



Hillside Happenings

MARCH 2011

Village of Hillside
425 Hillside Avenue
Hillside, IL 60162
708-449-6450
www.hillside-il.org

Emergency

Police & Fire: 9-1-1

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Police 708-449-6133
Fire 708-547-8684

Public Works:

708-202-3434

Water Billing:

708-202-3462

EMA: 708-449-6410

Director: Anthony Faraglia

Mayor's Office of Special

Events: 708-202-4343

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425 Hillside Avenue
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523 Wolf Road
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Public Works

425 Hillside Avenue
Director Joseph L. Pisano

From the Desk of the Mayor....

"BLACKBOARD CONNECT" (Connect CTY)

In February, 2009, the Village Board instrumented a communications program that allows Village Officials and Departments to notify residents and businesses of important information concerning our community.

This communication tool was put through the test, not only with the "great flood" that rampaged our Village last July but the unbelievable "snow storm" we endured last month. Once again, everyone was overwhelmed and it seemed as though the snow would never disappear. As a community we worked together. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Public Works Department for their endless efforts in making sure our streets and sidewalks were plowed, and our Police, Fire and EMA Departments for their commitment to our Community by assisting residents and businesses who needed emergency help. On behalf of the Village Board and myself, I want to thank all of our residents for adhering to the "NO PARKING Ordinance. Your cooperation during this latest storm made plowing and garbage pickup an easier task.

With this in mind, we are asking residents who have not signed up for this service to please do so as we would like everyone to be able to receive important phone calls and/or emails concerning power outages, weather alerts, flooding and other information pertinent to our Community. If you would like to sign up for this service, please go to the Village website...www.hillside-il.org and "click" on the **CONNECT CTY** at the bottom left of your screen. If you want only to receive email notifications and not phone calls, enter the information required and then enter **999999999 in the telephone field**. If you have any questions regarding this system, please contact **Sgt. Don Brown at (708) 202-3477** or stop in at the Village Hall and pick up a form.

BREAKFAST WITH MR. BUNNY AND EGG HUNT

On **Saturday, April 23rd**, the Village of Hillside and the Youth Commission invite you to join in our annual Easter Festivities. Enjoy free donuts and juice, a visit from the Easter Bunny and our traditional **"Egg Grab" for ages 2 and under** and an **"Egg Race" for ages 3 through 10**. Mr. Bunny will arrive at **9:30AM** and the **"Grab and Race" will begin at 10:00AM**. Prizes and candy (while supply lasts) will be given out to participants. We hope you will join us for this event at the Hillside Commons, Hillside and Washington Avenues. More information next month!

WHITE SOX LEGEND, RON KITTLE TO BE GRAND MARSHAL FOR YOUTH PARADE

We are in the process of putting together our Youth Athletic Parade scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 30th at 10:00AM and excited that baseball legend and Ambassador for the Chicago White Sox, **RON KITTLE** will lead our parade and throw out that first pitch! Fill out the form in this issue and be a participant in the parade. Call 202-4343 for more information.

HILLSIDE DISABLED VETERANS HOME PROJECT—SUPPORT OUR SOLDIER!

Donations are still needed for the completion of this home, soon to be the residence of disabled veteran Sergio Lopez and his family. Checks and 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**. Please know that donations of any amount are appreciated. All contributions are tax deductible. We appreciate your consideration and your generosity. If you have any questions, please call **John at (708) 202-4324**. Remember, **BRICK BY BRICK**, with your help, this home will be completed. Weather permitting, ground breaking is scheduled to take place later this month.

BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

The Board of a Whole Meeting for this month will be held on **Monday, March 14th** and the Regular Board Meeting will be **Monday, March 28th**. Spring is here and we are looking forward to the warmer weather, the hope of this great season, continued growth and new beginnings.





IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



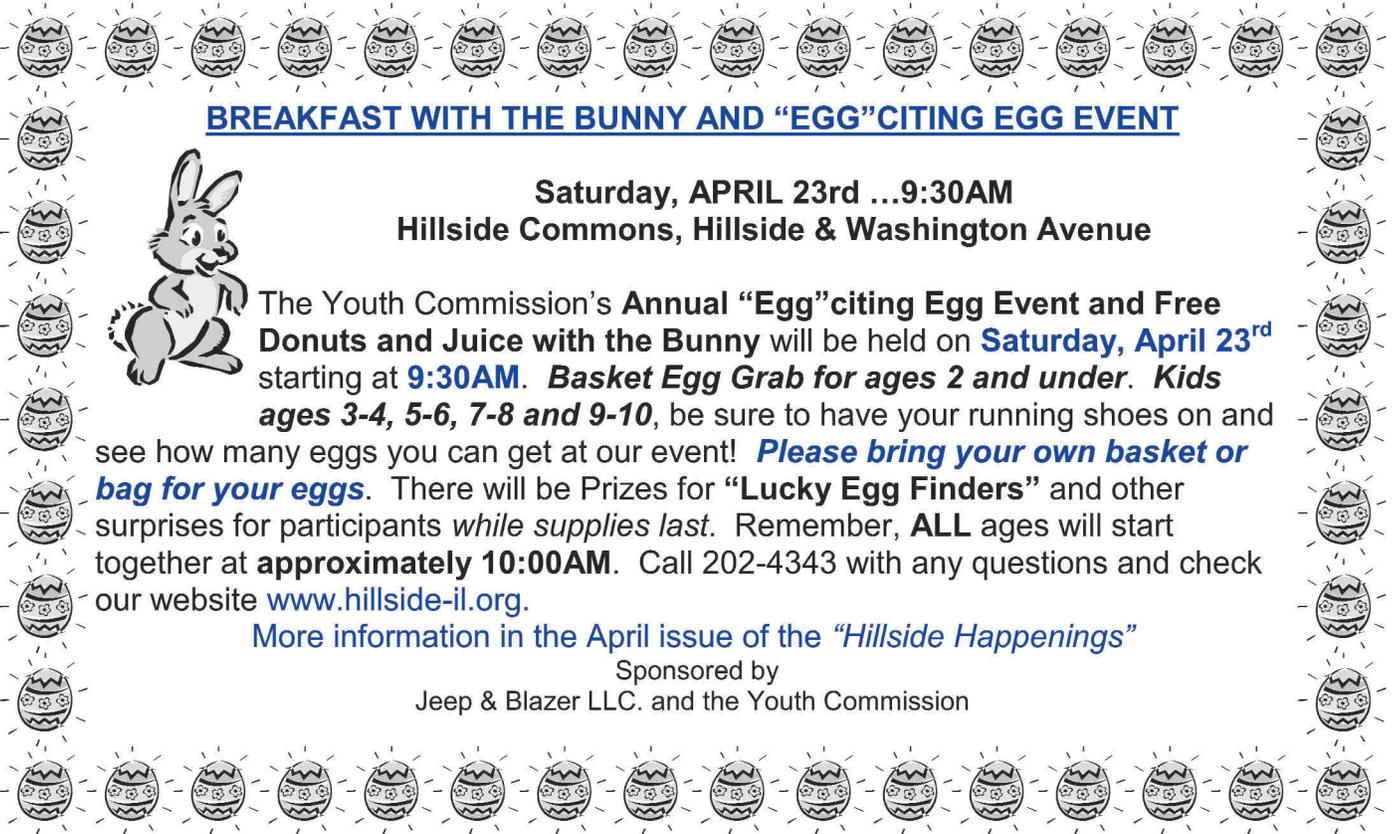
OSFM warns of space heater and fireplace dangers. While space heaters and fireplaces make us feel warm and toasty, these two heat sources also represent a leading cause of home fires and fire fatalities, according to the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Nationally, heating equipment caused an estimated 66,100 home structure fires resulting in 480 civilian deaths, 1,660 injuries and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage in the past.

“Because home heating fires are often the result of human error, the majority of them are preventable,” says Larry Matkaitis, Illinois State Fire Marshal. “By following basic safety precautions and making some simple modifications and adjustments, people can greatly reduce their risk.”

OSFM offers the following advice to stay warm and fire-safe:

- All heaters need space. Keep things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- Use heating equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instruction. Have a qualified professional install the equipment.
- Make sure all fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. CO is created when fuels burn incompletely. CO poisoning can cause illness and even death.
- Make sure the venting for exhaust is kept clear and unobstructed. This includes removal of debris around the outlet to the outside.
- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms inside your home to provide early warning of carbon monoxide.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Turn space heaters off when you leave a room or go to sleep.

This article was received from the Illinois State Fire Marshals office. For more information about fire safety and prevention, please visit www.state.il.us/osfm.



BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY AND “EGG”CITING EGG EVENT



**Saturday, APRIL 23rd ...9:30AM
Hillside Commons, Hillside & Washington Avenue**

The Youth Commission’s Annual “Egg”citing Egg Event and Free Donuts and Juice with the Bunny will be held on **Saturday, April 23rd** starting at **9:30AM**. **Basket Egg Grab for ages 2 and under. Kids ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10**, be sure to have your running shoes on and see how many eggs you can get at our event! **Please bring your own basket or bag for your eggs**. There will be Prizes for “**Lucky Egg Finders**” and other surprises for participants *while supplies last*. Remember, **ALL** ages will start together at **approximately 10:00AM**. Call 202-4343 with any questions and check our website www.hillside-il.org.

More information in the April issue of the “Hillside Happenings”

Sponsored by
Jeep & Blazer LLC. and the Youth Commission



EMA

The Hillside Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is recruiting individuals who are interested in learning new skills and building patriotism in the community. Our meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call 708-449-6410 or stop by the Village Hall to pick up an application.



SPRING DECORATING CONTEST!!

Once again, the Hillside Police Department is looking forward to decorating our station for Spring. **Hillside grade school aged children K-8** can stop by the **Police Department** or the **Hillside Library** to pick up contest information and a cardboard round to decorate. **The contest is limited to Hillside and Westdale Garden residents only.** Some of the prizes to be awarded include Playstation 3, Nintendo DS and gift cards from Game Stop in Hillside. **Please return completed decorations to the Hillside Police Department's Dispatch Desk by SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH before 8:00 PM.** Winners will be contacted on or about **THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST**. We look forward to displaying your creative works of art in our lobby.

This event is sponsored by the Hillside Police and State Senator Kimberly Lightford's Anti-Bullying Campaign!

HAPPY SPRING TO OUR RESIDENTS **From Public Works and Building Services**



YARD WASTE ...starting April 4th, Yard Waste will be picked up on your regular garbage day! All "yard waste" (leaves, plant debris, grass clippings, twigs or small branches, etc.) must be placed in your "**GREEN**" **yard waste cart**. In addition you may also use your own 32 gallon container that will need to be labeled "*Yard Waste Only*" or a brown yard waste bag. Be sure to have your carts placed on the parkway or driveway apron the night before your scheduled pickup day. ***Please do not put carts in the street.***



BRANCH PICK-UP...The week of April 4th, starts the monthly branch pickup. Our Public Works Department documents each street, with the date and time it was completed so they will **NOT** return once they have completed a street. Branch pickup weeks are listed below.

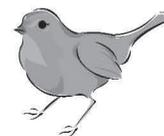
BRANCH PICK UP DATES

April 4th – April 8th
May 9th – May 13th
June 6th – June 10th
July 11th – July 15th

August 8th – August 12th
September 12th – September 16th
October 10th – October 14th

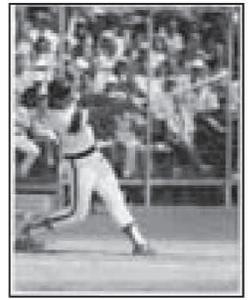
GUIDELINES FOR BRANCH PICK UP

- ◆ Place branches on the Parkway the **Sunday before "Pick-Up Week" begins.**
- ◆ Entire trees will **NOT** be removed. Residents must make arrangements with a hauling service to remove debris when cutting down a tree.
- ◆ Branch piles are **NOT** to exceed 8' long by 5' high by 5' wide.
- ◆ Logs 5' or more in diameter **must be cut into lengths of 2'** or less, stacked and will be picked up separately.



PLEASE DO NOT MIX YARD WASTE WITH BRANCHES!
Please call Public Works at (708) 202-3434 with any questions.





Be Part of our 29th Annual
YOUTH ATHLETIC PARADE!
GRAND MARSHAL

CHICAGO WHITE SOX LEGEND
RON KITTLE

Calling all organizations, school clubs, sport groups, scouts, neighbors and businesses...come join our Youth Athletic Parade on **Saturday, April 30TH at 10:00AM**. Our parade is not only the start of our youth baseball season, but it's a great community event! What a fun way to promote your club, organization, or business and still spend time with neighbors. We are proud to have...

*Goodwill Ambassador for the Chicago White Sox and
 Former Major League Baseball "Power House" Home Run Hitter and Left Fielder*

RON KITTLE
as our 2011 Grand Marshal

Simply fill out the form below... mail it, put it in the Village drop box or just stop by the Village Hall... Attention: Evelyn Belmonte, Village of Hillside, 425 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, IL 60162 (form is also on our website at www.hillside-il.org). If you have any questions, give us a call at 202-4343 or email ebelmonte@hillside-il.org before April 15th. Participants will be contacted with details..

CONTACT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS** _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION, ETC. _____

Type of Entry (please indicate the number of people participating in each)

Float _____ Truck _____ Car _____ Bicycle _____ Walkers _____

Other (please specify) _____



Past Youth Athletic Parades
 Immanuel Lutheran School
 Hillside Giants Little League Team with
 Gene Pingatore 2010 Grand Marshal

