Hillside Happenings

May 2015

Village of Hillside
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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

EMA: 708-449-6410
Director: Anthony Faragia

Mayor's Office of Special Events: 708-202-4343

Event Line: 708-202-4388

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425 Hillside Avenue
Chief Joseph M. Lukaszek

Fire Department
523 Wolf Road
Chief Jeffrey A. Pilz

Public Works
425 Hillside Avenue
Director Joseph L. Pisano

From the Desk of the Mayor….

SPRING HAS ARRIVED….and finally we can start our *Cleaning, Painting* and *Planting! We* are kicking off this important season with our annual PROJECT UFO event on Saturday, May 16th...that means getting rid of all those Unwanted Foreign Objects!
(information on this fun family event is on page 3)

CLEAN UP WEEK…May 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd

The warm weather is here to stay (hopefully) and it's the perfect time to do some **"SPRING CLEANING"** and clean OUT that dreaded crawl space, basement, garage and attic. Residents are encouraged to remove any unwanted trash, furniture, appliances, etc. that have accumulated over the years. Please place these items out on your **REGULAR TRASH COLLECTION DAY OF CLEAN UP WEEK. This opportunity comes only once a year, so we hope you take advantage of it.**

Acceptable items ...**Appliances:** (stoves, refrigerators, etc.), **Bulk Items:** (bicycles, toys, etc.), **Carpets**: must be in rolls no more than 5 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter, **Fixtures:** (toilets, sinks, etc.), **Furniture**, **Paint:** (must be hardened in cans with lids **OFF**), **Landscaping timbers**: must be no longer than 3 feet in length.
Non Acceptable items ...Car Batteries, Explosives, Tires, any type of Fluid (gas, oil, etc.), Ammunition, Radioactive Material, Riding Lawnmowers/Snow blowers, Hazardous or Medical Waste, Large Automobile Parts, Boats, Snowmobiles, Bricks, Concrete Blocks, Cement or Asphalt Pavement Material, Construction and Demolition debris.
Disposal of Televisions...The Village of Hillside and Waste Management **will NOT** pick-up TV's even during clean-up week! TV's have many toxic materials and should not be disposed of in landfills. It is the responsibility of the owner to dispose of electronics properly. The Village of Hillside and the Hillside Library temporarily have a recycling bin for electronics only, where you can dispose of your TV's and electronics properly. However, if your TV is *larger than 30 inches you must use an alternate recycling facility*.

MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 25th, 12:00 HILLSIDE COMMONS

Why Memorial Day? Look to the cemeteries from *Arlington National*, to state, and our own local gravesites, that on ***Memorial Day*** are decorated with flags that tell the world, ***"Here Lies a Veteran"*** ! The day was first observed on May 30,1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. On August 19, 1990, the ***Hillside Veterans Memorial*** was proclaimed a perpetual ***"Time to Remember"*** *monument* to those honored dead to whom our nation owes a debt beyond payment. **Please join us at our Annual Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 25th, 12:00 noon at the Veterans Memorial in the Hillside Commons, as we continue to honor and remember those we can thank for our freedom.**

Please remember to support our Veterans on "Poppy Day" May 21st.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

CURFEW IN HILLSIDE!

Warmer weather brings a rise in the incidences of curfew violations. Enforcing curfew begins with proactive efforts by parents. You know what trouble await your children if they are out past curfew. Here are some tips...know what your kids are doing and where they are...know their friends and pay attention to any changes in their behavior...establish and maintain a relationship with your kids which allows them to feel comfortable talking to you and asking questions before they make the wrong choices...set the 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 areas 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 WITH YOUR KIDS NOW SO THE POLICE DON'T HAVE TO LATER!

BUCKLE-UP IT'S THE LAW and DROP THE CELL PHONE AND DRIVE

In Illinois, the driver and all passengers in a vehicle need to be belted in all seating positions, no matter where you sit. Officers can and will pull over vehicles and give citations if this law is not followed. Also, no talking or texting on a cell phone while you are driving unless it is a hands-free device. If you have to make a call or text, please pull over. Drivers caught using a hand-held cellphone while driving will be fined. Repeat offenders could be fined and have their license suspended. Also remember there is no cell phone use in school zones.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR PETS ON A LEASH AND REMEMBER, NO PETS AT THE HILLSIDE COMMONS!

Village rules require all pets to be licensed (licenses are free at the Village Hall), have their Rabies shots up to date, be on a leash and cannot run at large. While taking your dogs for a walk can be beneficial for them and you, you must clean up after them so remember to carry plastic bags with you. Tickets will be issued if you do not comply with the Village Ordinances. Our Events have started and we ask that you keep your pets at home for their safety and the safety of others as NO pets are allowed in the Hillside Commons.

If you have any questions, please call our Non-Emergency Phone Number (708) 449-6133

NOTE TO OUR RESIDENTS...SAFETY FIRST!!!

The warm weather is here and scammers are ready to spring into action. Be on guard to protect yourself against common seasonal scams such as home improvement and utilities. Always ask to see their **Village Solation Badges** and do not let anyone into your home without an appointment. **NEVER** give out personal information and **NEVER** pay on-site for services. Be skeptical of individuals wearing clothing with old or defaced company logos. Do not hesitate to call the Police Department and most of all, be aware of your surroundings at all times!

SPRING SAFETY TIPS

Know what's below. Call before you dig.

To ensure that underground utility lines in a work area are marked, simply call **8-1-1** or visit the website ***illinois1call.com*** to submit ***"a locate"*** request to **JULIE** at least 2 working days before digging. **JULIE, Inc.** will arrange for its member utility operators to have the underground lines at the project site marked "**free of charge"** so that the homeowner and professional excavators can dig safely. **JULIE's** call center agents are available to **receive and process requests 24 hours a day, seven days a week at either 8-1-1 or 800-892-0123.** For a copy of **JULIE's *Homeowner's Guide***, that explains the color-coded markings and has information about the one call process, visit their website listed above.

THE VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE'S SENIOR CITIZEN 50/50 TAXICAB PROGRAM

The Village, in its continuing efforts to help senior citizens live an independent lifestyle, offers our residents a **50/50 Taxicab Reimbursement Program**. This program allows seniors to travel anywhere in Chicago and the suburbs. The requirements are as follows: Hillside Seniors 60 years and over and also disabled residents may enroll in this program at the Village Hall. Proof of age and residency is required such as State I.D., birth certificate, passport, etc. Once you are enrolled, the Village will issue you a permanent taxicab I.D. Card in order to purchase your 50/50 taxicab coupons. Coupons are sold in $10.00 booklets for which you only pay $5.00 per booklet and the Village pays the remaining $5.00. Coupons can pay for the entire fare, including tip, or you can use the coupons for the fare and tip the driver in cash, the choice is yours. The coupon allows you to bring up to three friends of any age on your trip at no additional cost. There is no expiration date ...however, **ONLY AMERICAN TAXI ACCEPTS THE 50/50 COUPONS.** This is a great program, but if you need more information, please call the Village Hall at **(708) 449-6450** during regular business hours for assistance.

HAVE YOU TESTED YOUR HOME FOR RADON YET?

Radon is the Nation's second leading cause of Lung Cancer after cigarette smoking. The U.S. E.P.A. and the U. S. Surgeon General recommend testing all homes below the third floor for Radon.
For a ***FREE*** packet of Radon Information and to purchase a kit, call the Cook County Department of Environmental control **(708) 865-6177**. This information is available through the office of Toni Preckwinkle, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, Radon Awareness Program.

Planning a Block Party? Block parties are a rite of summer and a great way to meet your neighbors. If you are thinking of planning one, please write a letter to our Village Clerk requesting the date and time of your party as there are some guidelines that need to be followed. Members of our Fire and Police Departments look forward to attending these events if they are available.

GET READY FOR PROJECT U.F.O.!!! SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

Not the kind of UFO's in science fiction movies, but Hillside's own **U.F.O.** Event (**U**nwanted **F**oreign **O**bjects)...that **makes cleaning our Village FUN**! Everyone is invited to pitch in and help us get rid of trash and get Hillside looking great and ready for all the activities we have planned for you. ***PROJECT U.F.O.*** is from **10:00AM to 11:30AM** and we meet at the Commons (behind the Village Hall near the Main Baseball Field). We urge baseball and soccer teams, scout groups, kids of all ages, teens, and of course adults to come out, climb on one of our Public Works trucks and track down all the ***UFO's*** you can find! There will be **Free T-Shirts** for all participants along with Hamburgers donated by the Hillside ***McDonald's***, chips donated by ***Leamington Foods*** and water donated by ***Hillside Liquors***.. ***For the safety of all, children ages 7 and younger must be accompanied by an adult***. We hope you will join us for this **FUN** special event!

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE RESPECT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDING SERVICES

MAY SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK

The week of **May 18th through May 22nd** will be our spring clean-up week.
Please see ***Mayor Tamburino's*** column on the front page for all the details.

STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping for the month of May will be the week of ***May 11th through May 15th*** and ***May 18th through May 22nd*** **and** ***May 25th through May 29th***. For the month of June, the dates are ***June 8th through June 12th*** **and June 22nd through June 26th**,

Please refrain from parking on the street from 6:00am to 4:30pm during these dates.

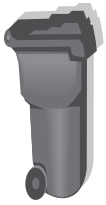
BRANCH PICK-UP

Branch pick-up for the month of MAY will be the week of **May 4th through May 8th**. Place branches out on the parkway on **Sunday May 3rd** to be assured your branches will be picked up. Public Works documents each street with the date and time it was completed**. Branch pick-up for the month of JUNE will be the week of June 1st through June 5th. Remember, place branches on the parkway on Sunday, May 31st to be assured of JUNE branch pick-up.**

PUBLIC WORKS WILL NOT RETURN ONCE A STREET HAS BEEN COMPLETED!

GUIDELINES FOR BRANCH PICK UP

- Make arrangements with a hauling service to remove debris when cutting down an entire tree as it will not be removed by Public Works
- 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.
- Bush roots must be removed and will be picked up separately.
- Do not mix yard waste with branches.



YARD WASTE

Yard waste will be picked up on your garbage pick-up day in the **GREEN** yard waste carts. If you have additional yard waste, you must use brown yard waste bags; no sticker required, or a 32gal. unlined garbage can that is marked ***"Yard Waste Only".***

REFUSE CARTS

When the Village began a contract with Waste Management for the disposal of refuse, each house was provided with 3 carts, which are Village property. Each home should have 1 GRAY *garbage cart*, 1 BLUE *recycle material cart* and 1 GREEN *yard waste cart*. All carts have a serial number to identify which house they belong to. If you have more than one cart in any color, please call the Village Public Works Department and report the serial numbers to us so we can identify the proper owner. Every house should have one of each cart so refuse can be disposed of properly.

STREET LIGHTS

Do you see street lights out in the Village? If so, please report the outage to the Public Works/Building Services Department. We don't always know about a street light that is out, or one that is turning off and back on again…that's why we need the help of the community to get the lights back on and keep our Village lit up. **Please call (708) 202-3434.**

May 2015 Memorial Day...A Time To Remember

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Board of a Whole 7:30pm	12	13	14	15	16 Project UFO 10AM-11:30AM Hillside Commons (behind Village Hall)
17	18 Regular Board 7:30pm *Clean Up Week*	19 *Clean Up Week*	20 *Clean Up Week*	21 Poppy Day *Clean Up Week*	22 *Clean Up Week*	23 Village Hall Closed
24 / 31	25 Memorial Day Observance 12:00Noon Hillside Commons Village Hall Closed	26	27	28	29	30

June 2015 Happy Summer!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Board of a Whole 7:30pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Summer Begins	22 Regular Board 7:30PM	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				