Hillside Happenings

FEBRUARY 2012

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From the Desk of the Mayor….

"DOTS" LADIES CLOTHING STORE OPENING SOON AT THE TOWN CENTER!

"Love the Looks" "Love the Prices"

It is amazing how time flies. At this time three years ago, we were awaiting the opening of the Hillside Town Center and the wonderful shopping and job opportunities that were coming to our community.

Super Target (with *Starbucks and Pizza Hut* located inside), *Petco*, *Michael's*, *The Room Place*, *Holiday Inn Express*, *American Mattress*, *Visionworks*, *GameStop*, *Sally Beauty Supply*, *Chase Bank*, *T-Mobile*, *GNC*, *Panda Express*, *Qdoba Mexican Grill, Jimmy John's, Home Run Inn Pizza, Staples, Priceless Clothing Store and HomeGoods* are outstanding retailers that have met all the expectations of what we imagined.

Our newest addition is **"Dots" Clothing Store** that is scheduled to ***open on February 23rd***. **Dots** was founded in 1987 as a value priced retailer of women's fashions. **Dots** has grown to more than 400 bright, exciting stores and as they continue to grow, we are fortunate that they have chosen Hillside as the home of their new location. Their company strategy is built on delivering the latest fashions, great values, and a fun customer-focused environment with a true destination for a superior shopping experience. **Dots** focuses on women fashions in sizes 0 to 24. **Dots** is in the process of hiring staff for their Hillside store. ***Please see their employment requirements and job opportunity information inside this issue of the "Happenings".*** We are happy they are joining our *Hillside Town Center* family and are proud that we can continue to offer you great shopping, lodging and eating establishments not only at the "*Town Center*", but throughout our community. Please patronize all of our businesses in town as we have so much to offer all of our residents.

WATER RATE INCREASE INFORMATION

I know you have noticed that effective with last month's water billing, The Village of Hillside had to enact a water rate increase due to increases we received from our suppliers. The City of Chicago, (where our water is purchased) instituted a 25% rate increase and the Village of Melrose Park, (who transmits and chlorinates our water) instituted an 8% rate increase in 2012 to transmit the water from the City of Chicago boundary to communities that they supply due to increased operational costs. The Village of Hillside, along with a number of communities, have banned together to for a Regional Water Rate Task Force to investigate recourses to these substantial increases. Although these efforts are expected to be a lengthy process, we would urge you to continue to read the *Hillside Happenings* in order to stay informed as these matters develop.

LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES NEED YOUR HELP!

There are two local food pantries that are operating in our community and this past holiday season has left their shelves bare. Each of these pantries are currently helping over 40 families. In an effort to help re-stock their shelves, The Village of Hillside will have a food collection box in our lobby. Please bring your non-perishable items to the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue during regular business hours. Some of the items needed are listed below. ***Thank you so much for helping those in need.***

canned fruits and vegetables
peanut butter/ jelly
cereal
boxed dry potatoes
coffee/tea
spaghetti sauce
noodles, pasta and rice
personal hygiene products
pancake mix/flour/sugar
syrup
crackers
rice
canned tuna, salmon, chicken
jello and pudding mixes
paper products
powdered milk

TIPS FROM YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT...FOCUS ON FIRE SAFETY...COOKING FIRES!

Fires resulting from cooking continue to be the most common type of fire experience by U.S. households. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of civilian fire injuries in residences. These fires are preventable by simply being more attentive to the use of cooking materials and equipment. ***Don't become a cooking fire casualty.*** Learn the facts about cooking fire safety today! The kitchen can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the home if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. ***Here are some safety tips to help***:

- Never leave boiling, frying, or broiling food unattended. Stay in the kitchen! If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, **TURN OFF THE STOVE**!
- Regularly check food that is cooking; use a timer to remind you.
- Keep anything that can catch fire...*oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels*, or *curtains* away from your stovetop.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.
- Have a **"KID FREE ZONE"** of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Always use cooking equipment that has the label of recognized testing laboratory, such as *Underwriters Laboratories.*
- Follow manufacturer's instructions and code requirements when installing, cleaning, and operating cooking equipment.
- Plug microwave ovens or other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for cooking appliances as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.
- Check electrical cords for cracks, breaks, or damage.

Source: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Cooking Safety Tips

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT DOT'S ...OPENING FEBRUARY 23rd

Dot's is looking for people who are passionate about what they do and thrive in a fast-paced atmosphere. To join their team at their newest location in Hillside, and to become part of an award-winning company that provides opportunities to achieve success, please contact:

Carol Candelario
1-800-208-8173 ext.7211 or email: dm11@dots.com
You can also fill out an application at the Dots store in the Bricktown Square Mall, 6560 Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, IL 60707 (773) 889-8600

NEWS FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Illinois' Seat Belt Law includes primary enforcement. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), this means that officers can pull over a vehicle and give a seat belt citations even if no other wrongdoing exists. IDOT notes that all drivers and passengers in the front seat of a vehicle must wear a seat belt. Drivers and passengers between 16 and 18 years must buckle up regardless of their location in the car. Children under 16 years old are governed by the Illinois' Child Passenger Protection Act. ***"Remember to "Buckle Up...it's the Law".***

WE HAVE A CURFEW IN HILLSIDE!

While warmer weather brings a rise in the incidences of curfew violations, they are present even during the winter months. Enforcing curfew begins with proactive efforts by parents. Parents know what troubles await their children if they are out past curfew. Know what your kids are doing and where they are. Set rules and hold the line. Village ordinance allows for citing minors under the age of 17 to be upon a public road, public place, business or amusement after 10:30PM Sunday through Thursday, and 11:30PM Friday and Saturday. Ordinance also allows for the citing of parents whose children are found to be out past curfew. SPEND TIME YOUR KIDS SO WE DON'T HAVE TO!

HILLSIDE BASEBALL

Our thanks to all the baseball families who helped make the 2011 season a success! We invite all the youths of the community, ages 4-14, to play baseball in 2012.

Mark your calendars for Opening Day-Sat. April 28th

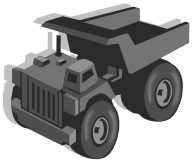
Final Registration dates: Saturday, February 4th
10am to 2pm
Village Hall– 425 Hillside Avenue

If you are interested in our Challenger League please give us a call.

Thursday, February 9th
6pm to 8pm
Community Center
1 North Lind Avenue

For more information, contact Baseball President Ken Holland (708) 227-8457

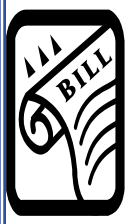
PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDING SERVICES DEPARTMENT



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.

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.



WATER AND SEWER
One monthly bill is sent for both water and sewer service, and should arrive at your house no later than the first week of every month. Water bills may be paid at the Village Hall during regular business hours or, if paying by check, through the outside, drive-up Village depository box (white) located to the north of the entrance to our parking lot. Also, every month you will get an envelope with your water bill that you can use to mail your payment, which goes to our lockbox. If payment is not made by the due date, a penalty of 5% will be added to any outstanding balance. "*Auto Pay*" from your bank checking or savings is available. Forms are available at the Village Hall.

BRANCH PICK-UP
Begins the 1st week of April. Pick-up dates for 2012 will be in the March issue of the *Hillside Happenings*.

YARD WASTE PICK-UP
Begins in April. Dates will be listed in the March issue of the *Hillside Happenings*.
Contact Public Works at (708) 202-3434 with any questions

February 2012 Last Registration for Baseball

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Ground Hog Day	3	4 Baseball Registration Village Hall 10:00am-2:00pm
5	6	7	8	9 Baseball Registration Community Center 6:00pm-8:00pm	10	11
12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	13 Board-of-a Whole Meeting 7:30pm	14	15	16	17	18 Village Hall Closed
19	20 President's Day Village Hall Closed	21	22 George Washington's Birthday	23	24	25
26	27 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm	28	29			

March 2012 Change Your Clocks on the 11th!

Family Bowl on March 3rd

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Family Bowling 12-2 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12 Board-of-a-Whole Meeting 7:30pm	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Primary Election Day	21	22	23	24
25	26 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm	27	28	29	30	31