumpkin Party: Crafts, activities at 11:00 a.m.

Movie at 11:30 a.m. October 9.

Career Help for Adults and Teens:

Résumé assistance & job training help. October 12 at 6:30; October 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Nocturnal Animals: The Cook County Forest Preserve will host a talk! October 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Annular Eclipse Celebration: Activities, crafts, and space-themed creations. October 14 at 11:30 a.m.

Family and Friends Yoga: October 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Haunted Hemingway: Ghost Stories:

Visit the Ernest Hemingway House in Oak Park and hear ghost stories from Chicago writers. Call for details. October 20 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Halloween BINGO and a Movie: October 27 at 1:00 p.m.

Dia de Los Muertos: Decoración de Calaveritas de Azúcar
lunes, 30 de octubre 5:30 – 7 pm

Autumnfest:

Sign up for our Scarecrow Contest on October 7.

A Message from Hillside Emergency Management Agency...

Chemicals you use in your home can be dangerous to your family's health and to the environment. To keep your family safe, follow these tips when you use, store, or dispose of them.



- Follow the instructions on the label when you use and store household chemicals.
- Don't mix products. This can cause deadly gases or cause a fire.
- Store products in their original containers.
- Store anything that can catch on fire away from your home.
- Only fill portable gasoline containers outdoors in an airy area. Make sure to place the container on the ground when you fill it.
- Never store materials that can cause a fire in the sun or near an open flame or heat source.
- Store these materials out of the reach of children and pets.
- Use safety locks and guardrails on shelves and cabinets when you store materials. This will prevent them from falling or tipping.
- Wear gloves or goggles when you use these materials.
- If you have a spill, clean the area and put the containers in an airy place. If you cannot control the spill, or are unsure about cleanup and disposal, call your local fire department.

When you dispose of these chemicals:

- Follow the instructions on the label.
- Aerosol cans might contain chemicals that can burn. If you put them in the trash, they can explode or start a fire.

The Village's EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA) provides an emergency response to natural and man-made disasters in the Village. During statewide and federal disasters, Hillside's EMA becomes part of the state or federal response.

Membership is open to individuals 18 years and older who can volunteer their free time to help respond to and deal with these emergencies. Equipment and training will be provided.

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 Street in Hillside.



A COMMUNITY THAT HAS IT ALL

*A clip from Oak Park's
video promoting Hillside.*

TAKE A peek

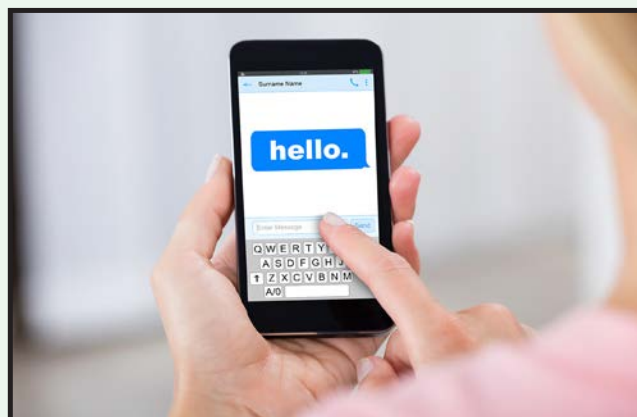
Visit Oak Park has on its website an interesting short video promoting Hillside. Visit www.visitoakpark.com/hillside-il to view this informative film clip.

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With *Here for Hillside*, residents can quickly and easily get answers to their questions, find information on various village services, submit service requests, leave a message for staff, or sign up for text message alerts.

SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS

Want the latest news directly from the Village of Hillside? Sign up for text message updates to stay connected with us on the topics that are most important to you. *Message and data rates may apply.

Need to Replace Your Recycle or Yard Waste Container?



Flood Brothers is Hillside's new waste removal firm. If you need to replace a waste or recycling container call Hillside's Public Works Department at 202-3434 to request a new container and one will be delivered to your home.

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



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

Former Resident Reminisces on Growing Up in Hillside

The big white house in the middle of the block located at 86 N LaVerne Avenue was our family home for 70 years. Our parents bought the house when I was two years old, and my brother was one. Two other children followed. On July 26, 2023, we sadly closed on the sale of our homeplace.

The sale of my childhood home elicited years of fond memories. Our street was wedged between the railroad tracks and the Eisenhower expressway. We knew all our neighbors and I can still name every family in every house. No one had air conditioning, so in the summer we spent a lot of time outside. The adults would sit in driveways visiting while the kids played. At 6pm, a siren would go off and we knew it was time to go home for supper.

All children attended Hillside School or St Domitilla (50 students in a classroom) and later Proviso West or a parochial high school. Butterfield Road was a thriving shopping area. The Locker was on the corner of Wolf and Butterfield. Next door was the Medical Building of Dr Suchy and Dr Seno. Connected to this building was an apartment building rented in season by Chicago Blackhawk players. Across the street was Hauerts Drug Store. After a dental visit at Dr Maney's, we would receive an ice cream certificate that could be redeemed at the drug store.



Family Home on LaVerne for 70 years

Q's Pizza is in the same shopping strip. It's one of the only businesses still operating. Foremost Liquor was located where the now closed Stimac's parking lot is. Further down was Mr. Larsen's store. His emporium carried a few groceries, baked goods and most importantly, a big selection of penny candy. Butterfield Grill was on the corner. Across the street and further down was Raimondi's Bakery. If you were walking in the area, you could smell the aroma of freshly baked cakes and sweet rolls. I vividly remember when the Raimondi's son, Hillside Police Officer Anthony Raimondi was found murdered. Frank's Deli was next door.



Kilkus Kids after frolicking in the water sprinkler

Hillside Shopping Center opened in 1956. We shopped there for everything from shoes, clothes, furniture, and live Christmas trees. We worked part time jobs in the Mall at Goldblatts, Carson Pirie Scott, and Thom McAn Shoes. We could walk to all these places.

I now live in Nashville, Tennessee. Prior to the selling of the family abode, I visited my 97-year-old Mother in our big white house. I took morning walks thru Hillside streets and reminisced about those fabulous times. I'm sad my family no longer resides in Hillside, but we have our cherished memories. We hope the new owners love the current Hillside as much as we loved it in our era.

Joan Kilkus Embree



The Kilkus Clan in 2023 visiting the home one last time.
Top row: Phil and Bruce
Bottom row: Barb and Joan

A Message from Village Trustee John Kramer...

Air Force Veteran & Broadview-Hillside American Legion Member



I received a lot of great feedback on my last article about Nick, my grandfather and a WW I veteran – I am so glad you enjoyed it. For those who may not have read it, Nick was an Italian immigrant who had only been in this country a few years when World War I broke out. He wasn't a citizen yet, but when his country called, he dropped everything, joined the United States Army, fought in Europe, was hurt, and returned home. He had lost his business (prior to the war he had owned an ice cream parlor) and was ailing from his war related injuries.

While many things weren't great for him, some things were awesome – firstly, his country awarded him his citizenship for service to his nation, he married, had a family, and got laborers' jobs to take care of his family. That's a summary but there is so much more to his story that couldn't fit into the space I had, so bear with me please, I just need to say a few things more about Nick.

There are more dramatic and interesting stories that many vets have – heck, movies have been made about them. Well, Nick was a special person. He had no formal education, yet he had a few unusual talents. I told you all in my last article that he was trapped behind enemy lines and that he and his squad managed to find some underground French fighters and that he fought with them until he got back to US forces. His squad was having a hard time understanding French. Perhaps because he was fluent in Italian, Nick just learned to speak French. I have no idea how.

Later in his tour when his unit was part of the post war reconstruction, he learned how to speak German. He could also handle several dialects of Italian. I remember in the 1940's he would speak French with his neighbors in Chicago. They were amazed and thrilled they had someone they could communicate with in their own tongue. I was also amazed he could still remember.

I had such a problem getting him to tell me about his war experience. I did hear him speak French, but I found out about his language skills from one of his buddies. When I was young, we had a tradition to go to my grandparent's home every Sunday for dinner.

My grandfather Nick would take the Tribune and go through it cover to cover. In those days the Sunday Tribune had hundred or more pages. He would force me to read the comics to him saying it was to teach me how to read better. I found out years later he could barely read. That was confusing to me – how could he just learn languages so easily, but he didn't master reading?

Lastly, when I joined the Air Force in 1965, he was so incredibly proud of me and that he would wear my military cap any time I was home. I mean that he would wear it all day. He would tease me about being an Officer and would proclaim, "the Private is the real soldier – you Officers got it made!". You know, he may have been right. When I left for Korea in 1968, he cried and I NEVER saw him cry before or after that.

Have a good month. Let us enjoy our freedom – there are a lot of Nick's who have gifted it to us.

Queen of All Nations Parish
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BINGO NIGHT

FRIDAY
Oct. 13, 2023

605 N. Hillside Avenue,
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South Hall

Doors Open at 5:00 pm
Bingo starts at 7:00 pm

Playing 15 games
Pack of 9-on cards
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Municipal Calendar of Events



- September 11th Board of a Whole Meeting – 7:30 P.M.
- September 25th Village Board Meeting – 7:30 P.M.
- September 27th Community Awareness Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
- September 28th Community Relations Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
- October 9th Village Board of a Whole Meeting – 7:30 P.M.
- October 23rd Village Board Meeting – 7:30 P.M.
- October 25th Community Awareness Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
- October 26th Community Relations Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

*** All meetings are held in the Village Hall Board Room



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Final Thoughts from Mayor Joseph T. Tamburino

Dear Neighbors,

Our Summer Nights in Hillside Tuesday concert series is considered one of the top summer entertainment attractions in the suburbs, and it is getting better every year. This year we expanded the concerts to feature two bands. The 5:30 concert showcased Chicago area talent while the 7:30 concert highlighted bands that perform all over the USA. This dual concert format was such a success we intend to continue it next year.

Our concert series, which began in 2017 with around \$20,000 in sponsorship money, has now grown to \$90,000. Our goal is to break the \$100,000 mark. Local businesses are taking notice that our concerts attract thousands of attendees to every concert, and they want to be in on the action.

Our cruise night, which occupies the land adjacent to the concert grounds, attracted around 100 cars in our inaugural 2017 event and now draws nearly 400 classic automobiles. In 2017, we had two dozen Market Place vendors selling items on the concert grounds. In 2023, that number grew to over 80. In 2017 we had 12 food court vendors selling food to concert attendees. This year we had 23 food booths... and we had to turn down additional purveyors due to lack of space.

Another amazing statistic that has emerged from our 6 years of hosting concerts is the fact that despite the thousands of people that have graced our concert grounds, not a single arrest has ever been made. This is a testament to our first responders who constantly and politely make their presence felt. It is also a testament to you, the residents, for ensuring the concerts go on without incident. Many non-Hillside concert attendees have taken notice of our security and have passed the word along that Hillside is a safe venue to spend a relaxing evening listening to great bands. See the letter on page 14 attesting to our security.

At this point, I want to publicly acknowledge the Hillside Police, Fire, Public Works, and Emergency Management Departments for their commitment to making these concerts an enjoyable and safe experience. I also want to give a shout out to Robinn Lange for conducting emcee duties from the main stage, and to Tony Milazzo for organizing the Cruise Night. I want to express my gratitude to our sponsors and our motels/hotels whose financial patronage help defray the concert costs. And finally, a heartfelt gratitude to Village Administrator Joe Pisano and our Concert Czarina Evelyn Belmonte for their dedication in ensuring all aspects of the concert series runs like clockwork even when hiccups occur.

And last, but not least, I want to wish an old friend, Hillside Emergency Management Agency Director Tony Faragia, a fond farewell as he retires after 46 years. Tony served first as a volunteer and then as the Agency's volunteer director. Tony is truly one of those individuals who made his community a better place for all to live.

Sincerely,

Mayor Joseph Tamburino

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