



HILLSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTS DRONE PROGRAM

Recently, the Hillside Police Department implemented a program that deploys an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), commonly known as a drone. We currently have one operational drone along with an FAA certified drone operator. The drone program debuted at our first summer concert on July 18th of this year. If you attended any of these events, you may have seen the drone in use as it assisted the village in many ways during these well attended events.



Sergeant Shane Mikicic is our FAA certified remote pilot.

Besides giving us a unique bird's eye view, the drone could also quickly respond to an area of concern much faster than an officer could on foot. This helped keep personnel available for other duties. The drone also assisted in monitoring traffic and parking conditions to help facilitate how we managed the large crowd's entry and exit, as well as resource planning from week to week, such as artificial lighting or barricade placement. Finally, the drone was able to provide overhead pictures from the event that gave us the most accurate crowd size estimates we have ever had.



Drone Hovering at Summer Concert

The drone is not just useful during these events, but has a role in assisting other police operations. The drone can be quickly deployed to help search for a missing child or adult. Giving us an extra set of eyes that can cover large areas much quicker than a traditional ground search is able to. This same approach can be used to locate offenders that may flee from a crime scene. The drone can also enhance the safety of our officers by locating offenders from a distance and giving officers on the ground advanced warning of potential threats these offenders may pose.

It is important to note that the Hillside Police Department has a strict policy regarding the use of drones. This policy ensures that the program is used properly by complying with state and federal laws and is always mindful of citizen's right to privacy. Pictures or videos captured by the drone can only be used in specific circumstances and will never be transmitted to the public or on social media unless there is a vital reason to do so regarding personal or public safety. The policy also requires advanced notice to the public that the drone will be used during a planned event.

Always keep one eye to the sky, especially at village events, you never know when you might see our newest, and possibly coolest, addition to the Hillside Police Department.

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 10th and Saturday, November 11th

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23rd, Friday, November 24th and Saturday, November 25th

Christmas

Monday, December 25th

New Year's

Monday, January 1st



George Cross Will Be Hillside's Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal At 101 Years Old!

According to the US Department of Veterans Affairs statistics, approximately 167,284 of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II are alive in 2023. In view of this statistic, the Village of Hillside is honored to have 101-year-old Hillside resident George Cross serve as Grand Marshal for the Village's Veterans Day Parade on November 4th.

Mr. Cross was born in Kansas City, Missouri in 1922. His family tree includes direct descendants of Dred Scott, who petitioned the Supreme Court to remove his enslaved status. The famous Dred Scott Decision ruled that Dred Scott, as a Black man, had no right to sue to correct a decision of any Court. This decision paved the way for the presidential election of Abraham Lincoln 3 years later.

Mr. Cross spent his formative years in the southern Illinois towns of Carmi, Marion and Villa Ridge. Mr. Cross saw education as critical for advancement in any field of endeavor. He attended Illinois State University to pursue a degree in Education and Biological Science. Mr. Cross was a basketball Forward for Illinois State University. World War II deferred his dream, as he was drafted into the US Army during that conflict.

In the Army, Mr. Cross served as a Water Service Supervisor in New Guinea and the Philippines. Ultimately, he achieved the important rank of Sergeant, and was charged with the key responsibility to ensure that polluted water would not devastate the rank-and file. His decorations include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, two Bronze Battle Stars for serving in a war zone, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, a Bronze Star, a Good Conduct metal and a WW II Victory Medal.

When Mr. Cross ended his military service in 1946, he returned to Illinois State University to complete his Bachelor's degree. Furthering his education, he also earned an MS degree in Educational Administration with a minor in Chemistry.

Mr. Cross taught at several Illinois and Missouri schools for more than 35 years. During his tenure, he served as a Guidance Counselor and also taught Math, Science, and Physical Education.

Mr. Cross coached high school basketball players from 1952 – 1969. In 1962, Mr. Cross became the first African American high school coach in Missouri to take a team of African American basketball players to the State's Final Four competition. In 1969 while he taught and coached at Hadley Tech High School in St. Louis, Hadley's team won the State Championship in Basketball for the Public School League. Some of his former students have stated that "his commitment to mentorship both on and off the court was invaluable." He retired as Assistant Principal of Vashon High School (formerly Hadley Tech) in 1978.

Mr. Cross and his late wife Althea were married for 71 years. They had one son who is also deceased. Due to his strong commitment to charitable service, he became a member of the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity. He also served as President of the Retired Teachers Association's Executive Board, where he was treasurer for more than 15 years.

Mr. Cross lives in Hillside with his daughter-in-law Haroleon Cross. He is the proud grandfather of one and great-grandfather of two.

George Cross is a joy to everyone he meets and has a smile for everyone. He is the embodiment of honesty and compassion. He is a strong advocate of discipline and goal setting, which he believes are key to achieving. Hillside is proud to call this fine gentleman its Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal for 2023.



Village Trustee John Kramer (l), Mayor Joseph Tamburino (c), and Village Trustee David Delgado (r) seen here with 2023 Grand Marshal George Cross



Mr. Cross's only picture of him in World War II

The Village of Hillside
and Broadview-Hillside American Legion Post #626
Present the
21st Annual Veterans Day Parade
Saturday, November 4th, 2023 at 1 P.M.
Grand Marshal George Cross, WWII Veteran, U.S. Army



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 NOT sponsored by any school district. For more information call 708-202-4343.

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



Hillside Public Works Report

We wish you a very happy, healthy, safe holiday season.

November & December

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

LEAVES

Dispose of leaves in your green yard waste cart or brown yard waste bags that 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 27th on your scheduled pick-up day.

BRANCH PICK-UP

The Village branch pick-up has ended for 2023. However, Flood Brothers accepts bundles of brush or limbs, providing the bundles do not exceed a weight of 50 lbs., and no more than 4' long and 2" in diameter. Small limbs can be placed in your yard waste cart. The last pickup for yard waste carts and branches is the last week of November 27th on your scheduled garbage day pickup. The Village Branch chipper route will resume in April 2024. Be sure to read The Herald for start dates.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Please do not place plastic bags in your blue recycle cart! There are many items that can be recycled by using your blue recycling container. Some items **NOT** to recycle are **plastic bags**, plastic #6 (polystyrene), k-cups, food or beverage waste including fast food packaging/plastic utensils, candy and snack wrappers, paper towels, Styrofoam, electronics, car batteries, light bulbs, tires, hoses, shower curtains, 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 <https://www.floodbrothersdisposal.com/recycling-service/residential-recycling>

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.**

STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping is scheduled every week for the month of November and the first week of December, which usually takes place at the beginning of the week, weather permitting. **That will conclude street sweeping until March of 2024.** **Please refrain from parking on the streets from 6:00 am until 4:30 pm during these dates.**

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 ORDINANCE'S SEC. 74-9).** Icy patches and frozen blocks of ice form, creating hazardous conditions for pedestrians and vehicles. Please keep the snow on your own property and parkway.

STREETLIGHTS

It's that time again when our days are becoming shorter and darker. Please report the outage of streetlights to the Public Works and Inspection Services Department. We don't always know about a streetlight that is out or malfunctioning. That's 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 FLOOD BROTHERS

If a holiday falls on a weekday or a Sunday, and your regularly scheduled pickup is on or after the holiday, your pickup will be delayed by one day. Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday. Flood Brothers will not collect on the following holidays:

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY
THANKSGIVING DAY**

**MEMORIAL DAY,
LABOR DAY
CHRISTMAS DAY**



TREE LIGHTING

and a visit with Santa!

AT THE HILLSIDE VILLAGE HALL

Thursday, December 7th
6:30 - 8 PM

Gifts for
Children
(while supply lasts)

Hillside Village Hall
425 Hillside Avenue

Brought to you by
The Hillside Youth Commission!

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

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!



**BRING
YOUR
CAMERA TO
CAPTURE
THIS
MAGICAL
TIME!**

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)



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 Friday, December 15th.**

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



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 viernes 15 de diciembre.

Cuando tenga esa información haga el favor de mandarla a:

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

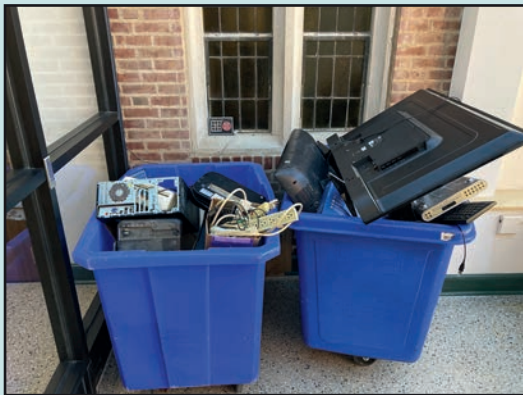
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b) Ponga la información en el buzón de Santa Claus, que se muestra en la foto de la izquierda. Este buzón se encontrará en el vestíbulo principal del edificio de la Villa de Hillside a partir del 15 de noviembre.

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

Going Away for the Holidays? If so, Register for Hillside's Vacation Check Program

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.



Get Ready for the Holidays by Disposing 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 Flood Brothers 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.

OBSERVE HILLSIDE'S WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS



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22nd Annual Breakfast Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This Year's Theme Is

"I Am the Future... A Dream Come True"

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

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

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

Tickets are available for purchase at
the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue
starting Monday, December 11, 2023,
until Monday, January 8, 2024.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

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

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

*"Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights.
You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation
of your country, and a finer world to live in."*

–Dr. Martin Luther King,
April 18, 1959

(This is NOT a school sponsored event)

The Hillside Community Relations Commission and The Village of Hillside

Students are invited to write an original essay based on the theme for the 22nd Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Celebration that will be held on Monday, January 15, 2024.

ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

Honoring
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our 2024 Topic is
"I Am the Future... A Dream Come True"

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 that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dreamed could happen.

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 15, 2023. 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

(This is NOT a school sponsored event)

Going to the Mall for You Holiday Shopping? Then Use The Village of Hillside's 50/50 Taxicab Program



This holiday season, take the stress out of driving around looking for that perfect gift by 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.



Use the Village's Drop Box to Pay Water Bills and Much More

The Village of Hillside has a drop box located in the south parking lot of the Village Hall. **Residents can access this drop box 24 hours a day.** Items that may be placed in this drop box include, water bill or parking ticket payments, correspondence to village officials and department heads, and various village forms found on the Village's website. So if you cannot make it to the Village Hall during normal hours to get your business done, then the drop box is your best option.

Stay Safe and Be Informed... Register for Hillside's CodeRED Program Today

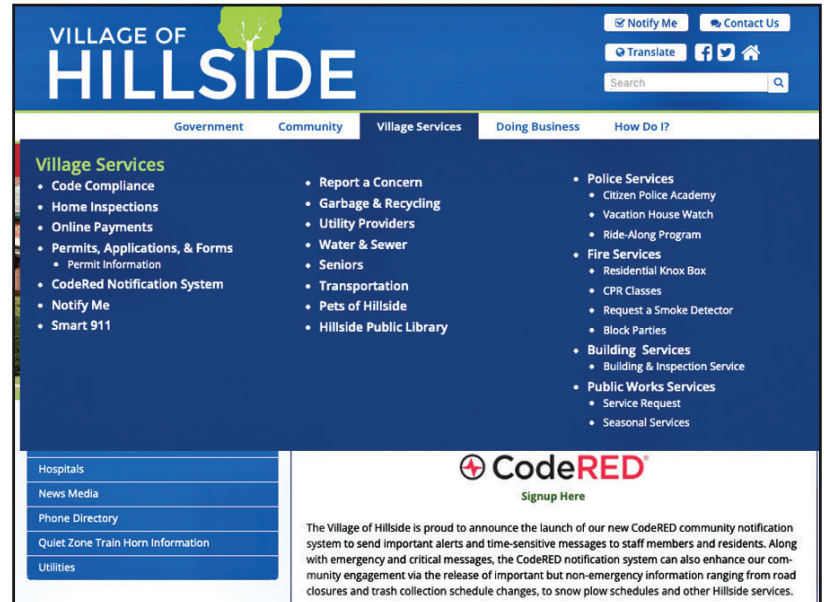
Be Informed about tornado sightings, street closures, and much more by registering for Hillside's **CodeRED** Program. Along with emergency and critical messages like tornado sightings and flood warnings, the **CodeRED** notification system can also enhance our community engagement via the release of important yet non-emergency information. This information ranges from road closures to trash collection schedule changes, and other services.

CodeRED enables us 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.



Registration for the **CodeRED** 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 areas are sure to receive this valuable information.

Residents 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 right to a resident's smartphone. 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 on the **CodeRED** notification system or registration, please contact Emergency Communication Network (**CodeRed**) at 866-939-0911.

Local Artist Artwork on Display at the Village Hall



Hillside resident Aaron Canino has produced paintings honoring the heroes of 9/11. The artwork is on display in the Village Hall lobby until he switches them out at some future date. If anyone is interested in purchasing these or any of his paintings, please call (708) 202-4343 and someone will contact Aaron.

◀ Fire Captain Wyckoff (l)
Mayor Tamburino and Police
Chief Murphy seen here with
artist Aaron Canino



Keep Loved Ones Safe This Holiday Season and All Year Round with Hillside's **Smart911** Program



Over 80% of calls made to 911 come from mobile phones. When you dial 911 from a mobile phone, the 911 call takers have very little information to help you – only your phone number and a very general sense of your location. This is a serious problem in an emergency when seconds count, particularly if you or your loved ones have medical conditions or are unable to safely speak. The easy solution to this problem is registering for **Smart911**.

What is **Smart911**?

Smart911 is a free service used by public safety agencies across the country to enhance communication and response for their community. It can be used by 911 agencies to quickly send first responders to the location of an emergency with more information; by emergency management

personnel to better plan for and respond to disasters; and by municipalities to send notification to their citizens.

The 911 service of **Smart911** allows you to create a Safety Profile for your household. This will proactively provide details on your family and home that 911 may need in order to send help in the event of an emergency no matter where you are in the United States.

How does **Smart911** work?

When you sign up for **Smart911**, you can create a secure Safety Profile that will display on the call taker's screen whenever you dial 911 in the event of an emergency. You can add as much or as little to your profile as you want, the choice is yours, but it is recommended you add important details responders need to know during an emergency situation. This may include medical conditions and medications, address details, and photos of yourself, children, or any elderly relative prone to wandering.

How does **Smart911** help?

Better informed first responders are better equipped to help you. With Smart911, paramedics are aware of critical medical information like Alzheimer's or allergies. Police have children's photos in case of an Amber Alert and Firefighters know household details – ensuring that everyone is rescued during an evacuation – even pets.

How do I register?

The registration process is quick and easy. Start by visiting the Hillside Village Website www.hillside-il.org and then click on the tab Village Services. In the drop-down menu under Public Safety click on the **Smart911** tab and scroll to the bottom where it says Signup for **Smart911**. After completing the steps, you will have a chance to add optional information or edit the information you have provided. You must complete every step. The service will not work until you have added and confirmed a phone number. For additional information, call the non-emergency fire department phone number at (708) 547-8684.



Start the 2024 Year Off Right... Have the Hillside Fire Department Install a Free Smoke Detector!

Hillside's Firefighters will install smoke detectors for Hillside residents free of charge. The #1 rated department is committed, devoted, and remains proactive in educating Hillside residents on the importance of having working smoke detectors.

To have a smoke detector installed, Hillside residents can call the firehouse (708-547-8684) and request a FREE install of smoke detector(s) or a battery change.

Hillside Public Library November and December Events and Programs

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

Holiday Closures: November 22 (Early closure at 5:00 pm), November 23 and 24. December 23, 25, 30, and 31.

YOUTH

Lego Club: November 1 and 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Storytime: Read with Miss Niki all about Thanksgiving. Watch A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving after stories! November 18. Story time at 11:00 a.m. Movie at 11:30 a.m.

Kids' Yoga Class: Ideal for ages 6-12. Caregiver must be present. November 27 at 6:00 p.m.

TWEENS AND TEENS

Supernatural Society: In November, spend time with your peers talking about all things creepy! Call the library for details! Grades 6-12.

RPG Tabletop: Once a month we get together to play some games! Call the library for details. Grades 6-12.

Mario Tournament: We'll play either Super Smash Bros or Mario Kart on the Switch. Ages 7-11. November 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Dino Paint Night: Come choose a craft to do and celebrate DINOVENBER. Grades 6-12. November 8 at 6:00 p.m.

ADULT

Monday Movie Matinee: Join us for a movie matinee at 2:00 p.m. Snacks and beverages. Registration requested. November 13: *Room for One More* starring Cary Grant and Betsy Drake. November is National Adoption Month and this 1952 film features Grant and Drake (who were real-life spouses at the time) as foster parents.

December 11: You get to decide what movie we'll watch! Take our quick survey to help us pick the holiday movie for December: go to <https://forms.gle/Lzv67QhDDHN44Dnq8>

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

Soundbath Meditation: It's Stress Awareness Day! Adults can relieve anxiety with soothing and relaxing yoga. November 1 at 12:00 p.m.

JFK 60th Anniversary: We're celebrating the life of John F. Kennedy on the 60th anniversary of his death. Watch PT 109 starring Cliff Robertson as a young JFK serving during World War II. Snacks and beverages. November 22 at 2:00 p.m.

ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Adult Book Discussion:

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

November 1: *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich

December 6: *Comfort and Joy* by Kristin Hannah

Mixed Stitchers: Bring your own knitting project. Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. No class on November 23.

Mid-Day Yoga: Every Friday at 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

No class on November 24.

Illinois Libraries Present: Enjoy these virtual events brought to you through our partnership with Illinois Libraries Present. The link to register will be posted on: www.hillsidepubliclibrary.org.

November 8 at 7:00 p.m. - *A Taste of Love* with Maya-Camille Broussard of Justice of the Pies

December 6 at 7:00 p.m. - *Surviving the Holidays* with Lori Gottlieb

Senior Tech Help: Call the library to make an appointment for one-on-one assistance.

ALL AGES/COMMUNITY/FAMILY

Winter Fun Day: Come to the library for holiday-themed BINGO, scavenger hunt, movie, crafts, and treats! December 9. Call the library for details.

Mental Health During the Holidays: Do the holidays have you stressed? Hear tips to relieve stress from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). December 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Food Drive: All items will be distributed locally by the Immanuel-Hillside Food Pantry.

November 1 - 18: Biscuit and cornbread mix, canned fruit and vegetables, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, and turkey gravy. December 4 - 15: All items above, cake mix and frosting and mac and cheese.

Mini Library Parade: Pick up a DIY mini float kit and turn it in for display. Kits available November 1st and due November 18th.

Fall Reading Challenge: November 13-26: Participate for prizes.

Family Reading Night: We'll have games and activities, and you can register for a Read-to-the-Dogs 15-minute time slot! Costumes are encouraged. November 16 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Christmas Decoration Drop-In: Help us get ready by decorating ornaments for our tree on the Prairie Path in December. November 25 and 27 all day.

FREE Fun Things for the Family to Do in November and December...

Illinois residents... during the upcoming holidays you can take the family to one of the following venues where admission is free.

Adler Planetarium - 1300 S. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago

Free admission every Wednesday, 4-10 p.m.
www.adlerplanetarium.org/visit/tickets/special-offers/

The Art Institute of Chicago - 111 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago

Free admission Monday, Thursday, and Friday evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
www.artic.edu/visit/free-admission-opportunities

Brookfield Zoo - 8400 W. 31st St., Brookfield

Free admission on Tuesdays and Thursdays November 1-23.
and Mondays and Tuesdays December 4 - 18
www.czs.org/about

Cantigny Park and Museum - 1 S. 151 Winfield Rd., Wheaton

Free admission every day.
www.cantigny.org/venue/first-division-museum-military-park/

Chicago Botanic Garden - 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe

Free admission November 6 and 12 and December 11 and 17.
www.chicagobotanic.org/visit/free_admission_opportunities

Chicago History Museum - 1601 N. Clark St., Chicago

Free admission November 1, 29 and December 13.
www.home.chicagohistory.org/visit-us/

The Christkindlmarket - Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago

Free Admission November 17 - December 24.
www.christkindlmarket.com/daleyplaza/

DuSable Black History Museum - 740 E. 56th Pl., Chicago

Free admission every Wednesday.
www.choosechicago.com/listing/dusable-museum-of-african-american-history-2/

The Field Museum - 1400 S. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago

Free admission November 7, 10, 14, and 28 - December 5 and 12.
www.fieldmuseum.org/our-events/free-admission-days

Illinois Holocaust Museum - 9603 Woods Dr., Skokie

Free admission November 24 and December 29.
www.ilholocaustmuseum.org

Lincoln Park Zoo - 2001 N. Clark St., Chicago

Free admission all year long.
www.lpzoo.org/visit/visitor-faq/

Museum of Contemporary Art - 220 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago

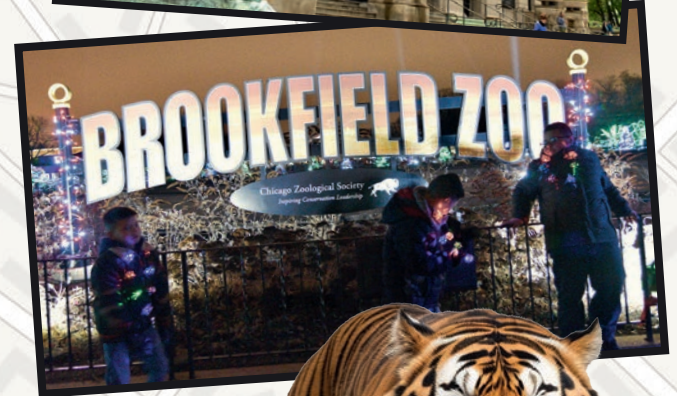
Free admission every Thursday.
www.mcachicago.org

Museum of Science and Industry - 5700 S. DuSable Lake Shore Dr.

Chicago Free Admission November 1 and 8.
www.msichicago.org/visit/ticket-prices/offers-and-discounts/illinois-free-days/

National Museum of Mexican Art - 1852 W. 19th St., Chicago

Free admission every day.
www.nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org/visit





This Holiday Season Give the Gift of Food

15% of area residents and 1 in 5 children are food deprived, that is, they do not know when their next meal will be, or if it will be enough food. Inflation has seen food prices dramatically increase over the past two years making it even more difficult for families to put a decent meal on the table. 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.

This holiday season, let's make it our mission to ensure no Hillside resident goes hungry. 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 currently they have a real need 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.

Give Your Pets a Present.... Register Them with the Village of Hillside



Pet owners, don't forget to register your pets. The Village of Hillside has free registration for your dogs and cats. Register your pet(s) in order to **receive your free pet tags**. We only ask that you bring in an up-to-date rabies vaccination report. In case your pet ever gets lost, the Village tag on your pet's collar will help our police department reunite them with you, the pet owner.

Secretary of State Initiates Programs to Cut Down on Wait Times at Motor Vehicle Facilities

In an effort to improve customer service and eliminate the unpredictability of wait times at Illinois DMVs, Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias has implemented a Skip-the-Line Program starting in September.



▪ **The Skip-the-Line Program includes:**
Simplified Online Services — **Customers are encouraged to take advantage of the many services offered online at ilsos.gov, including renewing their driver’s license or ID card and license plate sticker online.**

▪ **Appointment Scheduling** — **Customers will be required to make appointments for in-person visits at 44 of the busiest DMVs including all Chicago and suburban locations for those seeking REAL ID, driver’s license and ID card services, and in-car driving tests.** Those seeking vehicle-related services, such as title and registration or renewing their license plate sticker, do not need to make an appointment and can just walk in. Upon arrival, customers will check in with DMV staff and “Skip the Line,” eliminating lines and unpredictable wait times. **Illinoisans may visit ilsos.gov or call (844) 817-4649 to schedule an appointment.**

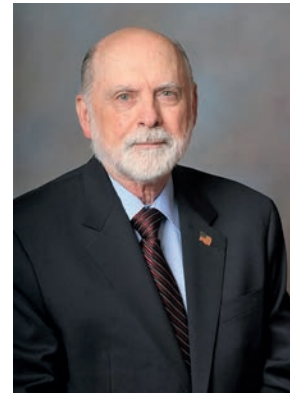
- **New Extended Hours of Operation** —All DMVs statewide will extend hours of operation, with 16 facilities open six days a week – Monday through Saturday.
- **All DMVs will change their days and hours of operation from Tuesday-Saturday to Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**
- 16 DMVs will also be open on Saturday, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., see below.

“Customers will save time by skipping the line,” said Giannoulias. “Our goal is to eliminate the Time Tax that has plagued Illinoisans for years, forcing them to stand in long lines wasting time – just to conduct basic services. Extending hours at all DMVs and requiring appointments at our 44 highest-volume facilities are the most efficient way to get the services you need quickly and without the headache of unpredictable wait times.”

Secretary of State Motor Vehicle Locations Near Hillside

Location	Address	Days Open
Chicago West	5301 W. Lexington St.	Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Des Plaines	1470 Lee St.	Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Lombard	837 S. Westmore B27	Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Melrose Park	1903 N. Mannheim Rd.	Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Schaumburg	1227 E. Golf Rd.	Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

A Message from Village Trustee John Kramer...
Air Force Veteran & Broadview-Hillside American Legion Member



Let's Remember Those Who Cannot Be With Loved Ones This Holiday Season

For the sailor who has been on deployment out to sea for nine months, sometimes the smallest reminder of home can make all the difference. For the service members who have been called to duty and deployed around the world at a moment's notice, a few minutes of respite can bolster their spirits. And for the soldier serving on the front lines during the holidays, this gesture of gratitude can lessen the sting of being far from loved ones during those important times of year.

Sending care packages to troops is a tangible way to let service members know that their friends, family, and the American people are thinking of them, even from thousands of miles away.

We can bring a little bit of seasonal cheer to our troops by donating to Department of Defense approved nonprofit organizations that send care packages to military personnel stationed overseas:

- Adopt a Platoon Soldier Support Effort at: www.adoptaplatoon.org
- Any Soldier Inc. at: www.anysoldier.com
- For the Troops at: www.forthetroops.org
- Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc. at: www.forgottensoldiers.org
- Hugs Project at: www.thehugsproject.com
- Troopster at: www.troopster.com



From my family to yours, enjoy the upcoming holidays, and may you have a prosperous, healthy and fulfilling 2024.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Upcoming Food Distribution Dates
Nov. 11th & Dec. 9th at 11:00 a.m.

FOOD DRIVE

Non-perishable donations can be dropped off in the church lobby on Fridays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

NO ONE TURNED AWAY UNTIL FOOD RUNS OUT

2317 S. Wolf Rd. Hillside, IL
www.immanuel-hillside.org

Register to Vote at the Village Hall for the Upcoming 2024 Presidential Election

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

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

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



Municipal Calendar of Events

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November 13th Board of a Whole Meeting – 7:30 P.M.

November 16th Community Relations Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

November 27th Village Board Meeting – 7:30 P.M.

November 29th Community Awareness Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

December 11th Village Board of a Whole Meeting – 7:30 P.M.

December 14th Community Relations Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

December 18th Village Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

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



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EMA
708-449-6410
Mayor's Office of Special
Events Coordinator:
Evelyn Belmonte
708-202-4343
Community Outreach
Coordinator
Leslie Rios
708-202-4389
Village Hours
M-F 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Sat. 9:00 A.M. to Noon
Closed on Sunday



Season's Greetings From Your Hillside Elected Officials



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Linda Gould



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This upcoming holiday season we want to thank everyone for being a valued member of the tapestry that is Hillside. Our Village represents what America should be, which is a blend of different races, ethnicities, and religions who work together in creating a community where people can achieve their dreams.

To quote former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Your Hillside Village Officials and Village Employees wish for all residents that in 2024 you may prosper, enjoy great health, and the dreams you dream come true. Have a memorable holiday season.