



Hillside Happenings

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From the Desk of the Mayor....

The magical time of year is here and the sights, sounds and feeling of the Christmas Spirit have ascended over our Village. Anticipation plays a big role in this wonderful season and waiting for Santa's arrival to our town is a tradition that the young and the young at heart truly enjoy.

Our Tree Lighting Ceremony will be at **6:30pm on Thursday, December 7th**. Santa and I will flip the switch that will make the trees in the Commons come alive with beautiful lights. Our Hillside Fire Department will have a special truck ready to bring "Mr. Claus" to the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue, where boys and girls can whisper their Christmas wishes, have their picture taken and receive a special treat from Santa, all courtesy of the **Hillside Chamber of Commerce and the Youth Commission**.

Eleven years ago the Village, along with the Chamber of Commerce, started "**The Christmas Walk**". This is the time when our churches, schools and the business community come together to enhance the holiday spirit in our town. **FREE** Trolleys will take our "walkers" to and from the Butterfield Road Business District.

"CHRISTMAS FRENCH MARKET"

Each year the Christmas Walk seems to grow and once again we are extremely happy to add a new dimension to this evening. Our **Christmas French Market** will be located in our new **Municipal Parking Lot** on Butterfield Road and will give you an opportunity to buy that "**one of a kind**" gift item for the special people on your list and also the opportunity to purchase some great food. In addition to our "**French Market**", our Butterfield Road shops will be open for hospitality, have dinner or purchase gift certificates to their businesses. Also new this year, is our **Horse and Carriage Rides** and the tickets will be available for purchase at the Chamber Office. We hope you will join us this night and visit our "**French Market**", stop in our businesses, take a carriage ride or hop on a Trolley and visit the live reindeer at Luurs Garden Shoppe. We know you and your family will have a great evening.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the employees of the Village of Hillside, I wish our residents and businesses a Happy Holiday Season and all the best for the New Year. We hope you take the time to enjoy your family and friends and may the year 2007 be a healthy time for you and your family.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

The Human Relations Commission is in the process of planning the 6th Annual Breakfast honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Please watch for details in the January, 2007 issue of the "**Hillside Happenings**".

Mayor's Picture





FROM YOUR HILLSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Illinois Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act

Effective January 1, 2007, every dwelling unit will be required to have at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in an operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. Alarms can be battery powered, plug-in with battery back-up or wired into the AC power line with a secondary back-up. The alarm can be combined with smoke detecting devices if the combined unit complies with specific standards and the alarm differentiates the hazard.

THE LAW

The Illinois General Assembly has passed and the Governor has signed the Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act (Public Act 094-0741). This new law, effective January 1, 2007, requires homeowners and landlords to install carbon monoxide detectors in all buildings containing bedrooms and sleeping facilities.

For more information go to the IFIA website links and find Illinois General Assembly...in this link under Public Acts you'll find Act 094-0741 to read the Bill in it's entirety, or you can call the Fire Department at 708.547.8684

Holiday Safety Tips



During this holiday season as well as throughout the year, our primary message, first, last and always is prevention. If you remove the fire hazards from your home you can limit the risk to yourself, your family, your neighbors and to firefighters.

Make sure you have a working smoke detector on every level of your home.

Choose a freshly cut tree. **LIVE TREES NEED WATER!** Check and refill often.

Cut a few inches off the trunk before placing in water.

When your tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.

Keep your tree away from heat sources, sparks or flames.

Do not leave Christmas tree lights on while unattended.

Check all light sets prior to use. Do not use damaged light sets or extension cords.

Avoid overloading the connections.

Use only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved lights on your tree, and **NO CANDLES**.

Promptly remove all discarded packages and wrappings from the home.

Never burn wrappings in the fireplace or wood stove.

Use only non-combustible decorations

NEVER leave the house with candles burning

NEVER leave children or pets unattended with a lit candle (the candle can easily be knocked over)

NEVER use candles near combustible materials such as curtains, drapes, bedding and or cabinets.





Annual Christmas Walk and Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Village of Hillside and The Hillside Chamber of Commerce present its annual **CHRISTMAS WALK AND TREE LIGHTING Ceremony, Thursday, December 7th**. Join **Mayor Tamburino** and **SANTA** at the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue at **6:30PM** as they light the trees in the Commons and officially kick off the Holiday season in Hillside. Free pictures with Santa sponsored by the Youth Commission will be taken until **8:30pm** or while the supplies last. Purchase a gift for that special person at our new **Christmas French Market** located in the Municipal Lot on Butterfield Road from **6:00pm until 9:00PM**. **FREE** trolleys will take you to local businesses along the walk. Horse and Carriage Ride tickets **may be purchased** at the Chamber office on Butterfield Road. **Please note that Carriage rides and Trolleys will end at 8:30pm**. Join us for an evening of shopping, hospitality, entertainment and Santa's arrival. For more information, please call **202-4343**. Please note that vendors and times are subject to change without notice. We are sorry for any inconvenience.



FROM YOUR PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDING SERVICES

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS...A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON

The **PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDING SERVICES DEPARTMENT** would like to acknowledge and thank the residents of Hillside for their cooperation in helping us do our job in a timely and efficient manner. We hope we have met your expectations for 2006 and look forward to the New Year.



STREET SWEEPING

Final street sweeping for this season is scheduled for the week of December 11th – 15th. This will be your last chance to dispose of left over branches and leaves.



YARD WASTE

Yard waste pick-up for 2006 will end on your scheduled garbage removal day in the last week of December. Yard waste removal will begin again in spring. (Watch the Hillside Happenings for start date)



SNOW REMOVAL

Parking is not permitted on any public street or alley within the Village when snow accumulation reaches **three inches (3")** or more until snow removal operations are completed.



Please do not shovel or blow snow into or across any public street or sidewalk!

(Code of Ordinance's Sec. 74-9). Icy patches and frozen blocks of ice can form, creating hazardous conditions for pedestrians and vehicles. Please keep the snow on your own property and parkway.

JUST A NOTE

The **Hillside Happenings** is your Village newsletter. It is enclosed with your water bill each month. This newsletter is designed to keep you informed of Village events, Public Works schedules, Police, Fire and ESDA information you as a resident should have for the current or coming months. ***Please read it!***

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL REGISTRATION !!!



Yes, believe it or not , baseball registration is just around the corner !! Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4 to 14. Registration will take place at the Village Hall on January 13th, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and January 27th, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ***For further information call Norm Mertel at 708-204-1035.***



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7 Christmas Walk Santa arrives 6:30	8	9
10	11 Board-of-a Whole Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom	19	20	21	22	23 Village Hall Closed
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	1 Village Hall Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Board-of-a Whole Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom	9	10	11	12	13 Baseball Registration @ Village Hall 9 a.m. to 1p.m.
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Village Hall Closed	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			Look for calendar Updates in the Next Hillside Happenings