Hillside Happenings

MARCH 2014

Village of Hillside
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www.hillside-il.org

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Police 708-449-6133
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708-202-3434

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708-202-3462

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Director: Anthony Faragia

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Police Department
425 Hillside Avenue
Chief Joseph M. Lukaszek

Fire Department
523 Wolf Road
Chief Michael N. Kuryla

Public Works
425 Hillside Avenue
Director Joseph L. Pisano

From the Desk of the Mayor….

According to the calendar, spring is right around the corner and with all the snow and cold weather we have had this winter, it can't get here fast enough. With the melting snow and the showers of spring, we need to take extra care to make sure we are prepared. During these past months, we once again turned to our **Blackboard Connect ("robo call") system** to make sure you were informed of weather conditions.

If you have not signed up for this message system, we are urging you to do so. Remember this service allows you to receive messages via your landline and cell phone numbers as well as email addresses for you and family members that register. I cannot stress enough how important this form of communication is for all our residents. Please take a moment and either come to the Village Hall and fill out the short form or go to our website, ***www.hillside-il.org*** and "click" on the **CONNECT CTY** at the bottom left of your screen. We want everyone to be able to receive important information pertaining to power outages, weather alerts, flooding or anything concerning the safety of our residents. If you have any questions, please contact **Sgt. Don Brown at (708) 202-3477.** It's simple, it's easy and it is extremely important!

IMPORTANT WATER RATE INFORMATION

The following information has been in previous issues of the *Hillside Happenings,* but we feel it needs to be repeated. In November, 2011, The Village of Hillside received notice from the City of Chicago that effective January, 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; 15% in 2015. As a result of this notification, the Village of Hillside has increased its water rate from $9.85 to $10.55 per thousand gallons for all water with a billing date that started this January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. 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 $11.00. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Public Works Department at (708) 202-3434.

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 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 contact our Police Department.

HOW ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED??

If you are thinking about volunteering this year or are interested in joining a Village Commission, please send your resume to the ***Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue, Attention: Mayor Tamburino***. or email it to ***ebelmonte@hillside-il.org***. **This is a great way to be a part of our community!**

DROP IT AND DRIVE

A new state law took effect on January 1, 2014 that prohibits motorists from talking on all **but hands-free mobile phones while driving**. Be ready for the consequences if you get caught talking, texting or surfing the web while driving. Under the new law, fines start at $75.00 for drivers caught using a hand-held cellphone while driving. Drivers could also pay $150.00 for repeat offenses and may eventually have their driver's license suspended. Drivers who cause fatal crashes while using a hand-held electronic devices could wind up serving up to three years in prison.

If you must talk on the phone, use a speakerphone or headset that allows for voice-activated or one digit dialing. Both are allowed under the state's new hands-free cellphone law. Here are some other tips to avoid distracted driving….

- **Turn it Off...Shut off your cellphone before you get in your car, then stow it out of sight and out of reach.**
- **Stop First...If you have to make a call, pull over to a safe area, such as a rest stop or oasis to make your call.**
- **Ask a Passenger...Have a passenger make a call or respond to a text for you.**
- **Spread the Word...Record a message on your phone that warns callers you're driving and will get back to them or sign up for a service that does this.**
- **Remember...No cellphone usage while in a school zone.**

Be Safe Avoid Distracted Driving!

THE VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE'S YOUTH COMMISSION

PRESENTS

FAMILY BOWLING FUN

HILLSIDE BOWL

4545 Harrison

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014

BOWL 2 HOURS FOR $5.00 per person

12:00 Noon to 2:00PM

(FREE shoe rental too!!!)

Limited space available...Registration for lane assignment begins at 11:00AM

Children 7 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.

IT'S MARCH...IT'S SPRING...IT'S BASEBALL!

Hillside Baseball is hosting it's last registration date on Thursday, March 13th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Community Center, 1 North Lind. We invite all Boys and Girls, ages 4-14 to join the Hillside Baseball Family for a fun and exciting season. Once again we are proud to have our Challenger League participate. This wonderful program is for mentally and physically challenged youth ages 4 to 22. All Major Credit Cards are accepted. Birth Certificates are required at the time of registration. Please call League President Ken Holland at (708) 227-8457 or kb.holland@yahoo.com. with any questions.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY—TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014

Listed Below are the Polling Places in our Community

Precinct	**3**	**Community Center**	**1 N. Lind**
Precinct	**93**	**Community Center**	**1 N. Lind**
Precinct	**30**	**Hillside Village Hall**	**425 Hillside Avenue**
Precinct	**60**	**Hillside Village Hall**	**425 Hillside Avenue**
Precinct	**39**	**Memorial Park**	**700 Speechley**
Precinct	**49**	**Progressive Life Giving Word Cathedral**	**4500 Frontage Road**

Mail-In Ballot Applications for the March 18, 2014 Primary Election are now available in the Hillside Clerk's Office. Completed forms must be received by the Cook County Clerk's Office by March 13, 2014.
Early Voting March 3 to March 15, 2014—closest polling places to the Village of Hillside are
Village of Bellwood, 3200 Washington Blvd. or the Village of Melrose Park, 1000 N. 25th.
Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00AM to 5:00PM.

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

STREET SWEEPING... Waste Management's street sweeping will begin the week of March 17th and will be performed every 2 weeks thereafter. **Please DO NOT park on the street during these scheduled dates.**

YARD WASTE …pick-up will resume the week of April 1st, and 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 7th starts the once a month 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 7th	**–**	**April 11th**	**August 4th**	**–**	**August 8th**
May 5th	**–**	**May 9th**	**September 8th**	**–**	**September 12th**
June 9th	**–**	**June 13th**	**October 6th**	**–**	**October 10th**
July 7th	**–**	**July 11th**			

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!
If you have any questions, please call our Public Works Department
(708) 202-3434

March 2014 Family Bowl March 8th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Family Bowl Hillside Bowling Alley 12N to 2:00pm Registrations starts at 11:00AM
9 Daylight Savings Time	10 Board-of-a Whole Meeting 7:30 pm	11	12	13 Final registration Baseball—Community Center 6-9 pm 1 N. Lind	14	15
16	17	18 Primary Election Day	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22
23 / 30	24 Reg. Board Meeting 7:30 / 31	25	26	27	28	29

April 2014 Youth Athletic Parade, SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Board-of-a Whole Meeting 7:30 pm	15	16	17	18 Good Friday Village Hall Closed	19 Egg Hunt Hillside Commons Village Hall Closed
20 Easter Sunday	21	22 *Earth Day*	23	24	25	26 Youth Athletic Parade 10am
27	28 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm	29	30			