

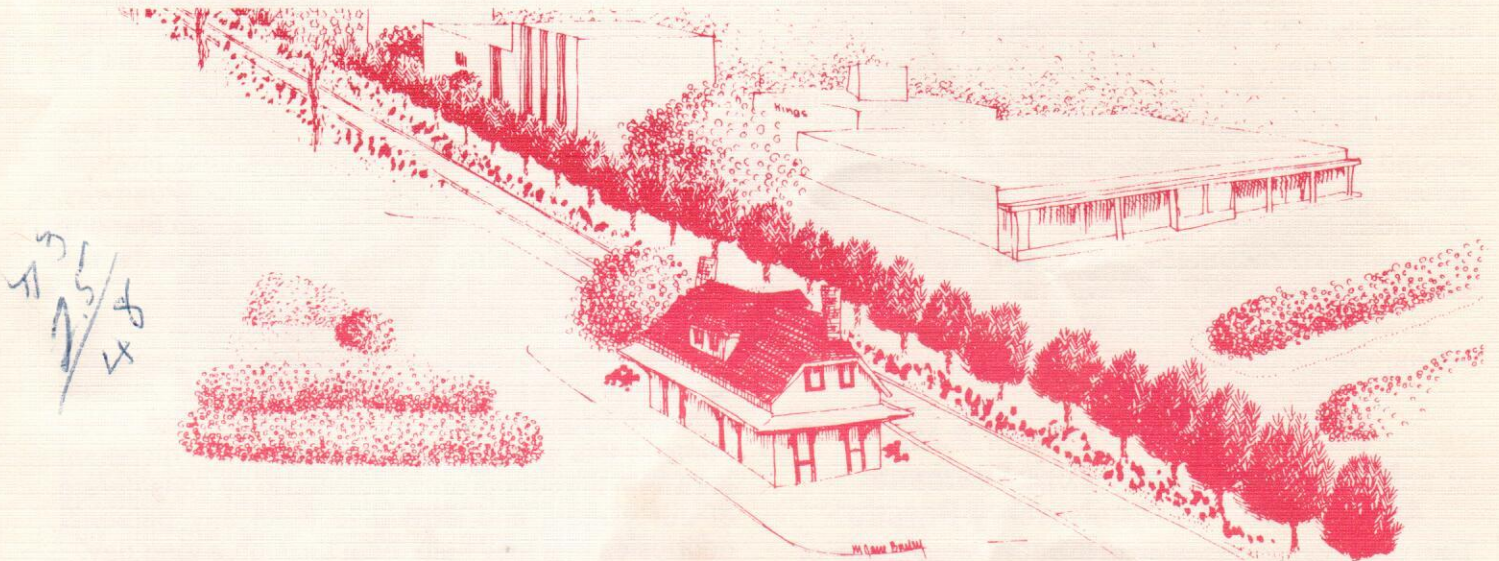
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TOWARD A MORE ATTRACTIVE HILLSDALE

In an effort to enhance the appearance of Hillsdale and to create a commercial environment that will improve the ambiance of the entire town, the Hillsdale Economic Development Committee has recommended to the Mayor and Council the planting of a series of evergreen trees extending from the Westwood/Hillsdale town line north to the railroad station.

Above is a rendering of the area based on the committee's recommendations.

The Economic Development Committee will hold

a meeting in the early part of June for all business property owners and merchants. The purpose of the meeting will be to gather ideas and recommendations to further improve the borough's business section.

The committee is headed by Bill Higgins, a lifelong resident of Hillsdale. Other members are Dennis MacFarlane, James Tellefson, Mary Jane Clark, Robert Mangano and William Trembath. Any resident interested in participating in this project should contact the Borough Clerk at 666-4800.

A Short Report on our Recycling Program

We are happy to be able to give a very good report on our new recycling program. The participation by the residents has shown that the citizens of Hillsdale understand the need for the program and have been willing and anxious to cooperate.

The members of the governing body would like to inform the residents of Hillsdale that we have exceeded our goal, an excellent record that must be continued. The community effort to comply with the program has shown that our residents have learned very quickly which materials are recyclable and which are not. However, please remember that our recyclables must be placed in **reusable containers**.

The residents' interest and participation also illustrates their understanding of the value of recycling in terms of tax dollars to the community. We realize, of course, that any new system will create a few problems, but our residents can be assured that we are diligently working to fine-tune the system.

In the future, as we become accustomed to recycling, it is going to mean even greater benefits for us all.

To all residents, we extend our appreciation for your fine community spirit.

—The Mayor and Council

TWO BIG PARADES SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 30 at 10 A.M.

Memorial Day Veterans' Parade

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.

Every resident of Hillsdale is urged to turn out for the parade celebrating Memorial Day, 1988.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 at 1 P.M.

New Jersey & New York Firemens Association 75th Anniversary Parade

This year, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemens Association, the Borough is proud and honored to be the host town for a major event in the history of the Association.

Local residents as well as hundreds of out-of-towners will be treated to a parade displaying some of the most modern fire apparatus available today, as well as some of the oldest that was in use many years ago. The antique fire-fighting equipment will include some that is horse-drawn and some that is hand-drawn, museum pieces that are rarely on display but which have been kept in tip-top condition.

The parade is the highlight of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the New Jersey and New York Firemens Association which was sponsored by the

Hillsdale Fire Department back in 1913. Organized as a mutual aid association, its first president was Henry J. Werner, then Chief of the Hillsdale Fire Department who went on to become Hillsdale's first mayor when it adopted the Borough form of government in 1923.

Today, the Association is composed of 69 Fire Departments in Bergen County and 24 Fire Departments in Rockland County, some 8,000 volunteers protecting more than 1.2 million residents in the bi-state area.

The parade, which will begin at 1:00 P.M. sharp, will leave from the George G. White School, proceed north on Magnolia to Clinton, west to Broadway, south to Hillsdale Ave., then west to the Ann Blanche Smith School fields where its components will disperse.

Prior to the parade the staging area for the equipment and personnel participating in the parade will be held in the area north of Hillsdale Avenue between Broadway and Kinderkamack Road. Residents in this area as well as those in the dispersal area near the school are requested to be considerate of our visitors and extend to them any personal courtesies that may help them through a long day.

The parade will be led by the Garfield Cadets and will consist of more than 10 Divisions including over 30 Fire Companies from Bergen, Rockland and neighboring counties. The divisions will be interspersed with a number of excellent bands. In addition, many politically prominent personalities have been invited to march and review the parade and to participate in the awards ceremony.

Awards and trophies will be given following the parade at approximately 6:00 P.M. and will be followed by a raffle.

The Hillsdale Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary invite every resident to join in this 75th anniversary celebration.

A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This year the borough will spend a total of \$320,000 to continue the Road Improvement Program that was begun last year. The program calls for the reconstruction and resurfacing of Hillsdale's unimproved streets.

The streets selected for improvement in 1988 are listed below. They were chosen as a result of recommendations made by the public Works Committee after its review of a study of Hillsdale roads made by the Borough Engineer.

The following is a list of the streets to be fully reconstructed:

1. Ralph Avenue 2. Center Drive 3. Lafayette Avenue
4. Vincent Street between Ralph Ave. and Millard Pl.

(This year the work on Lafayette Avenue will be funded up to \$90,000 by a grant from the New Jersey

State Department of Transportation.)

Streets to be resurfaced in this year's road program are:

1. Brookview Terrace
2. Stony Ridge Drive (Upper Brook Lane to Oak Trail Road)
3. Oak Trail Road (Crestwood Place to Brookview Terrace)
4. Windham Road
5. Riverside Drive
6. Stockton Street (Hillsdale Ave. to Kinderkamack Rd.)
7. The East Borough parking lot (opp. Borough Hall)

(The resurfacing of the East Borough parking lot is a part of the borough's downtown economic development program.)

Alternate streets to be resurfaced if funding is available:

1. David Place
2. Chris Avenue
3. Rutgers Place



Shown above is the Hillsdale railroad station as it appeared many years ago when it was the end of the line for the New Jersey & New York Railroad, complete with a roundhouse, turntable, water tank and storage tracks on which to park engines and cars.

Today, many years later, it stands freshly painted

and all spruced up for all people to enjoy and to kick-off our downtown revitalization.

Future plans by the Friends of the Railroad include getting the second floor of the station completed and ready to be used for civic activities. Early inquiries have included use of the second floor by several model train clubs.

A NOTE FROM THE BOROUGH HISTORIAN

In future issues of the Hillsdale Newsletter we will be talking about buildings, events and people who have played a significant part in our town's growth over the past two hundred years.

Hillsdale is a notably historic town. So said, that raises the question of what is historic to whom. Hillsdale is people from many places. If you grew up in Oklahoma or the Dakotas, local history and historic preservation started in the 1880-1900s. If you grew up in Italy, or India, or Japan, you think of things historic as being centuries or millenia old. If you grew up in Hillsdale, you may think of the old engine house, the old Methodist Church or the old Borough Hall. And, save for the first century of coastal settlement, Hillsdale's history spans our country's history.

Hillsdale's history has three stages: the farms, the village, and the suburb. From the mid-1700s, fields were cleared and farmhouses built over the whole area: a remarkable number of these houses remain today, among them the distinctive Dutch stone houses.

Then in the mid-1800s, well-to-do New Yorkers beset with coal smoke, epidemics and the clatter of the city began to find in the Pascack Valley the clear

air and pastoral beauty that invited summer residences or a stay in the country. The new flow called for better access which was supplied by that wonderful new facility, the railroad. Arrival of the railroad gave focus for the village which grew in ripples out from the station. For three generations the village slowly expanded over field and farm along the farm roads: Hillsdale, Washington, Piermont and Demarest Avenues; Yesler Way, Pascack and Wierimus Roads and Wierimus Lane.

The automobile and the George Washington Bridge began to alter Bergen County radically, but Hillsdale was still distant from the urban areas. However, commuting business men and commercial drummers still rode the frequent trains. And, finally, World War II brought Hillsdale into suburbia with a rush. In these past 40-odd years the population has tripled, and is the Hillsdale you know today.

In our town we have a microcosm of the whole growth of America from colonial days forward. We have abundant evidence of each period of the "American experience." In future issues of this newsletter, we'll start exploring history right next door.

— J. Stanley Nants, Jr.

School Crossing Guards Needed

The Borough Police Department has announced openings for a number of school crossing guards.

The guards, whose job is to protect children crossing streets at designated locations on their way to and from school, belong to an Association which has an official agreement with the Borough regarding salaries and benefits. Their tour of duty is approximately 2½ to 3½ hours per day, five days a week from September through June during the period school is in session.

School crossing guards are not responsible for directing traffic. Their job is the safety of the children. At street crossings they wait for normal gaps in the flow of traffic and then extend those gaps to allow the children to cross safely.

Training in the proper manner in which to perform these duties is given by the Police Department.

The crossing guards, who are compensated at the same time they are performing an essential community service, also relieve regular officers for normal police work within the borough.

Anyone interested in becoming a school crossing guard is encouraged to obtain an application at the Hillsdale Police Department in the Municipal Building on Hillsdale Avenue.

IMPORTANT ELECTION NOTICE

Have you changed residence? Changed your name? Moved within Hillsdale? Failed to vote in four (4) years? Will you be 18 years old by November 8?

If the answer is "yes" to any of these questions, then you must register to be eligible to vote in future elections.

If you are disabled, ill or handicapped and cannot come to the Municipal Building to register, call Elizabeth Rotar, Borough Clerk, at 666-4800 and arrangements to come to your home or hospital will be made for you.

JUNE 7, 1988 - Primary Election

Polls open 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

NOVEMBER 8, 1988 - General Election

Polls open 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

1988 Concert Schedule

GEORGE WHITE SCHOOL

June 28 8:00 P.M. DJ Dave

BEECHWOOD PARK BANDSHELL

July 19 8:30 P.M. Garden State Harmonica Club
July 26 8:30 P.M. Moonlighters Big Band
August 2 8:30 P.M. Community Band of Waldwick
August 9 8:30 P.M. To Be Announced
August 16 8:30 P.M. Rock Concert

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

W.A.T.C.H.!

Whenver you see something or someone suspicious or out of the ordinary, call the police at 664-4200.

Action needed? Don't do it later— call 664-4200 immediately.

Trusting solicitors can be dangerous. Anyone soliciting at your door should have a solicitors' badge issued by the Police Department. If not, call 664-4200 immediately. Do not give out any information to phone solicitors.

Criminals come in all shapes and sizes. They can be young or old, male or female. If things seem suspicious, call the police.

Help the Police Department to help you and your neighbors. The complacent and apathetic reason 'I don't want to get involved' won't help you or your neighbor if danger is present or harm is done.

REMEMBER to care about your neighbor - and also remember who **HIS** neighbor is.

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