



Hillside Happenings

DECEMBER 2009

Village of Hillside

425 Hillside Avenue
Hillside, IL 60162

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:

708-202-3462

ESDA: 708-449-6410

Director: Anthony Faragia

Mayor's Office of Special

Events: 708-202-4343

Mayor

Joseph T. Tamburino

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Administrator/Treasurer

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Police Department

425 Hillside Avenue
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Fire Department

523 Wolf Road
Chief Michael N. Kuryla

Public Works

425 Hillside Avenue
Director Joseph L. Pisano

From the Desk of the Mayor....

SANTA ARRIVES IN HILLSIDE

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.

On **Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30PM**, Santa will make his annual visit to Hillside. He will arrive by Fire Truck at the **Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue** where he will help light the trees at the Commons and then proceed to the Courtroom of the Village Hall, where he will visit with the children and listen to their Christmas wishes. This is a perfect picture taking opportunity, so don't forget to bring your camera. Each child will receive a special gift from our Youth Commission as long as the supply last. We hope you enjoy the warmth of our traditional Bon-Fire at the Commons on this wonderful evening.



Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BREAKFAST



We are in the process of planning the **9th Annual Breakfast** honoring the late **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** This event will be held on **Monday, January 18, 2010** at the **Best Western Chicago Hillside Hotel**, 4400 Frontage Road in Hillside. **Tickets are \$12.00 per person** and will be available for purchase on **Monday, December 7th** at the Hillside Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR** as this is a **RESERVATION ONLY** event. Please call **(708) 449-6450** or **(708) 202-4343** for information. **Details will be in the January, 2010 issue** of the **Hillside Happenings** and on our website www.hillside-il.org.

Thank You!

As 2009 comes to a close, we have endured a year of changes with hopes of 2010 bringing back many of the traditional events that we all missed this year. We hope you will patronize our Hillside Businesses when you do your Holiday shopping as we are proud of the many choices we offer in our community. With the old year passing into the new, I want to extend my personal thanks to the residents and village staff. It is through the partnership of dedicated public officials, employees and civic-minded residents that make Hillside such a fine place in which to live and work. On behalf of Clerk Patrick O'Sullivan, the Boards 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 2010 be a healthy time for you and your family and a prosperous one for our Country.



Mayor Joseph T. Tamburino



Left-Sergio Lopez
Right-Mayor Tamburino

HILLSIDE DISABLED VERERANS HOME PROJECT (HDVHP)

Saturday, November 7th was a wonderful day. We were blessed with beautiful weather and the opportunity to break ground on the Hillside Disabled Veterans Home Project. We welcomed Sergio Lopez, his wife Maria and daughters Sasha and Sophia to the Hillside Community.

This project gives everyone the opportunity to reach out and help a young man and his family who served and sacrificed during two tours of duty for our country in Iraq. Sergio was hit by an IED in his Humvee and lost both lower extremities below the knees.

The Village of Hillside, in conjunction with the Plote Companies, has created a nonprofit organization to build the home. The Plote Companies donated the property at the corner of Oak Avenue and Harrison Street where the home will be built. **The nonprofit organization, Hillside Disabled Veteran's Home Project (HDVHP) is soliciting donations to complete the construction of the home.**

The home will be handicapped accessible with an attached garage. The goal is to present the completed home to the Lopez family in late spring or early summer.

Donations are tax deductible. Checks or money orders can be made payable to "HDVHP" and sent to the attention of : John Flood, Village of Hillside, 425 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, IL 60162.



Sergio & Maria Lopez with architectural drawing of home



Season's Greetings from the employees of the Village of Hillside!



Terrorism Prevention – It's your Job Too!

When we think of terrorism, most of us think first of the type of international terrorism the world has witnessed many times. Yet, domestic terrorism is just as much a threat. The **Illinois Terrorism Task Force** in cooperation with the **Department of Homeland Security** is charged with the task of assuring that Illinois is ready to respond to an act of terrorism. Illinois has in place plans to prevent acts of terrorism and plans to respond in the event of a terrorist attack, but what about prevention? Some of the most effective tools we have in the fight against terrorism are the eyes and ears of our citizens and their willingness to report things that bear further investigation and might allow us to prevent an attack from happening.

How can you help? Just by being an alert citizen and good neighbor. If you see something suspicious, report it to the police. Try to remember as much detail as possible, especially person and vehicle descriptions and licenses, things said, names, and personal identifying characteristics such as glasses, scars, moles, facial hair, etc. Write information down, if possible, to help you remember accurately. Often those involved in terror activities are involved in other more common criminal enterprises to finance their future plans.

The **Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)** provides information on general emergency preparedness and terrorism prevention. A video entitled, *7 Signs of Terrorism* is available for viewing online at their website: <http://www.ready.illinois.gov/ittf/publications/>

FIRE PREVENTION TIPS FOR THE HOME (5th in series of 5)



Home Fire Safety Tip #5: Educate Children about the Dangers of Fire

By some accounts, over 100,000 fires are set every year by children under 5 years old playing with matches or lighters. Sit down and talk to your kids about the dangers of playing with fire, and about the potentially lethal consequences of doing so.

Home fire safety is a vital part of protecting members of your household from the devastating effects of a fire. By following a few simple fire prevention tips, you can rest easy knowing you and yours are as prepared as possible if the worst should happen to you.



From all of us here at the Hillside Fire Department, we wish you a Healthy, Safe and Happy Holiday Season!
Chief Michael Kuryla III



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FROM YOUR PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDING SERVICES

WE ARE WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY
HOLIDAY SEASON

LEAF REMOVAL and YARD WASTE

The last pick-up for yard waste will be the week of December 7th through December 11th, and will resume in the Spring of 2010. Be sure to read your monthly Happenings for start dates.

STREET SWEEPING

Final street sweeping for this season is scheduled for the week of December 14th – 18th. 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.

December 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Santa 6:30 pm	2	3	4	5
6	7 Board-of-a Whole Meeting 7:30 pm in the Courtroom	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Village Hall Closed</i>	26 <i>Village Hall Closed</i>
27	28	29	30	31		

January 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Years Day <i>Village Hall Closed</i>	2 <i>Village Hall Closed</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Board-of-a Whole Meeting 7:30 pm in the Courtroom	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <u>MLK DAY</u> MLK BREAKFAST 9:00 am at the The Best Western <u>Reservations required</u>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. In the Courtroom	26	27	28	29	30/31