



# Hillside Happenings

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Village of Hillside  
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## Emergency

**Police & Fire: 9-1-1**

### Non Emergency:

Police 708-449-6133  
Fire 708-547-8684

### Public Works:

708-202-3434

### Water Billing:

708-202-3462

**ESDA:** 708-449-6410

Director: Anthony Faragia

### Mayor's Office of Special

**Events:** 708-202-4343

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523 Wolf Road  
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425 Hillside Avenue  
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## From the Desk of the Mayor....

### BLACKBOARD CONNECT INFORMATION SYSTEM

We have received many positive comments regarding our new "Blackboard Connect" Village information system. Recent messages to our residents included a "flood watch" alert and street sweeping and yard waste pickup information. With this new system, we are able to reach everyone not only with alerts regarding emergency information and weather warnings but also with other informational items pertinent to our community. We are doing this to make sure our residents are up to date and informed on everything that involves our community.



*Please note... if you do not wish to be included in the phone messaging system, you will need to complete a RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM which is available at the Village Hall.*

### Breakfast with Mr. Bunny – Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, The Village of Hillside & The Youth Commission invite you to join in the annual Easter Egg Festivities. Free Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, "Egg-Grab" for ages 2 and under and an "Egg-Race" for ages 3 through 13. The fun starts at 10:00AM with prizes and candy (while supply lasts). We hope you will join us for this event at the Hillside Commons, Hillside and Washington Avenues.

### 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Athletic Parade

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00AM

Spring is officially here when you see our youth baseball teams practicing at the Hillside Commons. The anticipation for opening day of the season has been a special part of our community. We have had personalities from baseball, football, hockey, basketball, the roller derby and the broadcasting side of sports lead our parade as the "GRAND MARSHAL". Every year we seem to add another dimension to our parade with our Grand Marshal and this year is no exception. Our honored guest this year is **MIKE ALLRED** or as he is known around our Village, "Mike, from Q's". Mike is the perfect pick this year, as his community involvement is to be commended. Every year he sponsors athletic teams, school and church groups, senior activities and many village youth events. *Q's Restaurant* is celebrating its **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** this year and is a legend in Hillside and our neighboring communities. Mike started working at Q's in 1972 bussing tables. In the 1980's he became part owner of the business with his Uncle Frank. Two years ago Mike bought out his only remaining partner. He always stated how much he enjoys the friendships he has made through Q's and we are honored to have him lead our Parade and thank him for all he does for our community. The parade starts at the Village Hall, south to Butterfield Road, east on Butterfield to Wolf Road, north on Wolf to Washington, west on Washington to the Main Baseball Field at the Commons. We hope you will "line the streets of Hillside" and show MIKE how much we appreciate everything he does for our Village. If you would like to participate in the parade, please call Evelyn at (708) 202-4343. Remember to check our website [www.hillside-il.org](http://www.hillside-il.org) for updated information.

### How about Getting Involved??

If you are thinking about volunteering at our events or are interested in joining a Village Commission, please send your resume to the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue, **Attention: Mayor Tamburino.**

## IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR KIDS SPOT 2009

We know it's hard to believe, but summer is "right around the corner" and that means "KIDS SPOT". Our terrific Summer Camp program will begin on **Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and end on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**. Camp for children **5 and 6 years old** will start at **9:00AM until Noon**. Older campers, **ages 7-13 will have the option of starting at 9:00AM and ending at 4:00PM**. All of the fun takes place at the Hillside Commons, Hillside and Washington Avenues. **Registration will begin April 17th and end May, 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Registration forms with fees are available at the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue or may be downloaded from our website [www.hillside-il.org](http://www.hillside-il.org). Please call 449-6450 with any questions. Remember, we have a wonderful summer planned for your children!

## Economic Development

The Hillside Town Center which is anchored by Target is now open! Mayor Tamburino cut the ribbon to officially open the Target Store on March 3, 2008. This is a very exciting time for the Village of Hillside. We are pleased that this development brings many shopping choices and jobs to our community. Please enjoy the convenience of shopping locally which in turn helps support our Village.



Other stores which have begun to open include: Vision Works, American Mattress and Petco. Watch for many others to open soon, including Michaels, Panda Express, Qdoba Mexican Grill, GameStop, Sally Beauty Supply, Harlem Furniture and many more. The new Holiday Inn Express with 135 rooms, indoor pool, conference room and fitness center will be opening in April.

*Pictured from the left, Mayor Tamburino, John Flood, Director of Economic Development, and Target Store Team Leader, Mike Gustafson.*

## From Public Works and Building Services



### BRANCH PICK-UP

In April, our Public Works Dept. will begin branch pick-up which will be done **once a month**.

### GUIDELINES

- Place branches on parkway the Sunday before pick-up week begins.
- Entire trees will not be removed. Make arrangements with a hauling service to remove debris when cutting down a tree.
- Branch piles not to exceed 8' long by 5' high by 5' wide.
- Logs 5' or more in diameter must be cut into lengths of 2' or less, stacked and will be picked up separately.
- Bush roots must be removed and will be picked separately.
- **DO NOT** mix yard waste with branches.

### BRANCH PICK-UP DATES

April 6th - April 10th	August 3rd - August 7th
May 4th - May 8th	Sept. 7th - Sept. 11th
June 8th - June 12th	Oct. 5th - Oct. 9th
July 6th - July 10th	



### YARD WASTE

Yard waste pick-up will begin **April 1st**, and will be picked up on your garbage day.



### STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping for the month of April will be the week of **April 6th-April 10th** and **April 20th-April 24th**. Please refrain from parking on streets from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during these dates.



## Focus on Fire Safety: Cooking Fires

Fires resulting from cooking continue to be the most common type of fire experienced by U.S. households. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of civilian fire injuries in residences. These fires are preventable by simply being more attentive to the use of cooking materials and equipment.

Don't become a cooking fire casualty. Learn the facts about cooking fire safety today!

### Safe Cooking Tips

The kitchen can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the home if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. Here are some safety tips to help:

- Never leave boiling, frying, or broiling food unattended. Stay in the kitchen! If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Check food that is cooking regularly; use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains – away from your stovetop.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.
- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Always use cooking equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions and code requirements when installing, cleaning, and operating cooking equipment.
- Plug microwave ovens or other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for cooking appliances as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.
- Check electrical cords for cracks, breaks, or damage.

Source: [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\) Cooking Safety Tips](#)

### ELECTION INFORMATION FOR APRIL 7, 2009

Various Local, National, County, Township, Library and School officials will be elected in The Consolidated Election on Tuesday, April 7, 2009.

Polling Places will be open from 6 am - 7 pm



#### Precinct Polling Places are:

Precinct 3	Community Center	1 N. Lind
Precinct 22	Proviso West H.S.	4701 Harrison
Precinct 30	Hillside Village Hall	425 Hillside Ave.
Precinct 93	Proviso West H.S.	4701 Harrison
Precinct 108	Hillside Village Hall	425 Hillside Ave.
Precinct 110	Hillside Fire Dept.	523 N. Wolf Rd.
Precinct 119	Hillside Village Hall	425 Hillside Ave.
Precinct 126	Progressive Life Giving Word Cathedral	4500 Frontage
Precinct 128	Hillside Fire Dept.	523 N. Wolf Rd.

### ATTENTION HILLSIDE HOME OWNERS

Have you applied for your Landfill “Host Fee” Reimbursement? You can download an application @ [www.hillside-il.org](http://www.hillside-il.org) or you may pick up an application at the Village Hall. For more information you may call 708-449-6450.

### People with Disabilities Ride Free Program

On August 26, 2008, former Governor Blagojevich signed the [People with Disabilities Ride Free Program](#) into law, allowing people with disabilities who are eligible for the state's Circuit Breaker Program to ride CTA, Pace and Metra fixed route mainline services for free. The program was implemented on October 24, 2008. The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), which oversees transportation services in the six-county collar region, is receiving applications from people to be eligible for this program.

One major requirement is that the person **MUST** be enrolled in the [Circuit Breaker Program](#) as a low-income person with a disability. Once they are enrolled, they will be eligible to apply for the program. Another requirement is they must be an Illinois resident. For people who are already enrolled in the Circuit Breaker Program but do not have an RTA reduced fare card, have to complete an application at the RTA's Customer Service Center, located at 165 N. Jefferson, Chicago, or at registration centers around the area which includes Cook County. They can receive an application by calling RTA at (312) 913-5414, or at (312) 913-3111 (TTY)

You can visit us on the web @ [www.rtachicago.com/CMS400Min](http://www.rtachicago.com/CMS400Min).



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10 Good Friday <u>Village Hall Closed</u>	11 Easter Egg Hunt - 10:00 a.m. <u>Village Hall Closed</u>
12 Easter	13 Board-of-a Whole Meeting 7:30 pm in the Courtroom	14	15 Final Mushball Registration	16	17 Kids Spot Registration Begins	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom	28	29	30		

# MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Youth Athletic Parade 10:00 a.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 Board - of - a Whole Meeting 7:30 pm in the Courtroom	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. In the Courtroom	19	20	21	22 Final Kids Spot Registration	23 <u>Village Hall Closed</u>
24/31	25 Memorial Day <u>Village Hall Closed</u>	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Look for calendar updates in the next Hillside Happenings</i>