## Village of

# Orland Hills



Newsletter from the Village of Orland Hills

Winter 2014

Mayor Kyle R. Hastings

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### **Worst Winter In Years!**

It has been an awful winter for all of us! The cold temperatures are the most frigid to date and hopefully Spring will come sooner than later!! My concern for the resident's safety has always been my #1 priority. The Village of Orland Hills Public Works Department has been working around the clock to ensure that our residents have the clearest streets on the southwest side. Not only do we snow plow, but I make sure that all of our senior citizens are taken care of by cleaning their driveways. If you have an elderly neighbor, please be a good neighbor by checking in on them to make sure they are safe. The girls at the Village Hall call our seniors to make sure that everyone is weathering the storm with no complications. I am very proud to say that we have the safest & cleanest streets on the southwest side!

A recent development with this severe winter relates to the supply of road salt. Three of the major road salt suppliers have advised Orland Hills and many other municipalities that the salt supplies are limited. Additional road salt will not be available for 3-4 weeks, or longer. We will do everything possible however, if we can't get road salt, please understand it is beyond the Village's control.

The first streets to be snowplowed are: Meadowview from 94th Avenue to 88th Avenue, Haven Avenue from 167th Street to 159th Street, 167th Street from 94th Avenue to 88th Avenue, O'Brien Drive at Fernway School and all bus stops for the children. After all the streets have been cleared and salted, it is then that our Public Works Department clears the driveways for our senior citizens who have signed up for this service. Please be patient! Spring will be here before we know it! Be safe everyone!!!







## Santa Comes to Town

A special visitor came to town to see Mayor Kyle R. Hastings and the Village of Orland Hills residents. As the crowd waited for Santa's arrival, they were treated to holiday music, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies provided by the Orland Hills Recreation Department. Santa Claus arrived on Saturday, December 7th to Kelly Park!!

Santa and his elf arrived by helicopter to the delight of all the children. After receiving the magic key from Mayor Kyle R. Hastings (that allows Santa to enter homes with no fireplaces), he climbed aboard a horse drawn carriage for a ride through Orland Hills to spread is holiday cheer to all the kids that were unable to see his arrival!!

We would like to thank the following people for assisting in making this holiday event so special: Mayor Kyle R. Hastings, Clerk Jennifer Iannantone, Trustee Kyle Hastings II, Trustee Tracy Roti, Trustee Curt Petrey, ESDA Director Bill Leddin, the Orland Hills Police Department, the Orland Hills Cadets, the Orland Hills Public Works Department and the Orland Hills Recreation Department along with Community Service Students from Victor J. Andrew and Carl Sandburg High Schools.



## Breakfast with Santa

The Orland Hills Recreation Department held its Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 21, 2013 from 9:00am until 11:00am. The event was held at Georgios Banquets and Comfort Inn, which is located at 8800 W. 159th Street. Over 420 residents attended this annual event making the year 2013 the largest crowd to date!!

Mayor Kyle R. Hastings and our residents enjoyed listening to the holiday music while eating breakfast. Mrs. Rhonda Kulig sang several holiday songs while her father played the harmonica. A group sing along was also part of the fun prior to a special visit from Santa.

Children 12yrs. of age and younger enjoyed a free breakfast which included bacon, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, french toast, breakfast potatoes, biscuits & gravy, fruit, juice and coffee. Also children under 12 yrs. of age received a souvenir photo, a candy cane, coloring book with crayons and a chance to win one of six \$20.00 Wal-Mart\* gift certificates. Congratulations to the lucky winners. As always, young and old, had a wonderful time!!

A special thanks is extended to Mayor Kyle R. Hastings, Trustees Candice Morrison, Kyle Hastings II and Curt Petrey as well as the Recreation Department for hosting this event.

Wal-Mart\* Gift Card Winners
From left to right: Maureen
Truesdale, Jacob Stumpf,
Cayla Evans, Josh Tanquilut,
Lehanna Evens and Adam Ruiz
with Trustee Candice Morrison
and Trustee Kyle Hastings II.



## Holiday Carriage Rides

The residents of Orland Hills were treated to a carriage ride during the holiday season! The carriage rides were held on Saturday, December 14th, at the Kelly Park Field House, from 11:00am till 2:00pm. Hot chocolate and cookies were served to all the residents that came out and braved the cold weather. More than 60 residents enjoyed their carriage ride with a snowfall which made the ride beautiful! The Orland Hills Recreation Department would also like to thank Mayor Kyle Hastings, the Board of Trustees and all our village families who participated in this special holiday event.



"Pudge" the horse has some fun with the kids before their ride. He was telling the children he had to put on his Christmas leg warmers to bare the cold and to get a smile like his...make sure you go to the dentist!!



Looks like the perfect picture for a Christmas card!!

#### 2013 Christmas Candy Count

This year's winner of the Candy Count Contest was Carolina Jimenez. She guessed 110 pieces and that is what the exact amount was. Great job Carolina, hope you didn't eat all 110 pieces of delicious candy all at once!!

## 16th Annual Holiday Ice Skating Party

The Orland Hills Recreation Department ended the holiday season with our annual Holiday Ice Skating Party. The Ice Skating Party was held on December 27th at the Arctic Ice Arena. This event was free to all village residents and over 150 residents came to show their Olympic skills on the ice and some showed their not so Olympic skills on the ice!! Either way...a wonderful time was had by all! The Orland Hills Recreation Department would like to thank Mayor Kyle R. Hastings and the Board of Trustees for offering this Annual Special Event.



## Santa Coloring Contest

	4-6 YEARS OLD		
1st Place Jamie Moon	2nd Place Paige Swanson	3rd Place Rahma Gomaa	
	7-9 YEARS OLD		
1st Place Yeldez Montes	2nd Place Amanda Delaleurs	3rd Place Jillian Zarobsky	
10-12 YEARS OLD			
1st Place Jake Myers	2nd Place Esraa Gomaa	3rd Place Fearn Ponteres	

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
4-6 years old			
7-9 years old			
10-12 years old			<b>C</b> 5

## Holiday House Decorating Contest



The Recreation Department held its Annual Christmas House Decorating contest on Tuesday, December 10th. The Advisory Park & Recreation Commission had beautifully decorated homes to choose from. The Village would like to thank all residents who participated in this contest and would also like to encourage those who decorated their houses but did not participate to consider your house for this year's contest. Plaques were given to the winners along with a free pizza from Jets!! So...now the families can relax and enjoy a pizza together for all their hard work!!

## 1st Place The Krueger Family • 16553 Bridgette Court



## **2nd Place**The Judge Family • 9145 W. 162nd Street



Honorable Mention
The Laxamana Family • 16413 Mayors Row
The Oprisko Family • 9324 W.170th Place

3rd Place
The Michalec Family • 16778 S. Hilltop Avenue



#### **Address Numbers On Structures**

Both the Village Code (150.185) and the Fire Protection District Code require that all structures must have address numbers displayed and easily visible from the street. We strongly urge each homeowner to check their home for compliance. Townhouses, Condominiums and Apartments are to be clearly marked, as well as, single family structures.

Ambulance, fire or police personnel are only able to find the right house if you help. You need to have your building number on your home.

Businesses should have their space identified in the front and the rear with the **business name**, as well as, the **space address**, number or letter designation of the space.

Remember that emergency service personnel can lose time in responding to your call if they are unable to find your home. Clear identification of your home can save a life, and that life could be your own. We recommend that the numbers be at least three (3) inches high.

The color of the numbers

The color of the numbers should contrast with the surface.

The numbers should not blend into the surface where they are affixed.

Trees or other landscaping should not block the numbers.



## **Common Courtesy**

Please do not block your neighbor's mailbox. The post office will not deliver to a box that is blocked by your car.

The Village thanks you in advance for being courteous!!



## **E-Waste Collection Program 2014**

Mayor Hastings and the Village Board approved a program which established a quarterly drop off program with Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc. The program will provide drive up - drop off at the Public Works Building located at 16533 S. 94th Avenue. **This program is for electronics only!** 

The Village is not responsible for identity theft or other personal information being obtained by others It is your responsibility to make sure that all your personal information has been removed from your electronic devices.

**Drop-off time - 9:00am until 2:00pm.** Also, if you missed any of the drop off dates, Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc. also has a door-to-door pick up program. They will schedule a pick up if you call them.



Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc. 1105 Windham Pkwy Romeoville, IL 60446 Phone 630-305-0922

#### **DROP OFF DATES:**

April 12th
July 12th
October 11th



## **Employment Opportunities Within Orland Hills**

#### **Part Time Snow Plow Driver**

The Village of Orland Hills (pop. 7,149) is now accepting applications for the position of Part Time Snow Plow Driver. The position reports to the Director of Public Works. Special shifts are being operated through April 15, 2014.

Shifts will vary in frequency and length depending upon severity of weather conditions.

Applicant must have High School Diploma or G.E.D, valid Illinois Drivers License, 21 years of age minimum. Prior progressive, experience in snow plow driving and possession of applicable CDL certification is advantageous. This position also requires proficiency in people skills and good healthy attitude. Applicant must demonstrate an ability to use sound judgment and desire to build on a "team oriented" environment.

A condition of employment will be the successful completion of a physical examination, a thorough background clearance check, as well as, the standard IDOT Drug & Alcohol Screening.

Starting wage rate is \$15.00 per hour. The Village of Orland Hills is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Position open until filled. Application forms may be obtained from the Village Complex / Clerk's Office at 16033 S. 94th Avenue, Orland Hills, Illinois, from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Applications will be accepted by the Village Administrator.

(Resumes may be attached to the completed application form.)

#### Part-Time Dial-A-Ride Bus Driver

The Village of Orland Hills (population 7,149) is now accepting applications for a part –time driver. This position consists of operating a 12-passenger bus within the Village of Orland Hills. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and have a High School Diploma or G.E.D., and a valid Illinois Driver's License.

The position requires a proficiency in people skills, a positive working attitude and the ability to use sound judgment.

This driving position will cover occasional weekday hours from 8:00am until 4:00pm. The position serves as back-up to the full-time driver to cover time off during the year. The part-time job will require only 10-15 days of work per year. Training will be provided.

A condition of employment will be successful completion of a physical examination, a thorough background check, and the standard IDOT Drug & Alcohol screening.

Starting wage is \$11.25 per hour. The Village of Orland Hills is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Application forms may be obtained at the Orland Hills Village Complex/Clerk's office at 16033 S. 94th Avenue in Orland Hills during regular office hours from 8:00am until 4:30pm. Applications will be accepted by the Village Administrator until Noon on Friday, March 14, 2014.

(Resumes may be attached to the completed application form.)

#### **Recreation Assistant 1**

The Village of Orland Hills (population 7,149) is now accepting applications for Part – Time Recreation Assistant 1. This position consists of part time recreation and cleaning duties in the Community Center which would consist of the building, office and in the field.

Some of the recreational duties will consist of answering phones, taking program registration, attending the counter, setting up and taking down recreational activities, programs, volleyball nets, basketball equipment, tables and chairs.

Some of the cleaning duties will be sweeping, dry mopping, wet mopping, cleaning bathrooms, counters, window glass, mirrors and taking out the garbage in the entire facility.

Applicant must have a High School Diploma or G.E.D. at minimum. This position will cover weekday evening hours from 4:30pm until 10:30pm; and some weekend hours, which are Saturday from 9:00am till 5:30pm.

Starting wage is \$8.30 per hour. Application forms may be obtained at the Orland Hills Community Center, located at 16553 S. Haven Ave. Orland Hills, Illinois, during regular office hours from 8:00am until 4:30pm. Applications will be accepted until Noon on Monday, February 17, 2014. For more information, please contact the Recreation Department at 708-349-7211. EOE.

(Resumes may be attached to the completed application form.)

## From Kelly Park to the Collegiate Fields Series



By Trustee Hastings II

#### From Orland Hills to St. Ambrose University...

Another Orland Hills athlete has made it to the collegiate ranks that started his career in Kelly Park. This month, we would like to feature Fred Kassal. Fred was a key member of the Orland Hills Wolves Youth Football Organization who graduated from Victor J.



Andrew High School. He is another successful local athlete who has led by example for today's youth to follow with good grades in school and success on the athletic field.

#### How long have you lived in Orland Hills?

I have lived in Orland Hills my whole life. It was hard to say goodbye to the town where I grew up.

#### How many years did you play for the Orland Hills Wolves Youth Football & Cheerleading Organization?

I played for the Wolves for 5 years. Lights, JV, and 3 years on varsity (6th-8th grade).

## What position did you play with the Wolves, and jersey number?

I played defensive line for the Wolves every year. I was a striper most of the years. I wore the number 54. I thought I was Brain Urlacher... ha-ha!

## What was your most memorable experience playing at Kelly Park with the Wolves?

I have two memorable moments with the Wolves. Both occurred during my 8th grade year. The first, is when I was able to play football again after having surgery on my foot. During the game Wolfie, (aka Mr. Kozak) said the Wolves would like to welcome Fred Kassal back to play, so I waved and everyone cheered.

My second memory, is when we were in the playoffs that year and we were told that we had an extra practice the day before our game. When we got to Kelly Park, there was actually a party for the Varsity Football Players and Cheerleaders. We were all a family, so we celebrated as one. We played games and ate pizza. We sat at our most memorable spot on the field and picked the grass so we could bring the "Wolf Den" with us to the playoffs. My friends and I still talk about that day.

## What position and number were you at Victor J. Andrew High School?

I played every position on the defensive line. I was very versatile and knew every position. My favorite spot was defensive tackle. I wore the number 65 during my three years as a varsity starter.

## What was your most memorable moment at Victor J. Andrew High School?

My most memorable moment at the school was being in the Variety Show. It was the best "rush" someone could have. The nights of the shows were amazing. I wish I could do it every year.

Football wise, my most memorable moment was winning the conference during my junior year. Our team struggled in the beginning of the year. We came back that year to win the conference at our field and celebrate with fireworks. It was one of the best nights of my life. We all danced on the field with Coach Mal's theme song playing in the background. I love those guys.

#### Why did you choose St. Ambrose University?

When I was college searching I had in my mind set on what I planned to study. I wanted to major in Exercise Science and then get my Doctorate in Physical Therapy. I chose Saint Ambrose because of their excellent PT program. Their housing has to be the best in the nation with huge rooms and maid service! More importantly, their football team has a history of winning. I felt like I could make a good impact on the team. The school has small class sizes and it is very welcoming walking around the campus.

What position and number are you at St. Ambrose University? At Saint Ambrose I play defensive tackle. On the JV team I am number 67 and on varsity I am number 64. I practice with varsity every day and I dress for most of the home and away games.

## What is your most memorable moment so far at St. Ambrose University?

I would have to say my favorite moments so far this year is that every day we can mess around and throw a football around. All of the D-line gets together and we find a soccer ball and we test it out to see how talented we are with it.

## What advice can you give to current youth football players that want to play football in high school and college? What goals should they set?

My advice to young players is "never give up". Football is hard physically and mentally. You have to be able to manage your time and get rest so that your body can recover. Most importantly, you have to be able to have fun. It doesn't mean you won't have bad days. I have days where I play or practice bad and don't have any fun. But overall, I love the game and I love the bond that I share with my teammates.

A goal for playing in college is that if you really want to play football, there is a college for you. You will have to search thoroughly, not everyone will come to you.

How important are academics while playing sports in school? Academics are very important. If you don't have the grades, then you don't play. It's as simple as that. If you have bad grades in college then you have to go to study tables twice a week for a few hours. You have to learn to manage your time to do your schoolwork. Not many players make it to the pros, so you have to focus on your education and get your degree. Then get an awesome job in your field that you love!

## Who has influenced you the most while playing football, and why?

The people who have influenced me the most would have to be Coach Hanley, my youth football coach and Coach Zimmer, my high school coach. Both of them pushed me to be my best and helped me with college searching. They are some of the greatest men I will ever meet in my life and I love them both.

# The Village Building Department in the Village Hall (349-4887) provides the following:

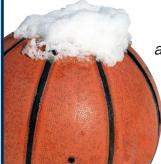
- Information on whether a property is in a mapped floodplain and related Flood Insurance Rate Map Data;
- Records of past flooding;
- Free Copies of the Village's Guide to Flood Protection;
- Advice on how to protect a building from water problems;
- Guidance on the laws that govern construction and property improvements;
- Site visits to view the cause of and possible solutions to a problem.

Flood Maps and Flood Protection references are also available at the Tinley Park Library www.tplibrary.org.

# Reminding All Residents During Snow Plow Season:

Please remove all portable basketball nets from the street and/or close to the street!

The village is not responsible for damaging with the snow plow.



Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **Un-Used Medicine Drop**

The Village would like to remind residents of the drop off box located in the Police Department located in the lower level of the Village Hall at 16039 S. 94th Avenue.

This program started June 16, 2011 and to date more than 1500 containers of unwanted medicine has been turned in. The medicine is then disposed of in the proper manner.

The benefit to the drop box is that it offers an alternative to throwing it away or flushing it down the toilet which is harmful to the environment. It also keeps it from falling into the hands of someone who shouldn't have it.

The program is open to both residents and non-residents. No needles or sharp objects are accepted. The drop box is accessible Monday thru Friday from 8:00am until 4:30pm.



# You're invited to attend a Utility Bill Climic



Hosted By
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
FRAN HURLEY
&
STATE SENATOR
BILL CUNNINGHAM



Friday, February 21, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Orland Township 14807 S. Ravinia · Orland Park

Join Rep. Hurley, Sen. Cunningham and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) for a free seminar to learn how you can receive lower rates and better service from the state's investor-owned electric, gas and telephone companies. CUB has saved consumers more than \$10 billion by blocking rate hikes and winning consumer refunds.

This is a FREE service provided by CUB, a non-profit consumer group created by the legislature to fight for the rights of utility customers.

For more information, or to RSVP, please call Rep. Hurley's constituent service office at 773-445-8128.

#### **Orland Hills Senior Club**

Registration for the Orland Hills Senior Club is taken throughout the year. The Fee for joining the Senior Club is \$10.00 for the entire year – January through January. Your \$10.00 admits you to weekly BINGO and allows for reduced prices on luncheons and trips.

All Senior Activities are held at the Orland Hills Community Center, located at 16553 S. Haven Avenue.

#### **UPCOMING TRIPS:**

#### **Horseshoe Casino**

Join us for a day of high rolling and spinning the wheel. Coach bus transportation and four hours of gambling time.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS Monday, April 21, 2014.

DAY: Monday, 4/28/14

TIME: 9:30am - 4:30pm

FEE: \$22.00 Members
\$25.00 Non-Members



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **BINGO!**

Bingo is held every Monday at the Orland Hills Community Center. Come join the fun with our lively group of current members and become part of the Orland Hills Senior Club. This popular social opportunity offers seniors a place to gather and make new friends. This program focuses on not only bingo, but important informational topics, fitness and special events. Stop by any Monday and enjoy some bingo, refreshments and a possible cash prize if you're the lucky winner!

Bingo is held every Monday from 12:00pm-2:00pm.

#### **Senior Luncheons**

Take a night off from cooking and enjoy a catered lunch. Spend an afternoon with your "Club" friends, play some bingo and enjoy a buffet lunch. Senior luncheons are held the third Monday of every month. Pre-registration is required the Monday before each luncheon.

Luncheons are held the third Monday of every month from 11:00am-2:00pm

#### St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Enjoy an Irish feast at the Community Center. Dress in green and show your Irish spirit. Food will be catered. Each Senior will receive a special treat. Bingo will follow.

DATE: Monday, 3/17/14
TIME: 11:00am-2:00pm
FEE: \$5.00 Members
\$8.00 Non-Members

## Dial – A – Ride Program Make no fuss....just call Gus for the Bus!!!

Need a ride? Dial a ride! Our bus driver will pick you up and take you where you need to go. You must request service 24 hours in advance.

- The Village **does not** take voice mail appointments.
- Limit of 2 shopping bags per person.
- Be on time for your appointment.
- Appointment for 1 destination only.
- When cancelling a ride, make sure you give an ample amount of time.

**Call 349-0583 to schedule your pick-up!** If you have any questions regarding this wonderful program, please call the Village for additional information and guidelines.



#### Village of Orland Hills Recreation Department

### **Easter Events – Hopping into Spring**

### **Easter Bunny Coloring Contest**



Beginning on March 31st, all residents may pick up a picture entry at the Community Center. The contest age groups will be from 4-6yrs., 7-9yrs., and 10-12yrs. Winners will be announced on April 14th.

### **Easter Bunny Candy Count**

All resident children are invited to the Community Center between March 31st and April 14th to count the candy in our jar. Guess the correct amount of candy without going over and win the jar! Only one guess per person. The contest is open to resident children. In case of a tie, a drawing will be held to decide the winner. The winner will be announced on April 15th.

## 21st Annual Easter Bunny Egg Hunt

Come to the 21st Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 19th at 10:00am at the Community Center. Meet the Easter Bunny, egg hunt, candy and treats. Age groups are as follows:

- 3 yrs and younger
- 4-5 years old
- 6-7 years old
- 8-9 years old
- 10-12 years old
- 13 to Adults



## FIT CITY • UP AND RUNNING

Did you know that the Village of Orland Hills offers free exercise opportunities designed to help residents become more healthy and fit?

It is part of our initiative to become a healthier and happier community. Each week the following classes are offered at no charge to Orland Hills residents:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Swallow Cliff Run, Walk, or Stairs 7:00 am Rec Center Parking Lot	Fit City Club 7:30 pm Rec Center	Yoga 7:30 pm Rec Center Multipurpose Room	Walk/Run Club 6:00 am Kelly Park	Circuit 9:00 am Rec Center

You are also invited to attend any or all of the free "OH" Lecture Serices events that are offered.

Call for more information.

# VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "DESIGN THE VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKER" CONTEST

The Village of Orland Hills is pleased to carry on the tradition to host the annual vehicle sticker art contest. The Village's vehicle stickers are due for renewal July 15, 2014. Therefore, it is time to turn to the artistic talent of our young Village residents to get involved in their community and design a sticker that reflects *what they feel the Village represents*. The rules are as follows:

- 1) The design must be done on an official entry blank (attached). Entry blanks will also be available at the Village Hall and Recreation Center.
- 2) Each child turning in a drawing must be an Orland Hills resident under the age of 14, as of January 1, 2014.
- 3) Only one entry per child is allowed; multiple entries will disqualify you from the contest.
- 4) Up to 5 colors may be used, as well as a color background. Ink pens, crayons, or markers are acceptable. No glitter or attached decorations, please.
- 5) All entries must be received at the Village Hall no later than closing time (4:30 p.m.) on April 4, 2014. *There will be no exceptions!*

The entry form is created for easy mailing. Just fold in three with the drawing on the inside and staple or tape closed. Now all you need to do is add a stamp or hand deliver to the Village Hall. There is a mailbox drop in front of both the Village Hall and Recreation Center. The name of the artist is located on the back of your entry so that the judges will not know who the artist is when looking at the entries..

The "Top Five" entrants will be recognized with their framed drawing and a picture with Mayor Kyle Hastings. That photograph will be in the Village Newsletter for the whole Village to see. The "Top Five" winners are entitled to purchase one of the first five vehicle stickers, in the order of their finishing. The entries will be judged based on neatness, creativity and a positive portrayal of the Village.

The number 1 entry will then be taken to the printer, to transfer a likeness of the drawing onto a 3" by 3" sticker, with small changes, if needed, to accommodate the inclusion of necessary information. As is the custom, the "Top Five" winning entries will be displayed at the Village Hall.

For further information or questions, please feel free to call the Village Hall (349-6666) and ask for Karen. **GOOD LUCK!** 

# 20th Annual "DESIGN THE VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKER" Contest

Name:	Birthdate:
Address:	Age:

# ORLAND HILLS VILLAGE HALL VEHICLE STICKER CONTEST 16033 SOUTH 94TH AVENUE ORLAND HILLS, IL 60487-4623

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## Do you pick up the poop after your dog?

Regardless if you are walking your dog around the neighborhood or at one of our parks or trails, you should bring a scoop and pick up the poop!! (A plasic bag is good to bring) Please clean up after them!

In addition, it is unlawful for animals to roam or walked unleashed. Fines are listed on the signs in the parks. Keep in mind... the parks are for the recreational use of our residents, especially our children. If you are walking your dog around the block and it poops on someone's lawn... pick it up.

Please pick up the poop on the pile of snow because we all know what happens when the snow melts and there are tons of dog piles of poop all over the village. Just clean up after your dog!!! It's that simple!!!



## State Representative Fran Hurley State Senator



#### IDENTITY THEFT SEMINAR

Saturday, March 1 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Private Bank** 7103 West 111th St.



Learn from the Illinois Attorney General's Office how to reduce your risk for identity theft through awareness, education and tips on how to protect your most important information.

For more information or to RSVP, please call Rep. Hurley's constituent service office at 773-445-8128 or 708-233-9703.

Please join



### State Representative Fran Hurlev State Senator ll Cunninghan



#### **BURGLARY PREVENTION** SEMINAR

7:00 p.m. St. Barnabas School 10121 S Longwood Dr



Learn from law enforcement officials how burglaries occur and what you can do to minimize your risk of becoming a victim. A former convicted burglar will be the guest speaker during this inside look into crime.

For more information or to RSVP, please call Rep. Hurley's constituent service office 773-445-8128 or 708-233-9703

### FLASH FLOODS Winter Storms

Winter storms can cause flash flooding! Please remember to check your sump pump and discharge line to insure they are working properly. Check you gutters & downspouts to insure they divert water away from your foundation. If you have a sewer near your home, check to make sure the grate is free & clear of debris. Time spent now could protect against basement flooding.

#### Any questions about flooding call 708-349-4887

SEWER PROBLEMS? Ask the Village Hall for a free copy of **GUIDE TO FLOOD PROTECTION** 

**WET BASEMENT?** Ask the Village Hall for a free copy of GUIDE TO FLOOD PROTECTION

**WET BASEMENT?** Inspect your sump pump

WET BASEMENT? MAKE SURE YOUR DOWN-SPOUTS DRAIN FROM YOUR HOUSE

## Working Hard For You in 2013 Orland Hills Recreation Department



As we look back into the 2013 year, the Orland Hills Recreation Department, under the Administration of Mayor Kyle R. Hastings would like to highlight some of the year's accomplishments. In 2013, some of the accomplishments will include special events, recreational programming and capital improvements.

In the winter of 2013, the Orland Hills Recreation Department offered a wide variety of special events. Some of the activities included the Holiday Happenings Special Events. An updated color special event holiday flyer was mailed to every household. One of the listed events, "Santa Comes to Town," had a record number of residents that participated at Kelly Park to meet Santa.

At the Breakfast with Santa event, over 420 residents enjoyed meeting Santa and having a hot breakfast buffet. The Orland Hills Recreation Department held two Holiday Indoor Movies at the Community Center Gymnasium. The movies were "A Christmas Story" and "The Polar Express." Both movies were sponsored by State Senator Bill Cunningham of the 18th District and State Representative Fran Hurley of the 35th District.

During this season, new energy saving lights and fixtures were installed in the Community Center Gymnasium. All Part –Time and Full –Time Recreation Personnel were recertified in CPR / Defibrillator. The Orland Hills Recreation Department hosted Congressman Lipinski's Senior Fair. A Village Board Meeting was held in the Community Center Gymnasium honoring the Orland Hills Wolves Cheerleaders for their accomplishments.

In the spring of 2013, the Orland Hills Recreation Department received a Tourism Grant in the amount of \$1,680.00 from the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau. This grant was used to advertise the Party in the Park Celebration.

The Fit City Program is entering its second year. This program was approved by Mayor Kyle R. Hastings and the Village Board of Trustees. The program is offered FREE to all residents and meets at the Community Center. This program includes a personal trainer, lectures and group sessions on how to be fit, and how to eat healthy. Group exercise and a weekly yoga class are also included.

In the summer of 2013, the 3rd Annual Party in the Park Celebration was held at Kelly Park. On Friday, June 28, 2013 through Sunday, June 30, 2013, the three day celebration was bigger than ever. The event consisted of children's activities, special guests, live

music, food vendors and fireworks. The fireworks were the most spectacular to date and were shot up in the air to patriotic and summer fun choreographed music. The grand finale was phenomenal.

During this time, the tot lots were top dressed and filled with a safety wood chip material called "fiber." Field restoration was performed on the football field before the start of the football season which included black dirt top dressing, seed and fertilizer.

In the fall of 2013, Mayor Kyle R. Hastings and the Village Board of Trustees hosted their 3rd Annual Fall Kick-Off Clinic for the Orland Hills Wolves Youth Football and Cheerleading Association. The North Park University Football Coaches and players instructed the Oland Hills Wolves Youth Football players on basic techniques and drills. Food and refreshments were served in the Community Center Gymnasium.

The Orland Hills Recreation Department held its 1st Annual Bark, Boo & View Contest. The event consisted of an owner and pet costume contest with awards given to the participants with the best costumes. After the contest, an indoor movie called "Monsters Inc." was shown to the residents and the dogs. The movie was sponsored by State Senator Bill Cunningham of the 18th District and State Representative Fran Hurley of the 35th District.

The 20th Annual 1 Mile / 5K Turkey Trot Race was held on Saturday, November 23rd at Kelly Park. This year's race was very special because the event marked the 20th year that the Orland Hills Recreation Department held this race. More than 550 runners, young and old registered for the race. A large number of elementary children participated in the 1 Mile event from School District 140.

During this month, a new water main was repaired near Diamond #4. The line was relocated and installed to a new area. The Diamond #4 outfield was regraded and resodded. All of the baseball fields at Kelly Park were reevaluated. The baseball infields were edged, core aerated, Kentucky bluegrass was added with dirt and sod in the needed outfield areas for the upcoming baseball season. Three new evergreens were installed near the tennis courts. Regrading was performed around the Community Center and near the tennis court sewers. The sewers were reshaped with rock and cement for better drainage. In the Community Center, a new and larger temporary heating system with a 230 volt electrical line was installed in the gymnasium.



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## **Orland Hills Recreation Dept.**

Mayor Kyle R. Hastings, the Village Board of Trustees and the Orland Hills Recreation Department are committed to providing quality recreational activities, programming, special events and capital improvements, along with updated park facilities in order to enhance the recreational opportunities for the residents of our Village. The year of 2013 was a very successful and an amazing time to remember for the Orland Hills Recreation Department. Look out for 2014!!

January Winter Recreation Programs begin at Kelly Park
February New 10-passenger bus arrives
March 20 Mayor Kyle R. Hastings March Madness
Basketball Tournament

March 30 Easter Egg Hunt at Kelly Park

April 9 Judge John Sterba gives oath of office to

Mayor Hastings to begin 6th term

April Mayor Hastings & Village Board approve 20th straight balanced budget

April 2 Opening day parade for Wolves T-ball, baseball & softball

May 18 Girl Scouts beautify our Village by planting flowers

May Re-construction of Haven Avenue begins

May Two new police officers hired

June 10 Kelly Park Summer Programs begin
June 28-30 Over 3,000 attend Party in the Park
June/July New trash containers delivered to all residents

June Two new police vehicles delivered

August 2 Outdoor movie at Kelly Park features "Despicable Me".
 August 17 Kelly Park Hosts Over 50 Young Boys at Football Clinic featuring North Park University Football Team

September 7 31st Annual Fishing Derby at Ashbourne Lake September Construction completed on Haven Avenue

October 26 20th Annual Halloween Bash attracts over 200 residents for costume judging & jack-o-lantern carving contest

October 27 First "Bark, Boo & View" Halloween Pet Costume & Parade Contest

October 27 Afternoon Movie at Kelly Park features "Monsters Inc."
Oct/Nov Public Works coordinates the removal of over 200 ash trees
November 23 20th Annual Turkey Trot attracts over 525 runners
December 6 Holiday movie series at Kelly Park features "A Christmas
Story"

December 7 Dollars for Scholars raises over \$1,500.00 with "Bean bag tournament"

December 7 Santa arrives by helicopter at Kelly Park
December 10 Christmas House Decorating Contest
December 14 Horse drawn carriage rides at Kelly Park
December 20 Holiday movie series at Kelly Park features
"The Polar Express"

December 21 Breakfast with Santa draws over 500 people to Georgios

December 27 Over 100 skaters attend 16th Annual Holiday Ice Skating Party



## Working Hard For You in 2013 Orland Hills Public Works



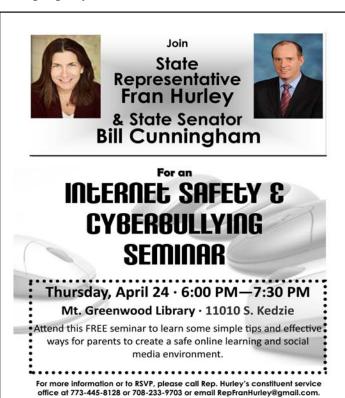
As a new year begins, let's reflect on the past year and what the Public Works Department has been up to.

We started off 2013 with snowplowing. Snowplowing has always been a priority in the Village. Our residents deserve the safest and cleanest streets! Not only did we snowplow, but we cleaned all senior citizens driveways so they were able to walk out of their homes safely to their vehicles. Even as all the plowing continued, so did repairs and maintenance on all the trucks.

When the snow melted and spring arrived, parkways were repaired from the snowplow damage. All the potholes were repaired after plowing season. Potholes are something we fill all year long.

The Haven Avenue Street Project went a little past the time schedule. It was worth the wait!! Most of the work is completed. The street is widened, paved, aprons, sidewalks are all complete. Traffic signs and new mailboxes have been installed. The only things left to be completed are the parkway & tree plantings which will start in the spring.

Ashbourne Lake drains were repaired for proper drainage. Also, throughout the year we pull all garbage and debris from sewer drains to help water flow properly. Various storm sewers that were bro-



ken or sunk were repaired. Cleaned and cut all ditches from 94th to Highview. Maintenance of all Village property including all retention areas, tot lots, Lake Lorin and Lake Ashbourne always keeps us busy. This past year, Ashbourne Lake needed more work. All the trees were trimmed and cut back on the west side of the lake. Shrubs and tall grasses were all nicely trimmed. Now, there is clear view to the west side of the lake. Nothing is hidden and everyone has easy access.

Throughout the nicer months, Public Works has been keeping a watchful eye on an unwanted visitor, the Emerald Ash Bore, aka EAB. These beetles are being very destructive to our trees. Public Works and outside contractors have taken steps to remove this destructive disease by trimming the trees in the infected areas or the removal when the tree cannot be saved. Twenty percent of the infected trees have been taken down and there still are many more trees that will be removed. This is a process that cannot be done overnight. Public Works will be replanting as many parkway trees as possible, to replace the canopy of our village once the tree removal is completed.

Another on-going responsibility is the tree trimming throughout the Village. Parkway trees are groomed when they hang excessively over the street. Also, fallen branches are picked up all the time. We helped the Girl Scouts plant their flowers in the spring and we made sure they were watered throughout the warmer months.

The Public Works Department sets up for all recreational activities. This past year, the Party in the Park Celebration kept us very busy with set up, clean up, and take down. This was our busiest fest ever!!!

Also, Public Works has been busy with keeping a close eye of vacant homes while we are driving through the Village streets. When a home appears vacant or the yard seems unmanaged, we report the home as vacant, find who owns the house to upkeep property. If it is too unsightly, we cut the grass and pick up whatever is there. As residents, feel free to call the Public Works Department if you notice a home that has been vacant or is just unsightly. The Public Works Department will schedule Public Works staff to do what needs to be done.

As you can see, the Public Works Department has been busy. We enjoy making our Village a beautiful place for our residents to live.

# Working Hard For You in 2013 Orland Hills Police Department



It was another good year for the Orland Hills Police Department. Thanks to Mayor Kyle Hastings and the Village Board, the Police Department was upgraded in many areas.

First, the Village purchased Lexipol, a state of the art program that upgraded the polices and procedure manual based on "best practices." Changes to the policy are made every time a Circuit Court issues a new ruling keeping our policies current.

Next, the police station received an updated security system that was sorely needed. The old system was the original and many of the door locking mechanisms were failing.

Resident safety was enhanced with the upgrade of the police department AED's which can be used in a medical emergency to help get a victim's heart beating. CPR classes were also offered with training on the AED's.

Officers received new portable radios and in car computers that were purchased with 911 surcharge money. The radios were all narrow banded in accordance with new government regulations.

A new breathalyzer system was also purchased this year. The old one was failing and parts for repairs were getting harder to find.

Finally, the village purchased 2 new Ford 2014 Interceptor squad cars. Two older cars were decommissioned and sold at auction.

The police administration was appreciative of the Mayor & the Board's work to keep our technology current.

The members of the police department want to wish all our business leaders and residents a safe & happy New Year.

## A Wintery Note From Trustee Kyle Hastings II

As you may know, we have had lots of snow this winter season. Our Public Works has done another great job of keeping our streets clear & safe for our residents and travelers. I have no doubt in my mind that Orland Hills has the clearest streets around!! A question has been brought to my attention multiple times regarding the plowing of border streets. Here are the streets that Orland Hills does **NOT** plow:

- 159th Street (94th Ave. to 88th Ave.) Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
- 171st Street (94th Ave. to 88th Ave.) Cook County Dept. of Transportation and Highways
- 94th Avenue (159th Street to 171st Street) –
   Cook County Dept. of Transportation and Highways
- 88th Avenue (163rd Street to 171st Street) Village of Orland Park
- LaGrange Road (167th Street Intersection) Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

## **Did You Know A Pet License Is Required?**

All dogs and cats over four months of age need to get a pet license tag for their dog/cat. Just bring the valid rabies vaccination certificate by

a registered veterinarian showing the animal has been inoculated. Fees are as follows:

Spayed or Neutered . . . \$2.50

Not Spayed or Not Neutered . . . \$4.00



It is hereby declared a nuisance and shall be unlawful for any person to own more than five (5) dogs, or any combination

of dogs and cats totaling five (5).

## **Protect Yourself From Flooding**

If you live near Tinley Creek, or if you have experienced water problems in the past, you shouldn't wait for the problem to go away. Here are some things you can do:

#### Get the information:

- ➤ The Building Department can tell you if you are in a mapped flood zone and provide additional information needed for a flood insurance policy. Call the Building Department at 708-349-4887
- Ask the Building Department staff to visit your property to see what advice they have on the cause of the problem and possible solutions.
- Ask for a free copy of the Village's *Guide to Flood Protection*. It includes many helpful ideas on what you can do to be ready for the next storm.
- Check out flood protection references in the Tinley Park Public Library.

#### **Keep Your Easement Open:**

One of the biggest causes of flooding problems in Orland Hills has been obstructions built or placed in the drainage easements that were established along lot lines. These areas were set aside to carry water away from your house without flooding your neighbors. Keep them open.

#### **Protect your property:**

There are many ways to protect your home from a water problem. They include:

- Regrading your yard so water flows away from your house toward the drainage swale or street,
- ➤ Elevating a building on a crawlspace so that flood waters do not enter or reach any damageable portions of it,
- Constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and flood waters,
- "Floodproofing" so the building is not damaged when the water comes,
- Preventing sewer backup with a standpipe, valve or overhead sewer,
- Installing a backup power supply for your sump pump, and
- Removing valuable contents out of the basement when the flood comes.

These are discussed in more detail in the Village's *Guide to Flood Protection* available free at the Village Hall, and in other references in the Library.

Get Insured: Flood insurance is highly recommended. Remember, even if the last storm or flood missed you or you have done some flood-proofing, the next flood could be worse. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover property for flood damage.

Orland Hills participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. Local insurance agents can sell a flood insurance policy under rules and rates set by the Federal government. Any agent can sell a policy and all agents must charge the same rates.

Any house can be covered by a flood insurance policy. It does not matter if they are in the mapped floodplain or out of it. Detached garages and accessory buildings are covered under the policy for the lot's main building. Separate coverage can be obtained for the building's *structure* and for its contents (except for money, valuable papers, and the like). The *structure* generally includes everything that stays with a house when it is sold,

including the furnace, cabinets, built in appliances, and wall-to-wall carpeting.

There is no coverage for things outside the house, like the driveway and landscaping. Renters can buy contents coverage, even if the owner does not buy structural coverage on the building.

Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. *If you have a policy, check it closely*. You may only have structural coverage (because that's all that banks require). During the kind of flooding that happens in Orland Hills, there is usually more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure.

Several insurance companies have sump pump failure or sewer backup coverage that can be added to a homeowner's insurance policy. Each company has different amounts of coverage, exclusions, deductibles, and arrangements. Most Continued from previous page

are riders that cost extra. Most exclude damage from surface flooding that would be covered by a National Flood Insurance policy. The cost varies from nothing to up to about \$75 for a rider on your homeowner's insurance premium.

**Basements, split levels and bilevels:** There is limited coverage for basements and the below grade floors of bilevels and trilevels. The National Flood Insurance Program defines "basement" as "Any area of the building, including any sunken room or sunken portion of a room, having its floor below ground level (subgrade) on all sides." This includes split levels and bilevels.

Coverage under building or structural coverage is limited to specific items needed for the operation of the building, such as a furnace, water heater, clothes washer and dryer. There is very limited coverage for finishings, such as wallpaper and carpeting, and contents. Flood insurance only covers damage when there is a general condition of surface flooding in the area.

If you have any questions you can reach the Building Department @ 708.349.4887

Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30 day waiting period before National Flood Insurance coverage takes effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

## Mayor Kyle Hastings warmly welcomes our newest residents and congratulates their families:

Skylar Lee, born October 17, 2013 – Daughter of Jenifer & Tony Majewski Jacob Michael, born December 24, 2013 – Son of Jamie & John Lukaszewski

On behalf of the Village, Mayor Hastings would like to welcome our newest residents into the Village with a certificate. If you or one of your neighbors has a new baby, please call the Village Hall and let us know the date, time, baby's name, weight, length and parents names or fill in the form below. We will make sure to send out a Certificate in your baby's name and welcome them in the next edition of the Village newsletter.

Address information to:

Village of Orland Hills • Birth Announcements 16033 S. 94th Avenue, Orland Hills, IL 60487-4623

Parents of Baby _			
Address	Phone No		
	Announce their Joy & Happiness with the Birth of their new baby.		
Baby's Name	Male Female		
Date of Birth	Time of Birth		
Baby's Weight	Baby's Length		

#### **Building Department**

## **Tips From The Building Department**

Winter is here! YUCK!! Not too much longer and spring will be here! While you are enjoying yourself inside or out, please take some time to keep your home safe. Here are some tips that could help. While inside, set aside time to inspect extension cords and all the cords in your home. We forget about those cords behind beds, dressers and other furniture. Old cords can become brittle and crack or the plugs can wear out causing damage to your electronics, or worse, a house fire. Now is the time to inspect the batteries in your smoke detectors, or better yet, install some new ones. At the very least you should have a smoke detector on every level of your home. Inspect windows in all bedrooms to ensure they easily open for exit, in the event of a fire. Keep an up to date accessible fire extinguisher in the kitchen and garage.

On the outside, have someone inspect your roof for damaged shingles. Inspect chimneys and vents for bird nests and other debris. Install a chimney cap on your fireplace to prevent animals from building nests in your chimney. Clean out gutters and soffit vents to prevent ice from backing up under shingles causing water damage to walls, ceilings and soffits. Remove your hose from outside faucets. When you leave your hose connected to the faucet, the water trapped in the

pipe can freeze and crack the pipe causing water damage in your home. It's not unusual to see a thunderstorm in the middle of winter. Winter storms are sometimes more of a threat than summer storms. Because of ice, snow and frost in the ground, rainwater cannot soak into the ground as it does in summer, it can only travel overland to ditches and sewers. To help protect your home against winter floods, adopt a storm sewer in front or back of your home. Keep ice and snow away from sewers to prevent flooding. Also keep ice, snow and debris away from downspouts and especially, sump pump discharge outlets.

There have been complaints about residents warming up their cars in driveways between houses. If you are one of these residents, you are causing a potential threat to you and your neighbor. The noise and vibration from the engine is very irritating. Exhaust fumes can enter the home through windows and gaps in the walls, causing a dangerous and deadly situation. If you sit in your car and warm it up on those cold mornings, please have the courtesy to pull your car away from your neighbor's house. If you have any questions, call the Building Dept. at 708-349-4887. Have a safe winter, remember – nicer weather is right around the corner!!!



The Village of Orland Hills



- ★ Heartache Tonight ★ Journey Recaptured ★
  - **★ U4EA ★ Mike And Joe ★ Bad Medicine ★** 
    - **★ Sh'Bang!** ★ Moraine Valley Jazz Band ★
      - ★ Peter Oprisko ★ American English ★



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#### **IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

#### **EMERGENCY (FIRE OR POLICE)** — 911

A 1	240 6666		
Administration	349-6666		
Building Department	349-4887	Joe Ennesser	
DIAL-A-RIDE	349-0583		
ESDA	349-2388	William Leddin	
Fire District (non-emergency)	349-0074		
Police (non-emergency)	349-4434	Tom Scully	
Public Works Department	349-6792	Mike Worley	
Recreation Department	349-7211	Glenn Bilina	
Village Hall	349-6666		
President Kyle R. Hastings	Clerk Jen I	annantone	
Trustee Joe Janachowski	Trustee Curt Petrey		
Trustee Kyle Hastings II	Trustee Tracy L. Roti		
Trustee Candice Morrison	Trustee Brian O'Neill		
Orland Hills Library Dist Office	349-8276		
Tinley Park Library	532-0160		
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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Lincoln's Birthday Wednesday, February 12
St. Valentine's Day Friday, February 14
President's Day Monday, February 17
Washington's Birthday Saturday, February 22
Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 5
Daylight Savings Begins Sunday, March 9
St. Patrick's Day Monday, March 17
First day of Spring Thursday, March 20

Water: Illinois American	800-652-6987
Cable: Comcast	866-594-1234
Electric: ComEd	800-334-7661
AT&T Uverse	877-827-5288
Gas (natural) NICOR	888-642-6748
Phone: AT&T	800-244-4444
Garbage: Waste Management	800-796-9696
United Way Crusade	312-382-4171
Together We Cope	708-633-5040
Aunt Martha's Youth Services	708-754-1044
Park Lawn	708-425-3344
(developmental disabilities)	
PAWS Animal Shelter	815-464-7298
Soc. Security Administration	800-772-1213
State Directory of Illinois	312-793-3500
Department of Children &	
Family Services	800-252-2873
Tinley Park Post Office	708-532-3131
Veteran's Affairs	312-814-2460
Cook County	312-443-5500
Public Aid Office	708-371-5750
Orland Township	708-403-4222
Orland Township Youth Services	708-403-4001
Cook County Commissioner Gorman	708-349-1336
Elementary School Dist. #135	708-349-5700
Elementary School Dist. #140	708-532-6462
High School Dist. #230	708-745-5203
Moraine Valley Community	
College Dist. #524	708-974-4300
J.U.L.I.E.	800-892-0123
Dept. Motor Vehicles –	
Drivers License Facility at	
the Orland Park Village Hall	708-403-6100

#### **VILLAGE HALL HOURS:**