



Hillside Happenings

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708-202-3434

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708-202-3462

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425 Hillside Avenue
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From the Desk of the Mayor....

Landfill Updates

I want to take this opportunity to address concerns prompted by the recent news coverage about the \$438.00 Landfill "Host Fee" Reimbursement to our homeowners. The concerns relate both to the amount of the payment and whether, by accepting payment, homeowners will waive any rights they may have against the Congress Development Company, the operator of the landfill, or its partners, Allied Waste and John Sexton Sand & Gravel.

When the Village first filed suit for an Emergency Engineered Closure of the landfill in March, 2007 it was because of the dramatic increase and unacceptable odors resulting from the deterioration of the gas control system and other causes and we needed to have a definite landfill closure date. The landfill was permanently closed and capped on December 31, 2008. Nevertheless, we know that the odors occasionally continue. Our experts and attorney are looking at all the information regarding the systems that collect and manage the liquids and gases and these issues are being addressed on a daily basis.

One of the highlights of the agreement is that a "host fee" shall be paid to the Village of Hillside for every ton of solid waste received at the landfill. The revenue generated from the collection of this host fee did not go to the Village, but was secured in a separate fund that would be rebated to the current Hillside homeowner occupying their residence as of December 1, 2008. The payment of this rebate is tied to paid real estate taxes only. *However, this payment was never intended to compensate homeowners for the years they have suffered from the landfill odor.*

As to the concern over waiver of rights, our lawyers have **CONFIRMED** that homeowners are **NOT** parties of the Closure Order. By accepting the one-time "Reimbursement Host Fee" of \$438.00, homeowners **do NOT waive any rights** they, family members or any other person may have against Congress Development, Allied or Sexton.

If you have owned your home and lived in it as of December 1, 2008 and have not filled out your Reimbursement Host Fee Application, please do so. An instruction letter and application were mailed to every home in December. If you misplaced your letter and application, extra ones are available at the Village Hall Reception Desk and our website www.hillside-il.org.

I hope this answers any questions you may have and please know we will update you as we continue through this process together.



*Joseph T. Tamburino
Mayor*



FROM YOUR HILLSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT: SPACE HEATER SAFETY

All heaters are dangerous if not used properly. According to the national fire protection association, most home-heating fires involve portable or “space” heaters; so electric heaters must be selected and used with care:

- Choose models that have automatic safety switches that turn off the unit if it is tipped over accidentally.
- Always look for a label or tag indicating the heater has been tested/approved by a recognized independent testing lab.
- Never use the stovetop burners or your oven to heat a house or apartment.

If you are going to use portable electric heaters please make sure that you:

- Check the cord before plugging in the heater; if frayed, worn or broken, do not use it. Either have an electrician replace the cord or replace the heaters. Simply putting tape on the cord is not enough to prevent overheating and fire.
- Never use an extension cord with a portable heater.
- Keep portable electric heaters away from sinks, tubs and other wet or damp places to avoid deadly electric shocks.
- Keep all portable heaters at least three (3) feet away from curtains, newspapers or anything that might burn.
- **Never leave the heater unattended, leave the house or go to bed without turning off the heater.**
- Do not hang items to dry above the heater.
- Keep all heaters out of high traffic and exit areas.

FROM YOUR PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDING SERVICES DEPARTMENT



SNOW ACCUMULATION:

Parking is not permitted on any public street 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 Section 9.108.1). Icy patches and frozen blocks of ice can form, which are a danger to pedestrians and vehicles in subsequent snowstorms. Please keep the snow on your own property and parkway.

YARD WASTE

Yard waste removal begins in April. See the April Happenings for the first scheduled date.



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.

Free Prescription Discount Card

The National League of Cities and the Village of Hillside have a new program to help you save money on prescription medicines. If you do not have insurance coverage or if your prescription is not covered by your insurance plan, this program may benefit you.

The Village of Hillside Prescription Discount Card is available to all village residents free of charge, and can help you save an average of 20% off the price of commonly prescribed medications at participating pharmacies.

The cards are available at the Village Hall with detailed information. To locate the nearest participating pharmacy, please call **Customer Care toll-free at 1-888-620-1749**, or visit www.caremark.com/nlc.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOU HILLSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In efforts to maintain a positive communication system with the residents and businesses of Hillside, the Village Board has approved the use of "Blackboard Connect". This software will allow Village Officials to communicate with residents and businesses by use of home and business telephones which are already on file with the various phone companies. The Village will also have the capability to notify through emails and cell/ text messaging. This system will consist of important messages from the Village of Hillside being delivered through the different media in order to reach residents and businesses. Residents and business owners will be able to add email, work phone numbers and cell phone numbers and choose whether or not they would like text or voice messaging. Registration forms will be available either on line or at the Village Hall.

Those residents or businesses who do not wish to be included in the phone messaging system will need to complete a release of liability form which will be available at the Village Hall.

The Village will be sending out a test message on Monday, March 2, 2009. This will allow residents and businesses the opportunity to hear a sample message. Messaging will also be offered in Spanish and Chinese, if requested by the resident.



THE VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE'S YOUTH COMMISSION PRESENTS:

"FAMILY BOWLING FUN"

HILLSIDE BOWL 4545 HARRISON STREET
Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm

Bowl 2 Hours for \$5.00 per person (FREE shoe rental)

This event is **ONLY** for residents of the **VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE & WESTDALE GARDENS.**
(proof of residency is required for all participants)

Limited space available. Registration for lane assignment begins at 11:30 am and children 8 years old and under **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

The Hillside Bowling Alley, Village of Hillside and the Hillside Youth Commission will not be held responsible for any mishaps due to patron negligence or any lost or stolen articles.

For updated information call: 449-6450 or log onto our web site @ www.hillside-il.org.

FREE DOG & CAT LICENSES

Dog and Cat licensing is required for your pets. The identification tags are free of charge. Please stop by the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue, to register your pet or pets and receive your free **2009** tag.

For more information, call: 708-449-6450



HILLSIDE BASEBALL REGISTRATION

February 14 (Saturday) 9:00 am—1:00 pm at the Hillside Village Hall.

FINAL REGISTRATION: February 26 (Thursday) 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Hillside Community Center, 1 N. Lind Avenue.

Online Registration is also available @ www.hillsideball.com



February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Ground Hog Day 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Board-of-a Whole Meeting 7:30 pm in the Courtroom	10	11	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday 	13	14 <i>Village Hall Closed</i>
15	16 President's Day <i>Village Hall Closed</i>	17	18	19	20	21 Family Bowling Hillside Bowl 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
22 George Washington's Birthday	23 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom	24	25	26 Final Baseball Registration at the Community Center 6:30-9:00 pm	27	28

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Begins 	9 Board - of - a Whole Meeting 7:30 pm in the Courtroom	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20	21
22	23 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Look for calendar updates in the next Hillside Happenings</i>
29	30	31				