



# Hillside Happenings

APRIL 2016

Village of Hillside  
425 Hillside Avenue  
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[www.hillside-il.org](http://www.hillside-il.org)

## Emergency

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

## Non Emergency:

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

## Public Works:

708-202-3434

## Water Billing:

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## EMA: 708-449-6410

Director: Anthony Faragia

## Mayor's Office of Special

Events: 708-202-4343

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425 Hillside Avenue  
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## Fire Department

523 Wolf Road  
Chief Jeffrey A. Pilz

## Public Works

425 Hillside Avenue  
Director Joseph L. Pisano

## From the Desk of the Mayor....

### Blackboard Connect...our "ROBO CALL SYSTEM"

According to the calendar *Spring* is officially here and that means "April showers" may head our way. When the Spring rain comes, we need to take extra care to make sure we are prepared. In the past, we turned to our **Blackboard Connect Program**, commonly known as the "**Robo Call System**", to make sure that you were informed of all weather conditions in our area. If you have not signed up for this message system, we are urging you to do so. Remember this service allows you to receive messages via your landline and cell phone numbers as well as emails for all family members that register. We cannot stress enough how important this form of communication is for all of our residents. Please take a moment and either come to the Village Hall and fill out the short form or go to our website [www.hillside-il.org](http://www.hillside-il.org) and "click" on the **CONNECT CTY** at the bottom left of your screen. We want everyone to be able to receive important information pertaining to power outages, weather alerts, flooding or anything concerning the safety of our residents.

**It's simple, it's easy and it's EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!**

### Hillside's 35th Annual Youth Athletic Parade...Saturday, April 30th-Kick off 10:00AM

**GRAND MARSHAL, DENNIS McKinnon...**  
**Former Chicago Bear and "85 Super Bowl" Great!**

For so many years, the anticipation of the **Opening Day Parade** has been a special part of our community. *School bands, organizations, businesses, police and fire vehicles, representatives from our neighboring towns* and of course, the **great kids** that make up our teams come together for a morning of fun. In 2013 our **Special Olympics "Challenger Team"** took first place in the State's Softball Division. We are so proud of all of our youth no matter what sport or activity they choose to do. Traditionally, we have been fortunate to have some pretty amazing Grand Marshals that were excited to lead our parade. Top personalities... in baseball, hockey, members of the "one of a kind 85 Bears", basketball coaches as well as a NBA Champion player, Roller Derby Hall of Fame Personality, Team Sponsor from our Community, TV and Radio Anchors and Sportscasters and Hillside's own Bob McMillian from the *Rush* and *LA KISS* and Skip Pitlock formally with the White Sox. Some amazing names make up our list and this year is no exception.

In 1995 he graciously signed on to be our Grand Marshal and since he was coaching a college team at that time, he brought them along so they could participate. But it didn't stop there ...he came back to Hillside and played with the kids on Home Run Derby Day. He also lent his time to us for a Charity Softball Game where celebrities played against our Fire and Police Departments. This successful event raised money for the **BURN CAMP** and **THE MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION**. Never saying "NO" to Hillside, he also helped the *Boys and Girls Club* raise money at their Annual Golf Outing. Last Year was 30 years that our beloved BEARS became the Super Bowl Champs and celebrations took place everywhere. Dennis has devoted his "off the field" time to many charities and sports camps for kids. Just a little background on "**Silky D**". He became a free agent walk-on with the Bears in 1983 and of course in 1985 was on the Mighty Winning Super Bowl Team. Mike Ditka has said that Dennis was the best blocking receiver he ever coached. He sits on corporate boards for several organizations and has worked on projects with Secretary of State, **Jesse White** (another former Grand Marshal), and has met **President Obama** and other dignitaries. Through his company, **Bearly Active Productions** he speaks at many corporate events and is a wonderful motivation speaker. **Now it is once again our turn to honor a "true friend" to Hillside and we look forward to having this great man lead our 35th Annual Parade.** *(please see flyer in this issue of the "Hillside Happenings")*





# The Village of Hillside Proudly Presents Our 35th

# Annual Youth Athletic Parade

Grand Marshal

**DENNIS**

*"Silky D"*

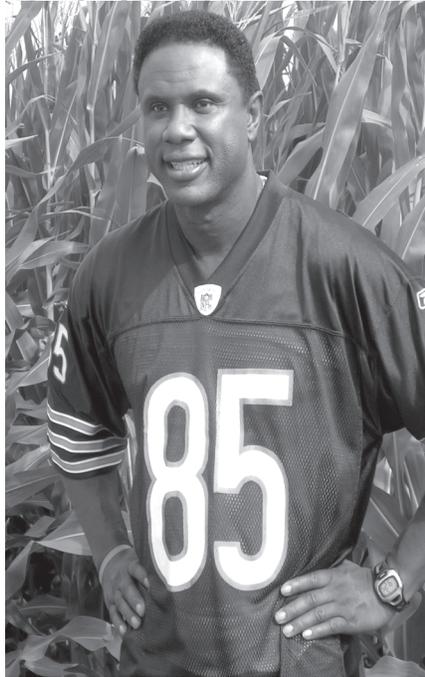
**McKinnon**

*"85 Super Bowl"*  
**CHICAGO BEARS  
WIDE RECEIVER**



**\*Saturday,  
April 30, 2016  
10:00AM**

Join us for the Official  
**OPENING DAY  
CEREMONY**  
At the  
**Hillside Commons**  
Immediately following  
the Parade and meet  
**Dennis McKinnon**



**Dennis Mentoring Kids in Sports**



**A Great Wide Receiver!**



**Proviso East Marching Band**

## **PARADE ROUTE**

**Parade will start at the  
Hillside Village Hall  
425 Hillside Avenue...  
South to  
Butterfield Road...  
East to Wolf Road...  
North to  
Washington Street..  
West to the  
Hillside Commons...  
Hillside and  
Washington**

For more information call  
**(708) 202-4343** or  
[www.hillside-il.org](http://www.hillside-il.org)  
Follow us on....





## EXTREME WEATHER SAFETY INFORMATION FROM YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT



**LIGHTNING:** Spring is the prime time of year for thunderstorms. Along with torrential downpours, extreme winds, flash floods and hail, thunderstorms produce lightning.

**TAKE THESE STEPS TO STAY SAFE:** If indoors, move to the interior of your house, staying away from windows and doors. Do not take a shower as lightning can be conducted through pipes and water if it hits your house. Don't use your phone, computer, or any appliance that is plugged into an outlet. Try to wait 30 minutes after the last observed lightning before heading outdoors. If outdoors, avoid areas of high ground, water, trees. Stay away from anything metal. If you are outdoors, take shelter in a vehicle. If there is no place to go, crouch down with your feet together and keep a minimum of 15 feet between yourself and other people.

**TORNADOES:** Weather forecasting isn't perfect, and some tornadoes do occur without warning. Make sure you watch the sky for signals that bad weather may be approaching.

**PRACTICE BEFORE THE STORM:** Seconds count... know where you can quickly take shelter in your home. Practice a family tornado drill at least once a year and have a pre-determined place to meet if a disaster strikes. Flying debris are the greatest danger. Store protective coverings (mattress, sleeping bags, thick blankets) in or next to your shelter space. Warnings can save your life, be alert and be safe!



### SOLITATION INFORMATION

With the warmer weather approaching, we want to remind you to take extra cautions about strangers coming to your door. If a solicitor comes to your home, please check to see that they are wearing a Village of Hillside issued clip-on badge. If you do not see this badge displayed, please call the Police Department. The exception is that Religious organizations are permitted to go door to door without registering. Do not let any strangers into your home. If you have any questions or feel uncomfortable with any worker, etc. **please do not hesitate to contact our Police Department.** Your safety is our main concern. Stop in at the Village Hall and get your "No Solicitors" sticker for your window or your door!



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

### REMODELING THIS SPRING??? BEFORE YOU DIG, CALL JULIE! HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS!

To ensure that underground utility lines in your work area are marked correctly, simply call **8-1-1** or visit [illinois1call.com](http://illinois1call.com) to submit a locate request to **JULIE** at least 2 working days before digging. **JULIE, Inc.** will arrange for its member utility operators to have the underground lines at the project site marked, free of charge, so that homeowners and professional excavators can dig safely. **JULIE's** call center agents are available to receive and process requests **24 hours a day, seven days a week at either 8-1-1 or 1 800-892-0123.** For a copy of **JULIE'S** Homeowner Guide, with an explanation of the color-code markings and information about the one-call process visit their website, [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com).

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDING SERVICES



**YARD WASTE** ...pick-up will begin the week of April 4th and will be picked up on your regular garbage day! All "yard waste" (leaves, plant debris, grass clippings, twigs or small branches, etc.) must be placed in your "**GREEN**" yard waste cart. In addition you may also use your own 32 gallon container that will need to be labeled "**Yard Waste Only**" or a brown yard waste bag. Be sure to have your carts placed on the parkway or driveway apron after 4:00pm the evening before your scheduled pickup day. **Please do not put ANY Carts, Trash or Recycling containers in the street.**



**BRANCH PICK-UP**...begins the week of April 4th and will be done once a month.. Our Public Works Department documents each street, with the date and time it was finished. They will **NOT** return once they have completed a street. For the month of May, the pickup will be the week of May 2nd. Refer to the March 2016 "**Happenings**" for Branch Pickup Guidelines and the schedule for future months.

**PLEASE DO NOT MIX YARD WASTE WITH BRANCHES!**



**STREET SWEEPING**...March was the first month for Village Street Sweeping this year by Hoving Clean Street Sweeping Services. In April, they will clean our Village streets the week of April 11th, and the week of April 25th. For the Month of May, the sweeper will be out the weeks of May 9th, May 16th and May 23rd. Please do not park on the street during these scheduled dates.



**DISPOSAL OF TELEVISIONS AND ELECTRONICS**...The Village Hall and the Hillside Library accept televisions 30" or smaller, and other electronics such as VCR's, receivers, telephones, etc. This recycling program is not for small appliances such as toasters, blenders, etc. Contact your local Staples stores to inquire about their recycling program.

### READY FOR SPRING CLEANING???



Mark your calendars for the week of **May 16th through May 20th.** On your regular garbage day during this special week in May, you will be able to place many of your unwanted household items out for pickup. Details on acceptable items and our Spring Clean Up Week and **PROJECT UFO** will be listed in the **May issue of the "Hillside Happenings"**.

**PLEASE CALL PUBLIC WORKS AT (708) 202-3434 WITH ANY QUESTIONS!**

# April 2016 Opening Day Parade!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	April is Autism Awareness Month Change your outdoor lights to <b>BLUE</b> and show your support!				1	2 World Autism Awareness Day Change outdoor light bulbs to <b>BLUE</b> for the Month of April
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Board-of-a Whole Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23
24	25 Regular Board Meeting 7:30pm	26	27	28	29 National Arbor Day	30 35th Annual Youth Athletic Parade 10:00AM 

# May 2016 Memorial Day... "We Will Always Remember"



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 	9 Board-of-a Whole Meeting 7:30 pm	10	11	12	13	14 Project UFO Hillside Commons 10:00 to 11:30AM
15	16 Clean up week	17 Clean up week	18 Clean up week	19 Clean up week	20 Clean up week	21
22	23 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm	24	25	26	27	28 Village Hall Closed
29	30 Memorial Day Observance 12:00N Veterans Memorial Village Hall Closed	31				