

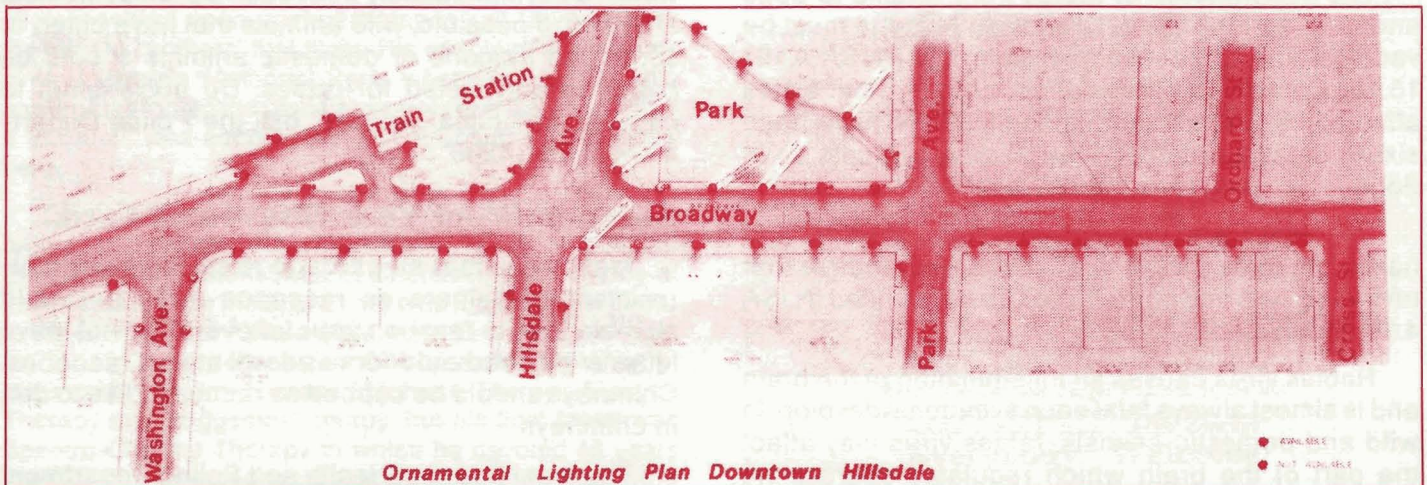
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VICTORIAN LIGHTS MAKE A HIT!

Shown above is the Victorian Lighting Plan for downtown Hillsdale. The individual lights are being sold to residents and former residents of the borough.

Many people have called to express interest in purchasing a light to make a lasting gift to their hometown. Each light and its location have been given a designated number. The white tags shown in the above picture illustrate locations that have already been sold.

The Victorian Lights will be enhanced by the placement of new stone sidewalks which will be installed at the time the intersection of Hillside Avenue and Broadway is constructed.

The price of each Victorian Light is \$1500. The amount is payable in 3 equal installments of \$500 each, or you may pay the full amount if you wish.

A brass plaque will be mounted on each light bearing the name of the individual or group contributing

the Victorian Light. It may be inscribed "Donated by", "In Memory of", or any suitable inscription selected by the donor.

Adding beauty and charm to the center of town by making a lasting gift of a Victorian Light is truly a treasure to be proud of.

The above lighting plan is on display in the lobby of Borough Hall.

Residents wishing to take advantage of the opportunity to sponsor a Victorian Light may do so in their own name, in their family name, or in the name of their organization. A separate insert is included in this newsletter giving complete details for sponsoring one of the lights. To reserve your light, fill in the information requested and mail or deliver it to Borough Hall with your \$500 deposit.

MEMORIAL DAY VETERAN'S PARADE MONDAY, MAY 28 AT 10:30 A.M.

The Memorial Day Committee and American Legion Post 162 invite every resident of Hillsdale young and old, parents, grandparents and children, to line the streets for the Memorial Day parade to honor the men of every war, in every branch of the service, who died for their country and are unable to be with us today.

For this day of remembrance, the Memorial Day Committee and the Legion Post are asking every Hillsdale veteran who served in action somewhere

around the world, or those who served in support services here in the United States, to join in marching, in uniform or in civvies, to honor their fellow soldiers who, having given "the last full measure of devotion", will not be marching this year.

Complete details on Memorial Day activities including parade time, ceremonies, contest winners, etc. can be found in one of the inserts included in this newsletter.

CAUTION: WILDLIFE RABIES EPIDEMIC

The New Jersey State Department of Health has alerted Hillsdale of the wildlife rabies epidemic that has spread into our state. As the number of wild animal rabies cases increases, the number of human and domestic animal exposures that will occur will result in an increased risk of rabies in humans and pet animals.

The transmission of rabies from wildlife to dogs and cats is of the utmost concern. All dogs must be vaccinated and licensed by state law (NJSA 4.19-15.15). Cats are of particular concern. In other states affected by the raccoon epidemic, there have been six (6) times as many cases of rabies in cats as in dogs.

Residents are discouraged from feeding and harboring stray cats or dogs. State law requires that unowned cats and dogs should be impounded (NJSA 4.19-15.16).

Rabies virus causes an inflammation of the brain and is almost always fatal once symptoms develop. In wild and domestic animals, rabies virus may affect the part of the brain which regulates aggression, causing the animal to attack without fear or provocation; wild animals that are usually out only at night may be seen in the daylight approaching humans

and domestic pets that they ordinarily would avoid.

Raccoons are the predominant animal infected with rabies in the current outbreak, and other animals are often bitten and infected by raccoons. Wild animals with rabies do not always display signs of illness and can be perfectly healthy in appearance. All bites and scratches from these animals should be washed out immediately and receive prompt medical attention. If possible, wild animals that have bitten or scratched humans or domestic animals should be captured and tested for rabies. Do not attempt to capture the animal yourself; call the Police Department at 664-4200.

Raccoon-Proof Your House and Yard:

Make sure that all garbage is stored in animal-resistant containers as raccoons and other wild animals love to feast on your leftovers. Do not leave leftover pet food outdoors as it will attract raccoons. Chimneys should be capped as raccoons like to den in chimneys.

The local Board of Health and Police Department work together with the Bergen County Animal Shelter, so remember... **call the Police Department at 664-4200 for safety first.**



A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

On March 21, 1990, the Borough awarded a \$225,000 contract to Rocco Caruso, Inc., Tenafly, for the complete reconstruction of Beech Street and Evergreen Street, and the repaving of Windham Road. Hillsdale has received a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for \$90,000, which will help fund this work.

The contract includes drainage work, new concrete curbing where required, and tree removals only where necessary to achieve the minimum street width required.

Due to the low bid prices received on this project, the Borough awarded an additional resurfacing contract to Dell Contractors, Inc., Paterson, in the amount of \$50,000. Forest Drive, Loretta Street, David Place, Sebastian Court, and Everdell Avenue between E. Liberty Avenue and Washington Avenue are scheduled for resurfacing under this contract.

Barring any delay due to utility conflicts and adverse weather conditions, work on both projects should be completed by June 1.

PLAN TO CELEBRATE AN OLD FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY!

Hillsdale residents can look forward to a full day of fun and activities on Wednesday, July 4, 1990. The Hillsdale School and Family Task Force, a committee composed of town officials, teachers and residents, are vigorously planning the details for an

"Old Fashioned Fourth Of July."

The celebration will kick-off on Tuesday night, July 3, with the concert at Beechwood Park featuring The Tappan Zee Brass Quintet playing classical music, ragtime and jazz.

On the morning of July 4, a 5K Run (walk if you wish) will take place starting and ending at Beechwood Park. There will be music, refreshments, games, pony rides and free popcorn.

Fireworks, **yes, real fireworks**, are coming to Hillsdale this Fourth of July. (Rain date Thursday, July 5.)

Be sure to watch for the special issue of the newsletter being mailed in June with the schedule of events planned for your enjoyment this 4th!

HILLSDALE HISTORY

A Distinctive But Mystifying Resident

On the south side of Hillsdale Avenue, between Oak and Beech, stands an elderly house among newer neighbors. For a dozen years it was the home of Hillsdale's most distinctive personality. While a resident, he organized, trained and commanded a 200-man New York Police Reserve Air Service, the first aerial patrol in America--its pilots manning open-cockpit biplanes just 16 years after the Wright brothers' first flight. His spectacular air show over Hillsdale's Memorial Park, where one of the little parachutes fouled the plane's controls and almost caused it to crash, was announced on the poster that appears here.

Dinshah Ghadiali (1873-1966) was a Parsee (Persian) native of Bombay. He was, at 14 years of age, an Experimental Demonstrator in Chemistry and Physics at seven Institutes in India; at 21, he was Electrical Engineer to the Maharaja of Patiala State. He was an M.D., a Ph.D., an L.L.D., with degrees in Chiropractic, Optometry, Naturopathy, Hydro-Therapy, Mechano-Therapy, Electro-Therapy and Suggesto-Therapy, but his final focus was Spectro-Chrome Therapy to which he devoted 40 years after leaving Hillsdale, where he was a notable, mystifying resident from 1912-1924.

—J. Stanley Nants Jr., Borough Historian

RECYCLING UPDATE Paper Bags For Grass Cuttings

The Borough has contacted a number of companies that distribute large brown paper bags that can be used for recycling grass. Our local stores and shopping centers have been requested to carry these paper bags for your convenience. Ask the storekeepers for the bags if you do not see them on the shelves.

Following are a few guidelines for disposing of grass:

1. Grass mixed with leaves is O.K. But *no* branches.
2. Garbage is not to be mixed with grass.
3. Remove lids from pails that contain grass. We use two trucks each Thursday and Friday. The first truck picks up grass. The second truck takes trash and garbage. It will save time for the DPW men if they don't have to get out of the truck and lift the lid only to discover that it's garbage or trash, not grass.

Stickers for grass recycling containers and pails will be distributed in the June newsletter along with the sticker for your comingled recyclables.

Some residents are cutting their grass into the street. This causes road problems. Grass seed will germinate and grow between the curblin which breaks the street macadam in addition to being an eyesore. **Please** do not leave grass cuttings in the street.

Plastic bags cannot be used for grass.

Keep up the good work!

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SPECIAL
Saturday, August 23
AT 4 P. M.
N. Y. Police Reserve Air Service
PIONEER WING
Colonel Dinshah P. Ghadiali, M. D.
COMMANDER
Will give an **AEROPLANE** Exhibition
At Hillsdale
Weather Permitting
Old Home Week Celebration
TWO CURTIS BI-PLANES
Aerobatic Feats, Nose Dive, Tail Spin, Loop the Loop and other Dare Devil Acts.
Will shower Hillsdale with flowers and pay Homage to our Heroes of the War.
Will drop Toys, Candy and Peanuts for the Children on parachutes
Will bring message from Deputy Commissioner Rodman Wagonmaker and Chief of Police of New York to Mayors, Chiefs of Police and prominent residents of Bergen Co.
Aerial Combat and Target Practice in the air.
Planes will leave Roosevelt Field, Long Island, arrive at Hillsdale at 4 P. M. Sharp. **BAND CONCERT**
Everybody Welcome

STATE LAW REQUIRES “LANDLORD IDENTITY STATEMENT”

Did you know that state law requires an owner of residential property who rents his/her house, or has a realtor rent the house, to file a “Landlord Identity Statement” with the municipal clerk?

State law requires registration of one- and two-unit dwellings that are rented by owners. If you rent, you are a landlord and are required to provide the tenants with a copy of the registration. Each time a new tenant rents your dwelling you must give them a copy of the registration. If the property changes ownership and the rental continues, a new “Landlord Identity Statement” is to be filed with the municipal clerk and with the tenants.

The form, “Landlord Identity Statement”, is available at the Borough Clerk's office. For further information, call: 666-4800.

Owners of **multiple-dwelling units** (three or more units) are required to file a certificate of registration on forms prescribed by the State Commissioner of Community Affairs. To obtain this form write: Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Housing Inspection, CN 810, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0810, or call 1-609-633-6218.

Failure to comply with these requirements can result in penalties against the landlord. Any questions may be directed to the Office of Landlord-Tenant Relations by calling: 1-609-530-5424.

BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE DIRECTORY

Borough Government

MUNICIPAL BUILDING 666-4800

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FIRE 664-4200 EMERGENCY ROOM ... 358-3100
AMBULANCE ... 664-4200 POISON 1-800-962-1253

Borough Management

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BOROUGH CLERK: Elizabeth F. Rotar 666-4800
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT: Paula A. Huhn 358-5006

Finance

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BOOKKEEPER 358-5005
PURCHASING AGENT: Joseph S. Rompala 358-5077
CLERK: 358-5002
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ASSISTANT: 358-5001
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ASSISTANT: 358-5009

Police Department

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POLICE CHIEF: Ronald Schramm 358-5040
SCHOOL CLOSINGS 358-5079
TTY-TTD DEAF/HEARING IMPAIRED 358-5078

Municipal Court

Municipal Building

JUDGE: 358-5011
COURT CLERK: 358-5011
ASSISTANT COURT CLERK: 358-5001

Fire Department

EMERGENCIES 664-4200
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU 358-5016

Department of Public Works

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SUPERINTENDENT: Keith Durie 358-5055
SECRETARY: 358-5052

Code Enforcement Dept.

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER: George E. Lucia 358-5016

Construction Code Agency

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Steve Negri 358-5013
SECRETARY 358-5012

Planning Board

SECRETARY 358-5012

Zoning Board

SECRETARY 358-5014

Health and Welfare

Municipal Building — Lower Level

SECRETARY & REGISTRAR: 358-5025
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: 358-5028
HEALTH OFFICER: 358-5026
SANITARIAN: 358-5027

Local Assistance (Welfare)

WELFARE DIRECTOR: 666-4800
HEALTH & WELFARE REFERRAL SERVICE: 646-3676

Library

509 Hillside Avenue

DIRECTOR: Thomas Coyle 358-5072
MAIN DESK: 358-5072
CHILDREN'S ROOM: 358-5073
REFERENCE AREA: 358-5074

Historian

J. Stanley Nantz, Jr. 664-3767

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Stonybrook Field Club

DURING SEASON: 358-5065
MUNICIPAL BUILDING: 358-5023

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DIRECTOR: Edward Baumbach 664-3325

Environmental Commission

CHAIRMAN: John Stubbs 666-9008

Our Town Committee

CHAIRMAN: Robert Hewitt 664-5063

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