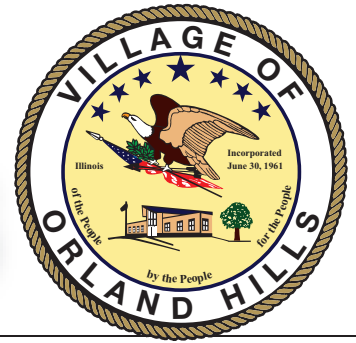


# Village of Orland Hills



Newsletter from the Village of Orland Hills

Fall 2012



Mayor Kyle R. Hastings



*Sidewalks Repaired*

*Holiday Events*

*New Electric Rates*

## Mayor Hastings Gets Traffic Signal for 94th Avenue On Track

In March of 2006, Wal-Mart presented a plan to expand their old 108,000 square foot store into a brand new 206,000 square foot "Super Store". As Mayor, I had impressed upon them the need to include traffic control features for the 94th Avenue entrance to the Orland Towne Center (OTC). After much discussion, I was successful in obtaining Wal-Mart's full commitment to provide a badly needed signal, to help our residents of Orland Hills.

In order to get this project approved, I had to convince Cook County and the Illinois Department of Transportation that this new traffic signal was justified. While it took considerable time and effort, final approvals were granted by both the State and the County, just a couple months ago.

At last, on November 15, 2012 construction efforts began on 94th Avenue at the OTC Entrance. The General Contractor for this work is William A. Randolph of Gurnee. They estimate the total construction cost to be approximately \$210,000.00. Engineering, planning and design costs are estimated to be about \$65,000.00, in addition to the construction cost.

The work is expected to be completed prior to Christmas of this year. Certainly, the construction excavation and concrete work will be done by then. The greatest lead time element is the actual pole arm structures, which sometimes takes 12-14 weeks for fabrication.

Even if the maximum lead time for pole fabrication is encountered, the traffic signal should be operational prior to the LaGrange Road project starting next year. This is an important factor, since additional vehicular traffic will be detoured to 94th Avenue during the two (plus) years of work on LaGrange Road.

I have been working long and hard to obtain this traffic signal at Wal-Mart. This will provide safety and easy access, in and out of our shopping center. So - another improvement to keep Orland Hills moving forward !!!



## Look What's Going Green



Through his participation in the Metropolitan (Chicago) Mayors Caucus, Mayor Hastings has acquired \$18,900.00 for the Village to increase the “green” footprint of the Village by upgrading the light fixtures at the Public Works Garage and the Community Center.

The grant will allow for installation of energy efficient lighting technologies that offer better lighting, longer life and reduced maintenance costs. Over \$7,000.00 will come from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF). Orland Hills will receive the additional funds from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Community Affairs (DCEO).

Using these grant dollars is just another solution to minimize our environmental footprint, cut costs and improve efficiencies in the Village.

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## Sidewalk Trip Hazards Repaired

Between November 1 and November 16, 2012, trip hazards on sidewalks throughout Orland Hills were repaired. Mayor Hastings and the Board of Trustees instituted a massive repair effort in all parts of the Village.

Mayor Hastings said: “We will be spending over \$19,000.00 to fix as many sidewalk trip hazards as possible. This addresses the perennial problems experienced by our residents, young and old who use our pedestrian ways.”

The Village authorized FCC Corporation to remove

and replace more than 620 squares of sidewalk in town. “While there may be more sidewalk separations that occur over the winter, and there may be some minor separations which will worsen, the Village has implemented a major improvement for the residents.” Said Mayor Hastings.

Mayor Hastings continued, “We will be assembling a comprehensive sidewalk replacement program for inclusion in next year’s budget. With continued growth in the economy and continued support of the businesses in town, we will launch another first for Orland Hills.”

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## RESIDENTS!!

While raking or blowing your leaves, please do not put them in the street. The leaves then blow and clog up the sewers! Thanks for your attention to this matter! Bag them for the Waste Management yard waste pick up.

**AND**

Please tell your lawn service not to blow the leaves in the retention areas as it will clog up the flow of water!!! All leaves should be bagged or put in the yard waste container!

**YARD WASTE PICK UP ENDS  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH**

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## 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 place 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.

## Mayor Hastings Approves Streetlight Demo Project

Mayor Hastings and the Village Board recently approved a "Streetlight Demonstration Project" on the west side of Haven Avenue at Kelly Park. Please take a moment to check out the new lights that have been installed on Haven Avenue from the corner of 167th Street to Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School.

Three streetlight heads have been replaced with high efficiency, long-lasting induction fixtures that will save money for the Village. While using less electricity, the new induction heads are brighter and light the street better. The induction lights require less maintenance

and will save the Village money in the long-run. Installing new induction lighting means that the Village can reduce our environmental footprint with real payback on investment.

Grant money is available to villages to replace all street light fixtures. Should the "demonstration" go well; the Village will apply for funds to replace all of our streetlights.

Please call the Village Hall at 708-349-6666 and let us know what you think.

## New Electric Rates Save Money For Our Residents



Village residents will see a savings of over 30% on their electric bill beginning in late November. That is because Mayor Hastings and the Village Board approved an aggregation agreement with FirstEnergy Solutions (FES) back in March to reduce the cost of electricity in Orland Hills.

**It is still not too late to become part of the program!**

Any resident that did not get into the program because of being with a third-party electric provider can still get a reduced rate from FES by cancelling their agreement and calling FirstEnergy Solutions at 1-866-636-3749.

Over 95% of village residents are now saving 2.205 cents per kWh below the ComEd rate. That is almost 32% less than current charges. With over 17 million kWh being used annually in the Village of Orland Hills, residents are saving over \$375,000.00 per year.

## Right Behind Fall Is Winter (UUGH!!)

The fall season brings outside clean-up in preparation for winter. The leaves turn and add their beauty to our Village.

There have been some issues brought to our attention in recent months, and we are addressing each of these issues.

- 1. Speeding on village streets.** Our police department has been monitoring this with special emphasis on areas that attract violators. We are working diligently to enforce the laws dealing with school buses. Make sure you help to keep the children safe.
- 2. Cleaning up after your dog** continues to be a problem for residents and the Village. When someone fails to clean up after their dog, they create a problem for all. Be a good neighbor.

- 3. Placing unsecured waste on the curb for pick-up** is also creating a problem for others. Please secure your household waste so that the wind and weather does not cover the Village with garbage. Close lids firmly, tie bags closed.

Our public works department is also preparing for winter. Equipment is being tuned and readied for winter operations. We have adequate supplies of road salt, and most of those maintenance projects within the Village are already completed.

We hope you enjoy the fall color! The Village looks absolutely beautiful with the fall foliage. Enjoy the season!





# Annual Holiday Toy Drive

The Orland Hills Police Department will once again conduct the Annual Toy Drive. Toys collected during the drive will be distributed to children who are hospitalized over the holiday season.

Interested parties can drop off new unwrapped toys at the police department located at 16039 S. 94th Avenue from 8:00am – 6:00pm Monday thru Friday. The Police Dept. is located on the downstairs level of the Village Hall.

Toys will be collected beginning now until December 14th. All toys will be distributed the week of December 17, 2012 to various hospitals.

Last year, the police department distributed more than 1,000 toys to children in area hospitals. If you have any questions concerning the program, please contact Deputy Chief Michael Blaha at 349-4434.

The men and women of the Orland Hills Police Department would like to thank you for thinking of those children who are not home for the holiday. This truly brings true meaning to Christmas.



May everyone  
have a  
safe holiday!

# 19th Annual Halloween Bash – October 27th

Every year the Village Recreation Department throws a Halloween Bash for all the children to join in on the party and enter the costume contest. This year over 200 attended and it was a spooktacular time!! We even have a 14yr old to Adult category so the elders don't feel left out!! Who says you have to be a child in order to dress up? All children received goody bags, tickets to play the games, jump in jumpees and rocked out to some Halloween music by Get Up and Dance DJ. A great time was had by all!! Stop by the Recreation Center because they dress up year round!!! *(Just kidding!)*



**3yrs. & Under**

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| <b>1st Place</b><br>Wyatt Obrochta | <b>2nd Place</b><br>Austin Bolek | <b>3rd Place</b><br>Jackson Luth |
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**4 - 5 Years**

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| <b>1st Place</b><br>Reanna Iannatone | <b>2nd Place</b><br>Drake Anderson | <b>3rd Place</b><br>Cayla Evans |
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**6 - 7 Years**

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| <b>1st Place</b><br>Rudy Ruelas | <b>2nd Place</b><br>Adriana Scumaci | <b>3rd Place</b><br>Jillian Zaropski |
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**8 - 9 Years**

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| <b>1st Place</b><br>Ashley Cozzolino | <b>2nd Place</b><br>Emmily Scumaci | <b>3rd Place</b><br>Anna McDonnell |
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**10 - 13 Years**

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| <b>1st Place</b><br>Emily Morrison | <b>2nd Place</b><br>Halie O'Brien | <b>3rd Place</b><br>Megan Petzold |
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**14 - Adult**

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| <b>1st Place</b><br>Kim Zarobsky | <b>2nd Place</b><br>Chris Renn | <b>3rd Place</b><br>John Walls |
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## 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.

- We recommend that the numbers be at least three (3) inches high.
- 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.

Businesses should have their space identified in the front and the rear preferably 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.



## Halloween Coloring Contest Winners

4-6 years old	7-9 years old	10-12 years old
1st place <b>Trevor Murray</b>	1st Place <b>Hannah Martinez</b>	1st Place <b>Maddie Otway</b>
2nd Place <b>Andrea Magallanes</b>	2nd Place <b>Katy Kramek</b>	2nd Place <b>Ella LeMonier</b>
3rd Place <b>Jake Ellul</b>	3rd Place <b>Alyssa Kampwirth</b>	3rd Place <b>Amanda Fox</b>

## Thanksgiving Coloring Contest Winners

4-6 years old	7-9 years old	10-12 years old
1st place <b>Ryan Burns</b>	1st Place <b>Dario Hernandez</b>	1st Place <b>Autumn Castillo</b>
2nd Place <b>Saddie D'Andrea</b>	2nd Place <b>Ava Murray</b>	2nd Place <b>Megan Ballou</b>
3rd Place <b>Emilia Czarnecki</b>	3rd Place <b>Allie D'Andrea</b>	3rd Place <b>Hailee Sikorski</b>





## E-Waste Collection Program – January 12, 2013

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.



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

### DROP- OFF DATES

- **January 12, 2013**
- **April 13, 2013**
- **July 13, 2013**
- **October 12, 2013**

Drop-off times are from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Also, if you miss those dates, Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc. also has a door to door pick up program. They will schedule a pick up if you call them.

Please check our website at [www.orlandhills.org](http://www.orlandhills.org) for more upcoming dates for drop off!!

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

*Rylan Jonas, born August 25, 2012 – Son of Renee & Ron Marec*

*Cameron Christopher, born August 31, 2012 – Son of Stefanie & Chris Drozd*

*Brooke Lynn, born September 24, 2012 – Daughter of Samantha Somerville & Nick Sokolowski*



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

## Community Service Officers

At the Village Board Meeting on September 5th, seven CSO's were sworn in. The Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees would like to welcome these fine young gentlemen to our Village family and wish them the best of luck.



Left to right front row: Nicholas Marcum, Nicholas Ispas, Joseph Crudo, Jesse Cruz and Michael Lobo. Back row: Ron Kus and Joseph Morris.

## A New Addition To The Orland Hills Family

The Village would like to welcome Anthony LaRocco. Anthony was sworn as a Community Service Officer at the Village Board Meeting on September 19th. The Mayor and the Board of Trustees would like to wish Anthony well on his journey here at our Village.



Clerk Mikki Burke issues Oath of Office to Anthony LaRocco.

## Residents Warned Of Ruse Burglaries

The Orland Hills Police Department is warning residents about a series of ruse burglaries taking place in the south suburban area.

The way the scam works is a person approaches the homeowner (usually a senior citizen) and identifies themselves as a village worker or a contractor for a utility company. They claim they are doing work in a neighbor's yard and need to show you some things.

Once you're in the yard, a second suspect enters the home and ransacks it, taking money, jewelry, and other valuables. The suspects communicate with each other on cell phones during the incident, usually in a foreign language.

If you are approached, DO NOT leave your home. Immediately call 911 and report it as a suspicious person. If possible, try and get a license plate and description of the vehicle.

Be vigilant of any suspicious activity in your neighborhood and don't hesitate calling the police department. Working together, we can protect our homes and property.

If you have any questions about these scams, contact the Orland Hills Police Department Investigations Division at 708-349-4434.

## 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.



## Halloween House Decorating Contest



**1st Place**  
Yazumbek Family  
16741 S. 88th Ct.

*At this time, the Village would like to thank all participants who were in the house decorating contest. Many families decorated their homes throughout the Village and we just wanted to thank you for making this Halloween season a festive one.*



**2nd Place**  
Santiago Family  
16430 Mayors Row



**3rd Place**  
Walls Family  
9177 W. 162nd St.

## Jack-O-Lantern Contest • Pumpkin Carving/Decorating

During the Halloween Bash, families who decorate or carve their pumpkins bring them to the bash to take a chance at winning a plaque for the most creative pumpkin. Below are pictures of our most creative!! Great Job!!!

**1st Place**  
The Duran Family



**2nd Place**  
Aaron Krygowski



**3rd Place**  
Jad Abdelmajid



## 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



### Limit on Pets:

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).



## Snow Shoveling Opportunity – LEND A HELPING HAND

The Mayor Kyle R. Hastings is asking all healthy, industrious and caring residents to sign up to help elderly residents. Any resident, age 8 to 50, can volunteer their time to help an elderly neighbor when the snow comes.

Mayor Kyle wants to start a list of willing young assistants, who will help senior citizens during snow storms. Community Service credit can be earned for future needs. And, your heart will swell with satisfaction of helping your neighbor in a time of need. It certainly would qualify you as a “Good Deed Doer”.

If you have any questions on this information, please contact Sandy, Craig or Conrad in our Public Works Department at 708-349-6792.



## 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 1400 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.



## Snowplowing Season is Almost Here!

*Here are some helpful hints that could help this season run very smooth!!*

As always, our Public Works Department during the snowplowing season does their very best to plow our streets as quick and as efficient as possible. The Village receives many complaints during this season. One of the most frequent complaints is the snowplowing in of the mailboxes and driveways. This is unavoidable! When plowing the streets, the snow rolls off the end of the plow at the curb line. In order to keep our streets clean, the snow must go somewhere.



er storage as soon as possible to avoid the cans being blown and rolling onto the street.

Residents who park on the streets where snow route signs have been placed are being asked to move their vehicles and keep them off the street if there is a winter storm possible predicted in the area. It makes it so much easier for the snowplows to come through the

street without having to go around the vehicles. In the event a vehicle has not been moved, Village ordinance allows the police to issue tickets and/or towing of the vehicle. **All mailboxes** must comply with the U.S. Postmaster's requirements, which are:

The front of the mailbox should be even with the curb line and no more than 10-12 inches from the curb line towards your house. The bottom of the mailbox should be 36-42 inches above the top edge of the curb. They are not to encroach past the curb line. Please check your mailboxes to make sure that they are not leaning over the curb.

In the event if a mailbox is hit with a snowplow, we will repair the mailbox as soon as possible. Please call the Village with your address. If the box is damaged by heavy snow or snow being plowed towards it, it is the homeowner's responsibility to repair or replace.

*Thank you for all your help!*

As a department, we are asking for the resident's assistance. If you could please shovel the snow from your driveway, mailbox or sidewalk onto your grassy areas and not into the street it would be greatly appreciated. In this way, when the plower comes along it won't simply push the snow back onto your driveway and mailbox. If you use your parkway and lawn for the excess snow, this problem can be eliminated. Also, if residents can **remove all portable basketball nets off the street** for the winter so the plows can do their job. The Public Works Department will not be responsible for any damages that may occur.

**We would also appreciate that on garbage day**, residents set their trash cans behind the curb line. After trash is picked up return the receptacles to their prop-

## Keeping The Village Informed

The Village of Orland Hills recently changed our website to better service our residents.

If you are looking for upcoming holiday events, news or would like to download a building permit or find what recreational activities you can sign up for, go to [www.orlandhills.org](http://www.orlandhills.org) or [www.ohrecreation.org](http://www.ohrecreation.org) and check us out!

**Keeping informed of Village business is just a click away.**



**[www.ohrecreation.org](http://www.ohrecreation.org) - [www.orlandhills.org](http://www.orlandhills.org)**



*Building Department*

## Tips From The Building Department

The weather outside is still somewhat pleasant but winter is just around the corner. While you are enjoying yourself outside or inside, please take advantage of the weather to do some routine maintenance and to keep your home safe. Here are some tips that could help:

### 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 inside your home.
- Keep ice, snow and debris away from downspouts and especially, sump pump discharge outlets.
- It's not unusual to see a thunderstorm in the middle of winter. Winter storms are sometimes more of a threat than summer storms. Ice, snow and frost in the ground inhibit the rainwater from soaking into the ground as it does in summer. The water can only travel overland to ditches and sewers. When the sewers are blocked with ice, snow and debris, it causes the stormwater to back up causing the surrounding area to flood. To help protect your home against winter floods, adopt a nearby storm sewer in front, back or near your home. Keep ice, snow and debris away from sewers to prevent flooding.

### On the inside:

- Set aside time to inspect extension cords, not just the cords on your tree, but 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.
- Keep stairwells clear of ice, snow and debris so doors open easily in an emergency.

**Any questions, comments or for a flood related site visit to your home, please call the Building Department at 708-349-4887.**



## Think Safety First When Buying A Fireplace

Fireplaces and wood-burning stoves are attractive home additions for their looks and ability to reduce heating bills. When not properly installed, these solid-fuel burning devices can be a life-threatening hazard.

If you're contemplating installing a wood-burning stove or fireplace, do some research before buying and installing. You should purchase a unit that is labeled by an approved testing agency. Most units come with a metal strip that goes under the hearth to keep embers from burning wood floors. Some units also include spacers to keep clearances from combustible walls. The location will also involve some homework. That decision will depend on the chimney's path through the upper floors and roof.

Whether you do-it-yourself or hire a contractor, the Village of Orland Hills requires a building permit before installation of a wood burning stove or fireplace. The permit is a fee of \$ 50.00, which covers the cost of inspections and office work relating to updating the house file. Once installed, inspected and

approved, the homeowner needs to read the instruction manual for proper operation. The dampers need to be properly positioned to adjust airflow in and out of the unit. The unit needs to be cleaned regularly to prevent creosote buildup in the chimney. Creosote can build up on the inside of the chimney wall creating a fire hazard.

Prior to the heating season, have your chimney professionally cleaned for safety and efficient burning. Inside the home, clean the firebox regularly. Don't place materials that could ignite or melt on top of a wood burning stove or fireplace.

Most insurance companies require that you notify them, add a rider to your homeowner's policy and submit a final inspection report from the building department. We suggest that you call your insurance agent prior to any remodeling.

With careful research and planning your project will give you and your family a safe improvement and years of enjoyment.

## When The Snow Falls...

Our Public Works Department readily starts plowing the streets. First priority streets 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
- All bus stops for children

After all the streets have been cleared for our residents, it is then that the Public Works Department clears the driveways for our Orland Hills Seniors who have signed up for this service. This is a great service that the Village provides. No other Village does this! Recently, seniors have been calling asking when their driveway will be cleared and all we can tell you is after all the streets, walkways and school crossings have been cleared, then Public Works does the driveways.



## 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!!

## **PLEASE! Do Not Feed the Wildlife**

The Orland Hills Recreation Department would respectfully request that all residents do not feed the wildlife. This rule will be strictly enforced by the Orland Hills Police Department. If you have any questions, please contact the Orland Hills Recreation Department at 349-7211.





## Village Regulations Protect You From Flooding

"Water flows downhill." This basic truth is the basis for the Village's drainage system. This system consists of storm sewers, channels, culverts and storage basins. All of these work to carry water away from buildings, like your house, that can be damaged if flooded.

However, water can't flow if there is a dam in the way. Orland Hills' drainage system can be blocked or altered when people dump in the channels, plug storm sewer inlets, or build improperly in the floodplain. Therefore, there are Village regulations to prevent these problems.

Every lot was built so water would flow away from the building and along property lines to the street, storm sewer, or ditch. Fences, railroad ties, landscaping and re-grading block this flow. So do construction projects in the ditches or the floodplain. **All such projects require a permit from the Village.**

One property owner recently put a wall along the ditch behind his house without a permit. This was a violation of Section 156 of the Village Code and State law. He was ordered to remove it and subsequently did, at his own expense. Don't let this happen to you.

**If you see building or filling without a Village permit sign posted, contact the Building Department at 349-6666. The project may increase flooding on your property.**

**Here are some things to remember:**

**Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or basins.** Dumping in our ditches and storage basins is a violation of Village Code, Sections 51.01, 51.02, and 93.25.

Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding.

Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. If your property is next to a ditch or storage basin, **please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris.**

**Always check with the Building Department before you build on, alter, regrade, or fill on your property.** A permit is needed to ensure that such projects do not cause problems on other properties.

New buildings in the floodplain must be protected from flood damage. Our building code requires that new residential buildings must be elevated two feet above the base flood level. The ordinance also requires that all substantial improvements to a building be treated as a new building. A substantial improvement is when the value of an addition, alteration, repair or reconstruction project exceeds 50% of the value of the existing building. In the case of an addition, only the addition must be protected. In the case of an improvement to the original building, the entire building must be protected.

This rule also applies to substantially damaged buildings. For example, if a house is flooded, has a fire, is hit by a tornado, or is otherwise damaged so that the cost of repairs is more than 50% of the value of the building before the damage, then the house must be elevated above the base flood level.

These regulations are designed to protect you and your neighbors. By keeping the drainage system clear and getting the proper permits before you build, we can prevent flooding and other drainage problems.

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**If you see dumping or debris in the ditches or basins, contact the Village at 349-6666. The debris may cause flooding on your property.**





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**What the Village is doing:** Orland Hills' has adopted a Flood Protection Plan. Copies are at the Tinley Park Public Library and Village Hall. It was prepared by a special flood planning committee that included citizens and floodplain residents.

The Plan recommended a series of activities, many of which are already underway. These include strengthening the Village's regulations on new construction, formalizing the channel maintenance procedures, correcting specific problems on 93rd Avenue, and informing residents about what they can do to protect themselves from flooding.

The flood planning committee meets period-periodically to review progress and recommend new flood projects. You are welcome to attend these meetings. Contact the Village Hall for more information.

**What you can do:** You can implement one or more flood protection measures, purchase flood insurance, make an emergency plan and help the Village enforce its regulations against stream dumping and improper construction. These topics are discussed in Guide to Flood Protection and will be covered in future newsletters.

If you see building or filling without a Village permit sign posted, contact the Building Department at 349-6666. The project may increase flooding on your property.

**The Building Department  
in the Village Hall  
(349-6666)  
can help you with:**

- 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; and
- Site visits to view the cause and possible solutions to a problem.

Flood maps and flood protection references are also available at the Tinley Park Public Library.

**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.**



## New, Limited-Time Rebate Available for Home Energy Upgrades in Orland Hills

An alliance of local organizations, utility companies, non-profit groups and government agencies is helping area homeowners increase the comfort of their homes. The alliance, **Energy Impact Illinois**, recently introduced a special limited-time instant rebate for Chicago-area homeowners of up to \$1,750 to make energy efficiency improvements to their homes. Funding for Energy Impact Illinois comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the United States Department of Energy and locally from Nicor and Commonwealth Edison.

More than half of total energy costs come from heating and cooling a home and almost all homes let too much air escape or penetrate. Most homes also have incorrectly installed or insufficient amounts of attic insulation. Air sealing and insulating a home are some easy, right-now steps homeowners can take to reduce energy bills and create a more comfortable home for winter.

Orland Hills homeowners (and most of the rest of the Chicago area) are now eligible for the 70%, up to \$1,750, instant rebate to take energy efficiency steps in their own homes. To receive the rebate, homeowners call Energy Impact Illinois at 855-9-IMPACT. Energy Impact Illinois then helps determine eligible rebates, and links homeowners to certified contractors who can assess and estimate the right mix of air sealing and insulation projects that will achieve savings.

Though the rebate can help homeowners save, on average, 70 percent on the typical cost of the actual work, Energy Impact Illinois can also link homeowners with attractive loan options with zero percent interest for the first year to make up any difference.

Homeowners are encouraged to visit the website [www.EnergyImpactIllinois.org](http://www.EnergyImpactIllinois.org) for tools and links to help take the first steps toward lowering energy bills and increasing comfort of their homes. For more information, call 855-9-IMPACT, or contact Megan at (708) 408-7155 or [megan@energyimpactillinois.org](mailto:megan@energyimpactillinois.org).

## Orland Hills Senior Club

Registration for the Orland Hills Senior Club is taken throughout the year. The Fee for joining the Senior Club is only \$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 not to mention all the new friends you will meet.

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

### 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 day off from cooking and enjoy a hot catered lunch. Spend an afternoon with your "Club" friends, play some bingo and enjoy a hot 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.

# ENERGY IMPACT ILLINOIS

★ **LIMITED TIME OFFER** ★

## \$1750 REBATE



**DOLLARS  
FOR DOING**

### HUGE REBATES HELP YOU SAVE ON ENERGY USE

Energy Impact Illinois, along with your local utility, is providing rebates to help lower your energy bills, improve the comfort of your home, and enhance its value. For a limited time, homeowners can save 70%, up to \$1,750, off the most cost effective and permanent energy efficiency improvements: air sealing and insulating. We've made it easier than ever to take advantage of this limited time offer.

### IT'S EASY - ACT NOW!

#### 1. CALL 1-855-9-IMPACT

We will connect you with an energy efficiency contractor that meets our high standards

#### 2. GET AN ENERGY ANALYSIS AND COST ESTIMATE

The contractor will inspect your home and provide an estimate for air sealing and insulation – and other improvements that might be useful

#### 3. THE CONTRACTOR COMPLETES THE WORK

We handle all the paperwork and ensure work is completed correctly and safely. You'll start seeing the savings and feeling the comfort. Many of our customers have reduced their bills by 30% or more.

### WHY AIR SEAL AND INSULATE?

Over half of your energy costs come from heating and cooling your home, and almost all homes (even new ones) let too much air escape or penetrate. It's like turning on the AC in the car with your windows rolled down! Air sealing solves this problem. Most homes also have incorrectly installed or insufficient amounts of attic insulation. You wouldn't brave a Chicagoland winter without a hat, and neither should your home!

### WHAT DOES IT COST?

The cost of energy upgrades varies based on the characteristics of each home, but the average cost for air sealing and insulation before rebates is approximately \$2,500. With up to \$1,750 of instant rebates, the final cost for these improvements is only about \$750.

### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

If you have service from Peoples or North Shore Gas, or are a Nicor Gas and ComEd customer, you are likely eligible – just call us to confirm. You must own a single family home or 2-4 unit building to be eligible.

### MAKE COMPREHENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS AND SAVE EVEN MORE

Interested in making more improvements? Take advantage of loans with 0% interest for 12 months, and only 8% interest for the remainder of the loan period. These help eliminate upfront costs and allow you to repay over a longer period. Savings on your energy bill also help offset loan payments. Call 855-9-IMPACT for details.

### ABOUT ENERGY IMPACT ILLINOIS

Energy Impact Illinois is an alliance of local and federal organizations, utility companies and not-for-profit groups dedicated to helping communities save energy.



Visit [EnergyImpactIllinois.org](http://EnergyImpactIllinois.org)  
Call **1-855-9-IMPACT**



## THUMBS UP...THUMBS DOWN











### THUMBS UP TO...

-  Gardeners who do a heck of a job with their yards, fall color really brings beauty to your home! ***A Crispy Fall Thumbs Up to you!!***
-  Residents who all got their vehicle stickers on time and actually buy vehicle stickers for their cars! ***No ticket for you Thumbs Up!!***
-  Pet Owners who pick up the doggie doo-doo after walking your pet in the public parks and people's yards!! ***A Considerate Thumbs Up to you!!***
-  Residents who actually park in their driveways instead of having cars clutter up the street!! ***A Getting through the street with no problem Thumbs Up to you!!***
-  Residents who bring their garbage cans back where they belong which should not be in the front of your house! You get a ***Clear view from the street without looking at a garbage can Thumbs Up!!***
-  Residents who are considerate of their neighbors and abide by all ordinances in our Village! ***A Good Neighbor Thumbs Up to you!!***
-  Residents who call the Police Department if something looks fishy!! ***A Neighborhood Watch Thumbs Up to you!!***
-  Residents who take advantage of the wonderful fall and winter events our Recreation Department has to offer!! ***A Family Fun Thumbs Up to you!!***
-  Residents who move their vehicles off of the street when snow falls!! You get an ***Easier to snow plow Thumbs Up!!***
-  Residents who lend a helping hand to their neighbors by shoveling or snow blowing during the winter months! You get a ***Heart filled with warmth Thumbs Up!!***

**HOWEVER,**  
**Some residents are displaying activities worthy of a Thumbs Down!!**

### THUMBS DOWN TO...

-  Residents who like to park all types of vehicles, boats, and RV's in the street!! You get a ***Storage space Thumbs Down to you!!***
-  Residents who place their garbage cans in front of their garage so everyone can see them, and, to make it worse, just keep piling on the garbage; and then forget to take it to the street on garbage day! You get a ***Garbage day is Thursday Thumbs Down!!!***
-  Residents who try to sneak a patio, driveway, pool, deck, and other home improvements without getting a permit!! You get a ***Someone will call on you Thumbs Down to you!!***
-  Residents who still have their holiday decorations hanging all over the place from last year!! You get a ***Why bother now?? You had them up early this year Thumbs Down!!***
-  Residents who blow their snow into the street!! You get a ***Looks like the roll off of snow from the plow will be at the bottom of your driveway again! Thumbs Down!***
-  Residents or children of residents who drive much too fast down the streets! You get a ***Slow Down Thumbs Down to you!!***
-  Residents who are snow blowing their driveways to see an elderly neighbor shovel his or hers and you don't do anything to help them!! You get an ***Oops, I must be Too Busy to Care Thumbs Down to you!!***
-  Residents who let their animals do their business all over public parks and neighbors yards without picking up the doo-doo!! You get a ***Big Doo-Doo Thumbs Down to you!!***

*If you feel you are the recipient of a Thumbs Up, the Village thanks you. Keep up the neighborly work! However, those of you deserving of a Thumbs Down know who you are! The Village would like to encourage you to be more conscientious of the people around you! Hopefully, we can turn a Thumbs Down into a Thumbs Up just by making people aware. (This list is compiled on complaints that are called in at the Village Hall on a regular basis.)*



# Mark Your Calendars! Holiday Happenings

The Orland Hills Recreation Department is proud to announce the following activities that will help make your Holiday season a brighter one.

**1. SANTA COLORING CONTEST:**

November 21st thru December 5th. Pick up Entries at the Community Center starting November 21st. Winners will be announced on December 6th.

**2. SANTA'S CALLING:**

November 21st thru December 4th. Forms available at the Community Center. Calls will be made on December 5th from 5:00-8:00pm.

**3. LETTERS TO SANTA:**

November 21st thru December 4th. Mail Boxes are located in front of the Community Center and the Village Hall. Don't forget to include your address so Santa can write back!

**4. CANDY COUNT:**

November 28th thru December 11th. Guesses will be taken at the Community Center.

**5. SANTA COMES TO TOWN:**

Saturday, December 1st, 10:00 am at Kelly Park, 16675 S. Haven Ave.

**6. HOLIDAY CARRIAGE RIDES:**

Saturday, December 8th, 11:00am-2:00pm, at the Kelly Park Field House/Concession Stand.

**7. HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST:**

Tuesday, December 11th, 7:00pm until 9:00pm

**8. BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:**

Saturday, December 15th at Georgio's Banquets, 8800 W. 159th Street.

Ticket prices are as follows: Resident adults - \$10.00, children 12 yrs. and under are free.

Deadline for tickets is December 12th.

**9. 14th ANNUAL HOLIDAY ICE SKATING**

**PARTY:** Thursday, December 27th, 1:00pm until 3:00pm, Arctic Ice Arena, 10700 W. 160th Street, Admission Free, Skate Rental \$1.00

Please note that the above activities are for **Orland Hills Residents only!** A Holiday Happenings Flyer from Mayor Kyle R. Hastings Office of Special Events was mailed to all Village Resident Households. For more information, please contact the Recreation Department Hot-line (708) 349-7211 or visit us at [www.ohrecreation.org](http://www.ohrecreation.org)

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**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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 Mikki Burke	
Trustee Joe Janachowski	Trustee Frank L. Schmidt	
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	

**EMERGENCY (FIRE OR POLICE) — 911**

Water: <b>Illinois American</b>	800-652-6987
Cable: <b>Comcast</b>	866-594-1234
Electric: <b>ComEd</b>	800-334-7661
AT&T Uverse	877-827-5288
Gas (natural) <b>NICOR</b>	888-642-6748
Phone: <b>AT&amp;T</b>	800-244-4444
Garbage: <b>Waste Management</b>	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 (developmental disabilities)	708-425-3344
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

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Pearl Harbor  
 Remembrance Day . . . . . Friday, December 7  
 Christmas Eve . . . . . Monday, December 24  
 Christmas Day . . . . . Tuesday, December 25  
 New Year's Eve . . . . . Monday, December 31  
 New Year's Day . . . . . Tuesday, January 1, 2013

*In observance of the following holidays,  
 the Village Hall will be closed on  
 Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve,  
 Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day,  
 Monday, December 31st, New Year's Eve,  
 and Tuesday, January 1st, New Year's Day!*

**VILLAGE HALL HOURS:**

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00am until 4:30pm • Tuesday 8:00am until 7:00pm.**