



Hillside Happenings

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From the Desk of the Mayor....

Santa's Arrival and Tree Lighting

The magical time of year is here and the sights, sounds and feeling of the Holiday 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 and Santa's arrival** will be at **5:00pm on Saturday, December 6th in front of the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue.**

Santa will then proceed to the **Library, until 8:00pm** where he will visit with the children. The Youth Commission is sponsoring free pictures with Santa and a special gift for the children (as long as the supply last).

Enjoy the free trolleys along Butterfield Road (starting at 5:00pm and ending at the Village Hall at 8:00PM). Please see more information inside this issue of the "**Happenings**".



Holiday Craft and French Market

Last year our Holiday Craft and French Market was an enormous success...and this year crafters and businesses from all over have many terrific items for sale. The **Holiday Market** will be located in the **Courtroom of the Village Hall**, on **Saturday, December 6th**. Market hours will be **3:00pm until 8:00pm**. This is the perfect place to find that one-of-a-kind gift for the people on your Holiday shopping list.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast



We are in the process of planning the **8th Annual Breakfast honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** This event will be held on **Monday, January 19, 2009** at the **Best Western Chicago Hillside Hotel, 4400 Frontage Road in Hillside.** Tickets are **\$12.00 each** and will be available for purchase on **Friday, December 19th at the Hillside Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue.** **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Please call **(708) 449-6450 or (708) 202-4343** for information. Details will be in the **January, 2009** issue of the "**Hillside Happenings**".

THANK YOU!

As 2008 comes to a close, we hope you and your family had an opportunity to attend and enjoy some of the events that were planned as much as we enjoyed bringing them to you. With the old year passing into the new, I want to extend my personal thank you to the residents and village personnel who volunteered their time and talents during 2008 and to the outstanding departments that continue to work together as one unit. It is through the partnership of dedicated public officials, employees and civic-minded residents that makes Hillside such a fine place in which to live and work.

On behalf of Clerk O'Sullivan, 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. May the Year 2009 be a healthy time for you and your family and a prosperous one for our country.



Joseph T. Tamburino
Mayor



Hillside Historical Society

The HHS is thrilled to be working with Berkeley-Hillside Boy Scout Troop #73 as member, Tim Hunter, is diligently working towards the highest level award, Eagle Scout. Tim has chosen the Hillside Historic Site (700 N. Wolf Road), as the recipient of his community service project. Tim has organized landscaping efforts with landscape designer Corrie Valrose owner of Green Envy Landscapes, Inc.

More renovation is going on inside the historic house including installation of utilities and the heating system, total renovation of the bathroom and restoration of the parlors.

Community support is critical. Become an active member, through membership (Family \$40; Individual \$25; Senior \$15) and volunteering your time and talents. We also have a few HHS cookbooks (\$15) available for special Holiday giving. Stop in the Village Hall for more information or call Carol at 202-4311.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

CHRISTMAS WALK/TREE LIGHTING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th

SANTA ARRIVES: 5:00 pm at the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Ave. Free pictures with Santa 5:00-8:00 pm at the Hillside Library (while supplies last).



FRENCH MARKET: 3:00 - 8:00 pm in the Courtroom of the Village Hall - Holiday Shopping



FREE HOLIDAY TROLLEYS: 5:00 - 8:00 pm



WALK HIGHLIGHTS: Roving Musicians, Business & Church representatives at the Chamber Office, Christmas gifts from Santa & Youth Commission (while supplies last), Business Hospitality along Butterfield Road, BonFire at Hillside Commons and much more!

FROM YOUR PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDING SERVICES

*WE ARE WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY
HOLIDAY SEASON*



LEAF REMOVAL and YARD WASTE

Leaf and yard waste removal has ended for the year and will resume again in spring of 2009. Be sure to read your monthly Happenings for start dates.



STREET SWEEPING

We have added an additional week of street sweeping for the month of December. It will take place the week of December 1st-5th.

Final street sweeping for this season is scheduled for the week of December 8th – 12th. Please refrain from parking on the streets from 6:00am until 4:30pm during these dates.



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.

NOTE TO OUR RESIDENTS

Garbage, recycle, and yard waste carts, by Ordinance (Article 1, Sec. 70-33), must be put out on the parkway and **NOT IN THE STREET**. The Public Works Department is unable to maintain our streets (sweeping, snow plowing) with these obstacles on the street. Please place your carts on the parkway.



The **Police Department** would like to remind all residence and business owners to make sure that your residence or business address is prominently displayed on the building. This is not only required by local ordinance, but will help police and fire personnel find your location during critical times when seconds count. Addresses must be in number form at least **four inches** high, in colors that contrast from the building and visible from the street. Buildings located off and not easily seen from the street should have a sign that indicates the name and address of the business or occupancy. If you have questions about your address posting, stop one of our patrol officers or contact our community policing team coordinator, Lt. Mark Kosevich at (708) **202-4332**.



If you or someone you love is in need of emergency assistance, you want help to get there right away. Did you know that there's one thing everyone can do to help the firefighters provide this emergency assistance as quickly as possible? It's as simple as [Moving to the Right for Sirens and Lights!](#) Every year in the U.S., there are almost 16,000 collisions involving fire department emergency vehicles while responding to or returning from incidents. These collisions result in over 1,000 firefighter injuries and almost fifty deaths.

Many people panic or simply do not adhere to the rules of the road for approaching emergency vehicles. The law is very specific; drivers must yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle, and failure to do so can cause serious accidents or delays in ambulances, fire engines and fire trucks arriving at the scene of an emergency. Firefighters are careful to avoid vehicle collisions by driving slowly when traveling against traffic, or coming to a complete stop at intersections. However, the cooperation of [ALL](#) vehicles on the roadway is essential, and required by state law. (625 ILCS 5/11 907)

There are some simple rules to follow when you are on the road and encounter an emergency vehicle:

DO:

- Stay calm.
- Pull to the right and come to a complete stop.
- If you are traveling on a high-speed road or if there is no room to stop, slow down as much as possible.
- If you are in the left lane, pull over into the right lane as traffic in the lane to your right moves over.
- If you cannot move to the right because of another vehicle or obstacle, just stop. Your action will let the driver of the emergency vehicle know what you are doing and allow the driver to anticipate where to drive.
- When an emergency vehicle approaches you from behind while you are stopped at an intersection, stay where you are unless you can pull to the right.
- On a 4-lane highway or street, without barriers, both sides of traffic should pull to the right.
- Be careful when driving by or around a motor vehicle accident or any situation where emergency vehicles are parked and the firefighters are working.
- Drivers should stay at least 500 feet behind emergency vehicles.

DON'T

- Don't panic.
- Don't play your radio so loudly that you are unable to hear sirens.
- Don't stop in the middle lane when there is room to pull to the right.
- Don't pull to the left in the center lane or left turn lane.
- Don't race ahead to make the green light or turn before the emergency vehicle gets there.
- Don't turn quickly to the left onto a street or driveway.
- Don't drive through a red light or stop sign when an emergency vehicle approaches from behind.
- If the emergency vehicle is traveling on the opposite direction of a divided highway or street, you do not need to pull over.
- Don't disregard the presence of the emergency vehicle by continuing to drive.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Holiday Market 3:00 - 8:00 pm Xmas Walk Santa Arrives 5:00 pm
7	8 Board-of-a Whole Meeting 7:30 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Senior's Christmas Dinner	17	18	19	20
21	22 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm in the Courtroom	23	24	25 Village Hall Closed	26 Village Hall Closed	27 Village Hall Closed
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day Village Hall Closed	2 Village Hall Closed	3 Village Hall Closed
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Board - of - a Whole Meeting 7:30 pm in the Courtroom	13	14	15	16	17 Village Hall Closed
18	19 Dr. King Breakfast Village Hall Closed	20 Inauguration Day 	21	22	23	24
25	26 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm in the Courtroom	27	28	29	30	31 Look for calendar updates in the next Hillside Happenings