



# Hillside Happenings

DECEMBER 2012

Village of Hillside  
425 Hillside Avenue  
Hillside, IL 60162  
708-449-6450  
[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:

708-202-3462

EMA: 708-449-6410

Director: Anthony Faragia

### Mayor's Office of Special

Events: 708-202-4343

Events Line: 708-202-4388

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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...

### SOLICITATION INFORMATION

The Village of Hillside requires that anyone wishing to solicit within our Village needs to be registered at the Village Hall. If a solicitor comes to your home, please check to see that they are wearing a "Village of Hillside" issued 2 by 3 inch clip on badge. If you do not see this badge displayed, please call the police department. The only exception is that Religious organizations are permitted to go door to door without registering. A good rule to follow is not to 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.

**Please be extra careful during the Holiday Season.**

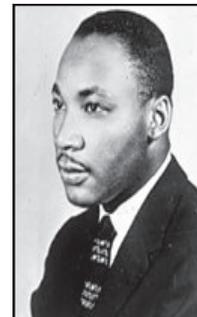


### GUESS WHO IS COMING TO TOWN?

He is making a list and checking it twice and the Jolly Ol' Elf will be arriving in Hillside on Thursday, December 6th, 6:30PM via his special Fire Truck. Watch as Santa flips the switch that turns the Hillside Commons into a Wonderland of lights! Santa will then visit with the children at the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue to listen to their Holiday wishes. Special Gifts for children will be provided by the Youth Commission as long as the supply lasts. Bring your camera and capture your child's special moment!

### DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BREAKFAST

We are in the process of planning the 12th Annual Breakfast honoring the late *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* This event will be held on **Monday, January 21, 2013** at the **Best Western Hillside Hotel**, 4400 Frontage Road in Hillside. **Tickets are \$12.00 per person** and will be available for purchase the **first week of December** at the **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 more information. *Details will be in the January, 2013 issue* of the "Hillside Happenings" and on our website [www.hillside-il.org](http://www.hillside-il.org).



### THANK YOU!

As 2012 comes to a close, we have continued to endure a year of changes with hopes of a brighter 2013. We hope you will patronize our Hillside Businesses when you do your Holiday shopping or go out for that special dinner. 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, Linda Gould, 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 2013 be a healthy time for you and your family and a prosperous one for our Country.

*Mayor Joseph T. Tamburino*



## **A Victorian Christmas House Tour** **Hillside Historical House 700 N. Wolf Road**



**Friday, December 14th, 7:00pm and**  
**Saturday, December 15th 2:00pm and 3:00pm**  
**\$10.00 Donation for Adults, \$5.00 Senior Citizens**  
**Children and Historical Society Members are FREE!**

**Experience a Victorian Christmas with a tour of the house on the dates listed above. This wonderful event will last approximately one hour. The Victorian Era was a wonderful time and we want to recreate it and share the traditions. Enjoy refreshments and a raffle.**

### **Bring an Ornament for our Community Tree!**

**Starting Sunday, December 2nd we will have a "Community Tree" on the front lawn of the Historical House. We invite every member of our community to place a decoration on this beautiful Holiday Tree. Please make sure your ornament is "weather proof" as it will remain on the front lawn throughout the Holiday Season. Lights will shine on our tree during the evening hours.**

### **Capture That Special Family Picture with Santa During this Wonderful Time of Year!**

**Bring your camera and take a picture with Santa on the front lawn of the Historical House. On Saturday, December 15th starting at 1:00pm, Santa will be available to take pictures with you, your family and even your pet so don't forget your camera! This is a free event... come and say "Hi" to Santa!**

**Parking is available across the street in the Memorial Park Lot for all Historical Society Events.**

**Call (708) 449-6450 with any questions.**



### **Citizen's Police Academy, Spring, 2013**

The Village of Hillside's Citizen's Police Academy has been extremely successful and we are in the process of taking applications for our **Spring, 2013** program. The Academy is open to Hillside residents and business owners who are interested in learning more about policing in our community. The main purpose of this ten (10) week program is to create a positive understanding and awareness of current law enforcement issues and duties as they relate to our Village. In addition, participants will be exposed to the tasks and hazards that face all police officers daily. The ultimate goal is to foster a positive relationship between our citizens and the Police Department. You will be exposed to daily tasks, the requirements, the culture, and the pros and cons of law enforcement. ***It is extremely important to remember that participation in this program DOES NOT make any graduate a certified police officer nor does it provide graduates with any type of police authority or the ability to act as police officers.***

Our Academy's philosophy centers on an open, informal learning environment. Discussion is encouraged and appreciated as long as it is presented in a tolerant and respectful way. A sincere commitment to the program is a must. Members will meet one day a week for three (3) hours *beginning the first week of February and concluding the second week of April.* We know how busy your schedules can get and if you feel you cannot commit to attending every Academy class, please reconsider filling out an application.

***We do have some qualifications...Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and live or work in the Village of Hillside.*** For security purposes, a criminal background and driver's license check will be done pending your written permission. If no permission is given, enrollment in the program will be denied. Applicants with felony or misdemeanor convictions will be excluded from consideration. *The Hillside Police Department reserves the right to exclude participation in this program at any time prior to or during its operation.* Applications can be picked up at the Village Hall Reception Desk or the Police Department Dispatch Center, both located at 425 Hillside Avenue. They are also available on line at [www.hillsidepolice.com](http://www.hillsidepolice.com). Applications need to be returned no later than **Friday, January 4, 2013.** For additional information please contact **Sgt. Chuck Strebar at (708) 202-4389**, email [cstrebar@hillside-il.org](mailto:cstrebar@hillside-il.org) or **Ofc. Chris Villarreal at (708) 449-6133**, email at [cvillarreal@hillside-il.org](mailto:cvillarreal@hillside-il.org).

We look forward to an outstanding **2013 CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY!**

**Happy Holidays from Chief Lukaszek and the Members of your Police Department!**



## FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### HOLIDAY AND EVERYDAY SAFETY TIPS PLUS GREAT GIFT IDEAS!

Cooler temperatures mean that heating systems should be inspected by a qualified contractor. Proper burner and flue operation will give you optimum performance and ensure a safe system. Carbon Monoxide Detectors should be in place, should a problem with gas-fired equipment have a problem.



Electrical hazards present themselves if circuits are overloaded with holiday lighting. Frayed and brittle cords and lighting should not be used. These are indicators of overloaded circuits. If a circuit keeps on tripping, separate what is plugged in, or reduce the load. Old circuit breakers may need replacing, and never increase the fuse size if they are present in your home.



Candles are increasing home fires across the nation. Unoccupied spaces should not have candles burning in them. Young children have to be supervised around open flames. Especially be careful with candles near gifts and live trees. Keeping trees properly watered does not ensure they will not burn. Proper safety attitudes and supervision will keep your home safe for the Holidays.



Some great gift ideas around this time of the year are **Smoke Detectors, Carbon Monoxide Detectors, Fire Extinguishers, Safety Ladders** and **Flashlights**. The Fire Department is always available to assist in evaluating your residence for hazards that may exist!

**WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON...**

*Chief Mike Kuryla and the Members of the Fire Department*

## IMPORTANT WATER RATE INFORMATION FOR OUR RESIDENTS

In November, 2011, the Village of Hillside received notice from the City of Chicago that effective January 1, 2012 water rates would be scheduled to increase over the next four years in the following increments: 25% in 2012; 15% in 2013; 15% in 2014; and 15% in 2015. As a result of this notification, the Village of Hillside will be increasing its water rate from \$8.55 to \$9.85 per thousand gallons for all water with a billing date of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The total water rate will include the sewer charge of \$0.45 per thousand gallons bringing the total cost per thousand gallons for water and sewer to \$10.30.

## FROM PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDING SERVICES

Director Joe Pisano and the Staff of Public Works and Building Services  
WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON!



### YARD WASTE

The last pick-up for yard waste carts will be the week of **December 3rd** through **December 7th**, and will resume in the **Spring of 2013**. Be sure to read your monthly issue of the "**Hillside Happenings**" for start dates.



### STREET SWEEPING

Final street sweeping for this season is scheduled for the week of **December 3rd** through **December 7th**. 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 help us and put your carts on the parkway. Thank you !**

# December 2012 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2  Community Tree Decorations Historical House	3  Tickets ready for Purchase Dr. King Breakfast	4	5	6 Santa Arrives 6:30pm 	7	8
9	10 Board of a Whole Meeting 7:30pm	11	12	13	14 Victorian Christmas Tour Historical Home	15 Victorian Christmas Tour and Santa 1:00pm Historical House
16	17 Regular Board Meeting 7:30pm	18	19	20	21 Winter Begins 	22 Village Hall <u>Open</u>
23 30	24 VH Open 31 VH Closed	25 VH Closed 	26	27	28	29 Village Hall <u>Closed</u>

# January 2013 Make Your Reservations for the MLK Breakfast!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 Village Hall Closed	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Board of a Whole Meeting 7:30pm	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Village Hall Closed Dr. Martin Luther King Breakfast 9:00am Reservations required	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Regular Board Meeting 7:30pm	29	30	31		