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HILLSDALE'S FOURTH OF JULY "Operation Welcome Home"



Welcome to a fun-filled day this July 4th. (Rain Date July 5th).

The Hillsdale School and Community Task Force Committee has planned a special celebration this Independence Day to pay tribute to the men and women who served in the armed forces during the war in the Persian Gulf.

Come join us outdoors at Beechwood Park -- picnic if you like, while music is playing and have free watermelon, lemonade, popcorn, snack packs and hot dogs.

All events start and end at Beechwood Park except for the Fireworks which will take place at the Pascack Valley High School. All servicemen and women, veterans as well as those on active duty, are invited to join in a Victory March before the Fireworks Display.

Start your holiday Tuesday night, July 2, at the Beechwood Park Concert. "The Ramapo Fault String Band" will play ragtime, fiddle tunes and songs of the past. Show time is 8:30 P.M. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

Following is the program for July 4th at Beech-wood Park:

MORNING

9:00 A.M. Sign up for 5K run (or walk if you wish). Tee shirts will be distributed to Hilisdale participants. The route is enclosed in this Newsletter. (Free coffee/tee)

9:45 A.M. Salute to the Flag
Singing of National Anthem -- The Star
Spangled Banner (Leader in song -Christina Fanelli)

"O say! can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. O, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave -- O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

(Words and Music officially designated as the National Anthem by Act of Congress in 1931).

10:00 A.M. 5K Run Kicks-off (3.1 miles)

11:00 A.M. Picnic Begins

Free Lemonade -- Donated by Kings
Free Hotogs -- Donated by Sizzler
Free Watermelon -- Donated by
Demarest Farm
Free Chips/Pretzel snack paks --

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Free Popcorn

Music by Cartwright Group
Playing and Singing to 12:00 Noon

AFTERNOON

12:00 Face Paining
Noon Children's races, Grades 1-6.

Wheelbarrow race, sack race, 3-legged race, balloon race, 40 yard dash. Ribbons for all participants. Candy prizes for

winners.

12:30 P.M. Music by Black Jack
Playing and Singing to 1:30 P.M.

1:00 P.M. Free Moon Walk 2:00 P.M. Free Pony Rides

Music by The Mo'Tones

Playing and Singing to 4:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M. End of Beechwood Park planned activities.

Stay and picnic if you like!

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Hillsdale Residents on Active Duty during the war in the Persian Gulf

Lt. Colonel Charles N. Arlin, Chaplain

Office of the Staff Chaplain

Chapel 10

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

(Home address: 94 Baylor Avenue, Hillsdale)

Captain Bill Higgins, USNR

Deputy, Acting Chief of Staff

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FPO New York 09526

(Horne address: 90 Wierimus Road, Hillsdale)

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MP-1 Box 41

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(Home address: 5 Boulevard South, Hillsdale)

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Hdats Co 7th Marines

1st Marine Division

FPO Mt. MCAGCC 29 Palms, CA 92278.

(Home address: 386 Kinderkamack Road, Hillsdale)

PFC Ramin Rabizadeh 153740083

Operation Desert Shield

D-17 ENGR BN 2AD SWO

APO New York 09758

(Home address: 77 Queen Court, Hillsdale)

Staff Sergeant Jeffrey Ross, Air Force

PSC Box 3529

APO San Francisco, CA 96366-0006

(Home address: 36 Oak Street, Hillsdale)

Sergeant Diran G. Tookmanian 143-70-9182

Operation Desert Shield

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APO New York 09697

(Home address: 62 Kinderkamack Road, Hillsdale)

LIBRARY NOTES

New Hours - New Children's Program

Effective June 17th, the Hillsdale Free Public Library will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. and on Thursdays and Fridays from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday is the only evening the Children's Room will be open. Weekend hours have been suspended for the summer and will not commence again until September 7, the weekend after Labor Day.

Children's "Storytime", a program for preschoolers, will begin on Wednesday, July 10 and continue every Wednesday until August 21.

The summer reading program for school-age children begins July 1 and continues until August 23. This year's theme is "Castle Readmore". All participants will read and report on ten books of their choice. At the end of the program certificates of accomplishment will be awarded.

Registration begins June 21. Call the library for all details at 358-5073.

Hillsdale Recreation Sets **Day Camp Dates**

Please Note Changes

Due to work being done at the Smith School the location for registration for all campers entering Grades 1 through 6 has been changed. It will be held at the GEORGE WHITE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM on Monday, July 1, from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon.

The cost of registration is \$40 per camper. This includes a T-shirt, swimming at Stonybrook and the necessary insurance. Campers and their parents will require proof of Grade (report card) and proof of residency (driver's license) in order to register.

The camper season begins Tuesday, July 2, and continues through Thursday, August 1 (Camp closed July 4 and 5). The camp meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the George White School Cafetorium from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Stonybrook Swim Club from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. The Camp Director will be Robert Browning. For additional information please call 664-3506.

For 7th and 8th graders two teen dances will be held at the Stonybrook Swim Club on Friday, June 28, and Friday, July 26 at 7 P.M. Admission is free and the snack bar will be open. The DJ will play from 8 to 10 P.M. and the pool will be open for swimming.

For further information please call Rich Curran at 664-2016.

had been The Manor Section 100 Years of Hillsdale History

Hillsdale - one borough but a community of communities, founded by developers over the past 120 years. The Manor section, commonly recognized as the north central area of town, is distinctive for having two histories after the farming era.

in 1892, the area delimited by Knickerbocker Ave. on the south, Lincoln Ave. on the north, Broadway on the west and Wooddale Park on the east was bought by the Hillsdale Manor Improvement Co. (34 Park Row, New York). It absorbed Hillsdale Terrace, subdivided in 1890 along Clinton Ave., and in 1900 added land westward to Pascack Brook. In anticipation and encouragement of development, the Hillsdale Manor station of the railroad was built in 1893, with a small park to the east, recently developed as Broadway Plaza. All the present streets were laid out, cleared, graded and curbed.

"All lots are 25 x 100 feet, and are sold subject to restrictions against nuisances, so that Hillsdale Manor will continue to be a most desirable place of residence... The prices vary from \$100 to \$200 per lot... We will carry you there free on WEDNESDAY or SATURDAY AFTERNOON by our special trains... bring your wife, examine our fine property with its superb views of the Catskills, the Palisades, the Ramapo Mountains and the Highlands of Northern New Jersey" advertised the Improvement Co.

Many invested but few built; properties reverted for taxes. One of Hillsdale's oldest houses was moved from Broadway up to Vincent St.; a couple of houses now on the

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"Our Town" Committee -- a fund of Hillsdale information

Enacted by ordinance, the "Our Town" Committee provides new residents with non-commercial, non-partisan, non-political information about the Borough of Hillsdale -- its atructure, its agencies, the facilities and services available, the names of those serving in local government and the names of the chairmen and department heads of its municipal departments. In addition, it is responsible for posting the calendar of local events on the Town Bulletin Board located in Memorial Park in the center of town.

Unlike the Welcome Wagon, the Committee does not offer gifts from local merchants; however, for the convenience of all residents, it maintains an updated classified listing of every retailer and all commercial services available in the Borough.

In its welcoming letter received by all new taxpayers, the Committee offers to send an Information Packet to those wishing detailed information. The committee members stand ready to hand-deliver the desired information to all residents as well as newcomers, and to answer any questions.

Bob Hewitt, chairman of the "Our Town" Committee, encourages local residents who are selling their homes to be sure to notify the committee of the names and arrival dates of the new homeowners so that they may have full benefit of the information about Hillsdale at the earliest opportunity.

Chairman Hewitt also points out that the information available from "Our Town" may be extremely helpful to present residents as well as to newcomers.

"It's all available by contacting this committee, or it may be picked up at Borough Hall," he said.

Current members of the Committee are: Robert W. Hewitt, Chairman (664-5063); Florence Skopal (664-3924); Jo Ann Hayden (664-1210); Suzanne Adrian (666-8591); Sharon Intilii (664-5218).

Safety Tips For Your Swimming Pool

- 1. The pool should be completely fenced in with selfclosing, self-locking gates.
- 2. Move all furniture away from fences so that children cannot use it to climb into the pool area.
- 3. Never leave children unattended in a pool area. Your telephone should be in or close to the pool area.
- 4. Running and rough play should be prohibited in the pool area.
- 5. Diving into above-ground pools and pools that lack proper depth can result in tragedy.
- 6. Stairs to above-ground pools should be hoisted with a pulley or removed to prevent access to the water when the pool is not in use.

The Hillsdale Board of Health and the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission wishes everyone a healthy and safe summer.

Hillsdale Faces the Problem of Canadien Geese

On June 11, the Mayor and Council took the only steps within its power to stem the ever-increasing problems posed by the continuing influx of Canadian Gaese.

In a resolution passed unanimously, the governing body requested every resident to stop feeding all waterfowl (with emphasis on the geese), many of which are becoming year-round residents whose habits represent a serious threat to public health and a grave danger to local property values.

"What many people don't understand," Mayor Rebert Elder acid, "is that when these wild birds are fed by local residents, the birds themselves are enticed into becoming permanent residents of Hillsdale. But instead of healths, grains like corn and wheat they are fed things like white bread and potato chips -- foods with no nutritional value for survival. The result is they become susceptible to life-threatening diseases, diseases like avian cholera, duck plague and avian botulism. They become unhealthy nuisances subject to diseases that can spread like man spreads the common cold.

"In the meantime, they eat new shoots growing in our lawns and gardens and leave faces and droppings that are not just unhealthy but impossible to contain. Instead of beautiful wild birds, they have become diagusting pests.

"Because all waterlowl are protected by Federal Migratory laws, Borough government can do very little to control the problem. However, we are doing the only thing we can do. This resolution urges every resident to Stop Feeding The Geesel Let them return to their natural element where they can maintain their 'wildness' and their health.

"Until the federal laws are changed, this is all we can do -- and we need your cooperation", he said.

ATTENTION: Pool Purchasers

Any Hillsdale resident planning to purchase a swimming pool, above-ground or in-ground, must obtain proper permits from both the Construction Code Office and the Board of Health PRIOR to having the pool installed.

Many pool companies inform their customers that they will obtain all necessary permits; however, the ultimate responsibility for securing these permits rests with the homeowner, not the pool company, and if your pool installer offers to apply for these permits make sure that he has done so and that the permits have been issued prior to beginning any installation. Or, to be on the safe side, the resident may come to Borough Hall and apply for the permits in person.

Failure to obtain the necessary permits can result in major problems for the homeowner, such as the payment of heavy fines, or even the possibility of being forced to have the pool removed.

OUR EVENING PROGRAM

Fourth of July Highlight -- Fireworks!

(Rain Date - July 5)

The Borough of Hillsdale is sponsoring the Fireworks Display to pay special tribute to the men and women who served in the armed forces during the war in the Persian Gulf. The display will be held at the Pascack Valley High School Athletic Field and is open to Hillsdale residents and their holiday guests only. Each Hillsdale homeowner should have received four (4) complimentary tickets via the Hillsdale Fire

be purchased at the gate for \$4.00 each. Proceeds from the day's activities will be shared by the Fire Department and the Hillsdale School and Community Task Force. The Task Force and the Local Assistance Board members are working together on the "Hillsdale Helping Hillsdale" program which sponsors local children to participate in various local recreational activities.

Since parking is limited at the high school, residents who live in the Pascack Valley High School area are requested to walk to the high school field. The Pascack Bible Church and the Meadowbrook School have given their approval to use their parking lots for resident parking.

Bring blankets or lawn chairs for lawn seating in the event the bleachers become full. The entire fireworks display is aerial and will be in full view of those seated on the field behind the bleachers.

The High School itself will NOT be open for use during the fireworks display. Portable toilet facilities will be available for everyone attending. NO SMOKING AND NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are permitted on Pascack Valley High School property.

EVENING PROGRAM.

8:80 P.M. Gates open at Pascack Valley High School for the Fireworks Program.

Glow Ropes - Sold by Hillsdale Volunteer

Ambulance Service

Soda - Sold by Hillsdale Sport Associations Ice Cream - Sold by Friendly's

6:15 P.M. DJ Dave—Disc Jockey begins entertainment of residents and guests (Continues to 9:45

P.M.)

8:30 P.M. "Operation Welcome Home" Ceremony — Welcome by Mayor Elder

Salute to the Flag

Singing of National Anthem

Veterans names read by Borough Clerk Elizabeth F. Rotar

Color Guard: Hillsdale Boy Scouts and Girl

Victory March - Veterans - Serviceman and women march around Pascack Valley High School Athletic Field.

9:15 P.M.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY!
(Garden State FIREWORKS Co.)

ENJOY!

That's it folks -- have a great July 4th one and all.

The Manor Section...

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County Historic survey were built, and the American Legion "Hut" gave name to its street. But between the streets, the woodlands mostly remained; I remember it so.

However, there was other enterprise. For 30 years there was a grocery story near the station, a cigar box factory near the Brook and the silk factory, earlier described in the Newsletter, near St. Mary St. A wire factory and a large lumber yard with a rail siding flourished for

several years. The present Golden Dynasty (ex-Bull & Bear) restaurant was built as a hotel; another, with 17 rooms and a bowling alley, was adjacent to the station on Loretta St. for 40 years. A baseball park west of the tracks was very active. By the Depression, Hillsdale Manor was moribund, to revive in solid growth in this half of the century, the area's second history.

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—Stan Nants, Borough Historian

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