



Hillside Happenings

JANUARY 2010

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

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

9th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

"Moving the Dream Forward"

For the past 8 years, we have held a breakfast in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrating the diversity in our community. This event has been extremely successful. Once again the committee from the Human Relations Commission is in the process of planning the **9th ANNUAL DR. KING BREAKFAST** to be held on **Monday, January 18th**. This event will be at the **Best-Western Chicago Hillside Hotel, 4400 Frontage Road**. The cost is **\$12.00 per person** and starts promptly at **9:00AM** to approximately **11:30AM**.

Reservations for the breakfast are necessary and tickets are available for purchase only at the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue during regular business hours. Tickets need to be paid at the time of purchase and will not be held at the door. Please note that tickets **WILL NOT BE SOLD THE MORNING OF THE BREAKFAST**. Ticket sales started on **December 7, 2009 and will end on Monday, January 11, 2010**. Please call the Mayor's Office of Special Events at (708) 202-4343 or (708) 449-6450 for more information.

Your support of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast is important to our community and we hope you will be able to attend.

YOUTH COMMISSION FAMILY BOWLING

Mark your calendar for the Annual "Family Bowling Fun-Day" scheduled for **Sunday, February 21st**. Registration for lanes, start at 11:00am and bowling is from 12:00Noon until 2:00pm. Bowl for 2 hours for \$5.00 per person. More information will be available in the February issue of the "Hillside Happenings".

Please check our website www.hillside-il.org for updated information on our events.

On behalf of myself, the Board of Trustees and the staff of the Village of Hillside, we sincerely hope that the New Year brings health, happiness and peace to you, your family and our country.



Hillside Police Department to Offer 2nd Citizen's Police Academy in Spring 2010

Citizen police academies (CPAs) have become one of the most beneficial programs developed under the community-based policing philosophy. The first CPA was showcased in Orlando, Florida, in 1985; today, they are used across the country to educate citizens on the basics of the law enforcement profession, to bring citizens closer to police, to recruit potential employees (both civilian and sworn), and to recruit a strong volunteer base. The Hillside Police Department began its first citizen's academy in the fall of 2009. **We are now taking applications for spring of 2010.**

The Village of Hillside's Citizens Police Academy is open to residents or business owners who are interested in learning more about policing in the Village of Hillside. The main purpose of the ten week academy program is to create a positive understanding and awareness of current law enforcement issues and duties as they relate to the community. In addition, participants will be exposed to the tasks and hazards that face all police officers in our community. The ultimate goal is to foster a positive community-based relationship between citizens and the department. The program is not designed to make applicants certified police officers. Participation does not provide graduates with police authority or the ability to act as police officers.

Some recent graduates had this to say-

"I really enjoyed the class this Fall 2009. It was a great way to connect the community with the Hillside Police Department and to make the residents a little more aware of the things happening in our own neighborhood. It has most definitely caused me to be a lot more observant and aware of my surroundings and know what to look for when I see something suspicious. Thank you so much for the class!"

Monique L. Cade
Class of 2009

"I would like to take this time to thank you for an exciting 10 week class. The class helped me to understand how and why you put your lives on the line to protect us as citizens. The class was very informative, we are able to identify suspicious activity in our community, and work with the police department with problems in our area. Thanks for allowing me to be a part of a wonderful experience!"

Shirley Mason
Class of 2009

Our academy's philosophy centers on an open, informal learning environment. Open dialogue 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. We will meet Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m., from February 3rd to April 7th. **If you cannot commit to every Academy date, please reconsider your application.** We intend to expose you to the daily tasks, the requirements, the culture, and the pros and cons to a career in law enforcement.

Applicants for the Hillside Citizen Police Academy must be at least 21 years of age and live or work in the Village of Hillside. For security purposes, a criminal history check and a driver's license check will be performed, pending your written authorization. If no authorization is given, enrollment in the program will be denied. Applicants with felony convictions and/or certain 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 police station, 425 N. Hillside Ave., from the dispatch center or the Village Hall. Space is limited, so apply early. Please return your applications no later than January 6th, 2010.

For additional information, contact either Sgt. Strebar at 708-202-4389, email at cstrebar@hillside-il.org, or Sgt. Chris Villarreal at 708-449-6133, email at cvillarreal@hillside-il.org.



FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

With school in full swing, it's worth remembering the power of the peer pressure our kids face. Every day our kids are confronted with choices that can have long-term negative consequences. The simple choices of friends and activities can have a far-reaching impact on the more serious choices such as alcohol, drugs and gangs. Our officers often encounter kids in circumstances which might have been avoided by parental influence and oversight. You, the parent, are the first line of defense against the negatives that threaten to take your kids. Be involved. Monitor their activities. Know their friends, their whereabouts and pay attention for changes in behavior. Most importantly, establish and maintain a relationship with your kids which allows them to feel comfortable talking to you and asking questions before they make wrong choices. Being the parent isn't easy, especially when the right thing to do is to tell our kids "no", but the reward is in what happens later or sometimes, what doesn't happen. **Please spend time with your kids now, so the police don't have to later.**



HILLSIDE BASEBALL

Our thanks to all the baseball families who helped make the 2009 season a success! We invite you and all the youths of the community, ages 4-16, to play baseball in 2010.

Registration dates: Saturday, January 23rd
Saturday, February 6th
10 am to 2pm at the Village Hall

Thursday, February 11th
6pm to 8pm at the
Community Center
1 North Lind Avenue

For more information, contact President Collins at: **312-617-9135**



HILLSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hillside Historical Society needs your help! We are looking for materials related to Hillside-photos, newspapers, information on its people, businesses, etc. The Historical Society is collecting and sorting materials for display in the Historical House at 700 N. Wolf Road, which is slated to be open this year. All materials can be dropped off at the Village Hall during regular business hours.

It's not too late to become a member for 2010. Membership forms are available at the Village Hall or call 708-449-6450 for more information.

The Hillside Historical Society wishes everyone a very happy and healthy New Year!



Ice and Snow – Take it Slow!

"The winter season can produce rapidly changing weather patterns and unfavorable conditions. Snow and ice covered roads can significantly impede the flow of traffic, increase traffic congestion, and create adverse driving conditions. If motorists must drive in these conditions, they should plan ahead and allow sufficient time for travel," said ISP Director Jonathon E. Monken. The

Illinois State Police reminds motorists to travel at safe speeds, maintain a safe distance from other vehicles, and use properly fastened seatbelts or child safety seats. In addition to driving safely, motorists should ensure their vehicles are properly maintained, and be prepared with updated supplies in their emergency car care kit in the event a vehicle becomes disabled.

State Troopers will be enforcing Scott's Law, or the "**Move Over Law**," which requires drivers to yield to moving emergency vehicles, including highway maintenance vehicles, displaying oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights. Additionally, a driver is required to change lanes, if safe to do so, or reduce speed and proceed with caution when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle displaying flashing warning lights.

FROM YOUR PUBLIC WORKS 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 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 (snow plowing) with these obstacles on the street. Please place your carts on the parkway.

AUTO-PAY:

"Auto-Pay" is our payment service that makes it more convenient for you to pay your monthly water bill to the Village of Hillside. How does it work? Your monthly payment is automatically taken from the account you authorize the bank to use, and the money is directly credited to your water account at the Village of Hillside. You will continue to receive a statement for your records. With today's hectic lifestyles, "Auto-Pay" is the way to pay your water bill. Call our Water Billing Dept. at 708-202-3462 if you are interested.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free too contact the Public Works office at 708-202-3434.

January 2010



HAPPY NEW YEAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's 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 MLK BREAKFAST 9:00 am The Best Western <i>Reservations Required</i> <i>Village Hall Closed</i>	19	20	21	22	23 Baseball Registration Village Hall <i>10 am to 2 pm</i>
24	25 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom	26	27	28	29	30/31

February 2010



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