# Village of Orland Hills



Newsletter from the Village of Orland Hills

Winter 2019



Mayor Kyle R. Hastings

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# A Cold And Snowy Start To 2019

It has been a cold and snowy winter start for 2019! The cold temperatures are the most frigid since 2013 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 driveway and stoops. If you have an elderly neighbor, please be a good neighbor by checking in on them to make sure they are safe. The ladies 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!

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!!!



International Auto hosted a Grand Opening and open house in October to highlight the complete renovation of their new KIA dealership in Orland Hills.

Located at 8821 W 159th Street, International Auto invested over \$8 million in the Orland Hills property. The new car franchise will produce over \$30,000,000.00 in annual sales generated from new and used car sales, parts and service. International KIA now employs over 35 people at the new location. Sales continue to increase in the New Year!

Mayor Hastings toured the dealership with owner Francis Mauro and said, "Having a new quality neighbor like International KIA is what makes Orland Hills special. The dealership is a beautiful addition to our commercial mix on 159th Street providing jobs and tax dollars to the Village".

Attending the Grand Opening (l. to r.) were Trustee Candace Morrison, Mayor Kyle R. Hastings, Clerk Jennifer Iannantone and "photo bomber" International Auto owner Francis Mauro. Pictures to the right included Trustee Joe Janachowski.



# Chicken-N-Spice to Open in March

Orland Hills will become the third location for Chicken-N-Spice in the Chicago area.

# CHICKEN-N-SPICE

There has been much activity at the old Ricobene site since the beginning of the year. Chicken-N-Spice, a 40 year-old brand, acquired the site and has invested over \$2 million to upgrade the facility to their standards.

Well known throughout the area for their famous "chicken chunks", Chicken-N-Spice has a loyal following that creates lines of customers at the flagship Joliet store, a new facility in Shorewood and soon to follow in Orland Hills.

As construction continues, plans are underway to open to the public the end of March.

Mayor Hastings is looking forward to a grand opening and recently visited the flagship store. "The Chicken-N-Spice partners have pioneered a unique method and product to serve chicken that will prove to be a big hit in the Orland area, I think it's great", said Mayor Hastings.



George Fillis, Superintendent for Konrad Construction reviews plans at Chicken-N-Spice

# Mayor Hastings Visits Fernway School

Fernway staff and students received a surprise visit from Orland Hills Mayor Kyle R. Hastings and School Board Member Deborah Kowalski. They joined in the Halloween fun and festivities as PTO volunteers sponsored a dance party in the gym.

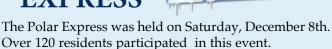


Pictured l. to r. Fernway principal Julianne Cosentino, School District 140 Board member Deborah Kowalski and Orland Hills Mayor Kyle R. Hastings.



Fernway school PTO Volunteers.

# POLAR EXPRESS



This event consisted of a round trip Metra train ride and a visit with Santa. The trip began at the 80th Avenue Tinley Park Train Station and continued to the Joliet Train Station and then back to Tinley Park.

During the ride, the "Polar Express Story" was read to the riders and a snack was served.

At the Joliet Train Station, the riders departed the train to look for Santa and found him. Santa Claus rode back with everyone on the train to the Tinley Park Station. Santa sang Christmas Songs and passed out the "Holiday Believe Bell" on the train ride home. Pictures with Santa were also offered and taken at the Train Station. After pictures, hot chocolate was served by the Recreation Staff to the residents as they were leaving the area.

This is the second year the Orland Hills Recreation Department has offered this event. This event is a huge success. Tickets sell out quickly, so mark your calendars for next year's Polar Express, ticket sales begin in mid-September!



# Santa Came to Town

Mayor Kyle R. Hastings and the Village of Orland Hills had a special visitor to kick off the holiday season on Saturday, December 1st. Santa came to Orland Hills! As the crowd gathered, they were treated to holiday music, hot chocolate, and cookies from the Orland Hills Recreation Department.

The stormy weather couldn't stop Santa's annual visit to Orland Hills. The Helicopter had to be cancelled due to the bad weather conditions. Santa arrived at the Community Center in a fire truck from the Orland Park Fire Station House #4 to the delight of all the children and parents alike. All the families gathered inside the Community Center gymnasium to watch Mayor Kyle R. Hastings present the magic key (that allows Santa to enter homes with no fireplaces). The children along with their families lined up and patiently waited to visit, talk and have their picture taken with Santa Claus. After that, Santa climbed aboard a horse drawn carriage for a ride through all the Village streets.

On this day, the Residents of Orland Hills were also treated to a Holiday Carriage Ride. The Holiday Carriage Rides were held at the Kelly Park Field House from 11:00am-2:00pm. The stormy weather greatly improved from the early morning and over 70 Orland Hills families were able to take advantage of a peaceful Holiday Carriage Ride and were treated to more hot chocolate and cookies.

We would like to thank the following people for assisting in making these Holiday Events so special; Mayor Kyle R. Hastings, Trustee Kyle Hastings II, Trustee Joe Janachowski, and Trustee Candice Morrison. We would also like to thank ESDA Director Bill Leddin, the Orland Hills Police Department, the Orland Hills Cadets, along with Community Service Students from Victor J. Andrew and Carl Sandburg High Schools. And lastly, the Recreation Department Staff.

# 21st Annual Holiday Skating Party

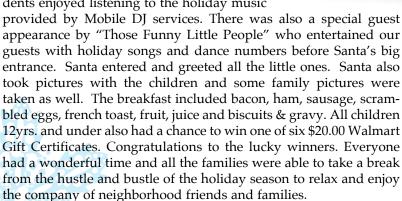
The Orland Hills Recreation Department finished the holiday activities on December 27th with our 21st Annual Holiday Ice Skating Party at the Arctic Ice Arena. This event is free to all Village Residents and 2018 was a record breaking turnout. Over 100 families took advantage of this wonderful event. Young and old took to the ice and really enjoyed showing their skills. Orland Hills Recreation Department would especially like to thank Mayor Kyle R. Hastings and the Board of Trustees for offering this annual free event.



# Breakfast with Santa

The Orland Hills Recreation Department held the Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 9:00am until 11:00am. This popular event hosted more than 300 residents at Georgios Banquets, located at 8800 W. 159th Street.

Mayor Kyle R. Hastings and our residents enjoyed listening to the holiday music



A special thanks is extended to Mayor Kyle R. Hastings, and Trustees Candice Morrison, Kyle Hastings II, and Joe Janachowski.



# Coloring Contest Winners

#### 4-6 year olds

1st Place Amelia Pope 2nd Place Carly Wolfe 3rd Place Madison Wagner

#### 7-9 year olds

1st Place Geovanni Escalante 2nd Place Alexia DeBauche 3rd Place Blake Wagner

#### 10-12 year olds

1st Place Amanda Delaleurs 2nd Place Nathan Mackrow 3rd Place Jake Ellul

# Candy Count Winners

Congratulations to Tucker Wisniewski guessed 208 pieces. The actual total pieces of candy is 209!

# Holiday House Decorating Winners

1st Place – The Krueger Family, 16551 Bridgette Ct.
2nd Place – The Duffy Family, 17025 Hobart Ave.
3rd Place – The Michalec Family, 16778 Hilltop

#### **Honorable Mentions**

Ray Navarro, 16744 Hilltop Ave. Donnie Miller, 16805 90th Ave. Lauren Smith, 8809 169th St. Patrice Melton, 16073 Haven Ave.

# Santa Breakfast Winners

#### \$20 Walmart Gift Card

Kendall Hannapal, Kane Robels Emilia Zwolinski, Camila Granacos Eli Sayon, Jad West

## TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

The Orland Hills Police Department once again held a toy drive to provide gifts to sick children who were in the hospital during Christmas. This program is the project of Deputy Chief Mike Blaha and as always was a huge success.

Working with the staff of Carninal Bernardin School and local businesses, hundreds of new toys were delivered to area hospitals by the Orland Hills Police Officers.

It is about the children. While they are in the hospital battling their illness, it gives the Police Department great joy to put a smile on their faces. That is what it is all about.



Much appreciation goes out to Deputy Chief Blaha and all of the officers and community members who made this year's toy drive a success!! Plus, seeing Officer Brkovic dressed as an elf...priceless!!!







## Orland Hills Recreation Department

# **2019 WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS**



The 2019 Winter Recreation booklets were mailed to every Village household during the week of January 7th. If your household did not receive a Winter Recreation Booklet please call the Recreation Department at 708-349-7211. You can also pick up Winter 2019 booklets at the Community Center or the Village Hall. Visit our website at www.ohrecreation.org for program information.

Classes Begin the week of January 28th.

The 2019 Winter Programs begin the week of January 28th and continue through April, 2019.

Resident Registration begins January 14th Nonresident Registration begins January 18th

#### **Community Center Hours:**

Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### **Community Center Location:**

Orland Hills Community Center 16553 S. Haven Avenue • Orland Hills, IL • 60487-5637

Phone: 708-349-7211 www.ohrecreation.org

Orland Hills Recreation Department

# SPECIAL EVENTS

Trustee Kyle R. Hastings II, Special Events Committee Chairman

I am very excited to announce 2 new events scheduled for 2019! Every few years since 2011, the Village of Orland Hills Special Events Committee has introduced new and exciting events for our residents, and friends of Orland Hills. In 2011, we transformed the Orland Hills Jamboree into The Party in the Park to feature the best fireworks show in the Chicago suburbs. Two years ago, Orland Hills introduced The Polar Express for the residents of our community. The Polar Express was sold out within weeks of the start of sales. Both of these events have become staple events in Orland Hills, and I am excited to announce the next two events!

Stay tuned for more information on these new events through our Spring Recreation Program, webpage and our Village social media accounts. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

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Office: 708-349-6666

# Orland Hills Garage Sale Weekend May 17th-18th

Throughout the warm months, Orland Hills has many garage sales that take place. What a better way to get your garage sale recognized than registering your garage sale during the Orland Hills Garage Sale Weekend! Register your garage sale for that weekend, obtain your garage sale permit at the Village Hall for \$5, and we will put your garage sale on our official list that will be shared through various outlets.

# Orland Hills Touch-A-Truck June 8th, 10am-2pm Kelly Park

Have you noticed how quiet the car gets when you drive past a fun looking truck or when a firetruck comes down the street? Or is there a hush over the room when a truck show comes on the TV? Join us on June 8th at Kelly Park for the Orland Hills "Touch-A-Truck" event. This event is free for all and will include many different trucks and vehicles for the children (and adults too) to take photos with, sit down in, and touch a truck!

# **Orland Hills Recreation Department**

# → 2018 IN REVIEW →

As we look back into the 2018 year, the Orland Hills Recreation Department would like to highlight some of the year's accomplishments. Numerous accomplishments were made in the Orland Hills Recreation Department. Some of these accomplishments consisted of capital improvements, special events and recreational programming.

During the winter of 2018, the Orland Hills Recreation Department offered a variety of programming to complement their current winter programs. Some of the programs that were offered this year were sports classes by "Soccer Shots" and dance classes from "Dance Images." Both programs were a success and both programs increased in class participation and revenues. The indoor gymnasium and multipur-

pose room rentals also increased in use and revenues from last year. The Recreation Department also purchased a new electronic scoreboard controller which will be used for all basketball and volleyball games.



On Saturday, December 1st, the Holiday Happenings Events began with Santa Coming to Town which followed later with the Holiday Carriage Rides. Both events are scheduled and held in rain or shine. This year these events were held in the pouring rain. Due to the inclement weather, Santa could



not fly in on his helicopter, so he drove in on an Orland Park Fire Truck to the Community Center. In the community center gymnasium, Santa posed for pictures with Mayor Kyle R. Hastings and the residents.

The famous holiday train ride, "The Polar Express," increased in participation from last year. All of our participants had a wonderful time on the train. Due to the increased interest in this event, the



Recreation Department is offering a December 2019 waiting list for all residents who were not able to attend this year. The Holiday Happenings Flyer was mailed to every resident household and all of the events were posted on the Orland Hills Recreation Department website.

During the winter season, new holiday lighting was added to the Community Center and at the surrounding outdoor areas. The outdoor areas that were decorated included the front Community



Center Main Entrance, the Gymnasium, the tennis court bushes and also the trees that are around the front of the building.

In the spring season of 2018, the Kelly Park Wetland Burn was performed by Christopher Burke and Associates. The location of the Kelly Park Burn was east of the baseball fields and tot lot, which cov-



ered north of 167th Street and around the Lake Lorin Wetland. The wetland burn is an important part of our ecosystem. The burn helps manage and enhance the wildlife and plant life of the area.

During the spring of 2018 many different types of capital improvements were performed at the Recreation Department. These improvements occurred outside at the Community Center, in Kelly Park and at Ridgegate Park.

At the Community Center, the brick pavers were reset and redesigned at the front entrance. The front vestibule and parking lot bollards were repainted. The Community Center lower gymnasium walls were repainted and the gym floor edges were resurfaced.

The Kelly Park, Diamond #5 baseball fencing and privacy slats were retied, replaced and repaired. At the Ridgegate Park location, the baseball infield diamonds were raked, deweeded, regraded and edged. The baseball fencing at that site was retied and repaired for outdoor play.

In the summer of 2018, safety mulch was added at the Community Center, Village Hall and at the 167th Flower Garden. Safety mulch was added and topped off up to the wooden boarders at all tot lots. The tot lot adult seats and infant seats along with the connecting chains were inspected, repainted or replaced. The outdoor bleachers, picnic tables, barbeque grills and park shelters at Kelly Park were scraped and repainted.

# → 2018 IN REVIEW →

In the month of June, a new 16" Co-Ed Summer Softball League was offered. Games were played at Kelly Park. The 8 team league played on Friday nights. The 1st Pickleball Tournament was also held in the Community Center Gymnasium in the summer of 2018.

During the summer of 2018, the 7th Annual Party in the Park Celebration was held at Kelly Park. The event opened on Friday, June 22, 2018 and continued through Sunday, June 24, 2018. The event offered many children's activities with Dino Jumps, Cold Blooded Creatures, Dave's Dart Games,

A Zoo to you Petting Zoo and Head 2 Toe Body Art. Some of the other festival events included live music by Hi Infidelity, Funk Circus Libido and American English. Vendors with a variety of food, adult bingo, a bean bag tournament, an outdoor cruise night car show, a veteran's breakfast and fireworks were also offered at the festival. The Saturday night fireworks show was fantastic as usual.





Mayor Kyle R. Hastings never seems to disappoint us. The biggest and best show on the Southside!!!

In the month of July, a new engine was installed in the Smithco Rake Dragger. This machine helps level and drag the baseball field material for a smooth playing surface. The Recreation Department also purchased a new bingo board, PA system and accessories. The equipment will be used for the Monday Senior Bingo Program and for the upcoming 2019 Party in the Park Celebration Adult Bingo Event.

During the month of September, the Orland Hills Recreation Department held a new 16" Fall Co-Ed Friday Softball League at Kelly Park. At Kelly Park, Diamond #1 and Diamond #2 were regraded and additional sand clay mix was added for the upcoming fall leagues.

In the Fall Preschool Program, the enrollment increased, in the 3 year old and 4 year old classes from last year.







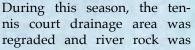
The Mayor Michael F. Daum Tot Dedication Ceremony was held at Hawthorne Park on September 15, 2018. Mayor Kyle R. Hastings along with the Village Board of Trustees were in attendance to dedicate this tot lot to one of the earlier Orland Hills Mayors, Mr. Michael F. Daum.

The 36th Annual Fishing Derby was also held at Ashbourne Lake. Some of the largest fish that were caught at the event was a 25 1/2" Catfish and a 15 ½" Largemouth Bass. Over 70 anglers participated in the event.



The Orland Hills Recreation Department upgraded the Orland Hills Recreation Department's programing booklet, social media Facebook and website. These areas were enhanced for updating all recreational improvements, programming and special events.

In the month of November, the 25th Annual 1 Mile Junior / 5k Open Turkey Trot Race was held in Orland Hills. The event was held on Saturday, November 10th. Over 300 runners participated in the event. Mayor Kyle R. Hastings was our Honorary Guest and Race Starter. Mayor Hastings also assisted in the awards presentation.





added. Two new arborvitae trees were installed. The trees at that location were also trimmed. The Community Center Gymnasium south floor area was repaired from the southeast to southwest walls.

In conclusion, Mayor Kyle R. Hastings, the Village Board of Trustees and the Orland Hills Recreation Department are dedicated and committed to providing quality recreation programs, special events, parks and facilities to enhance the family life of Orland Hills residents. The year 2018 was a very creative, innovative and productive period to remember for the Orland Hills Recreation Department.

Here Comes 2019!

# **Orland Hills Public Works Department**

# → 2018 IN REVIEW →

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 2018 with snowplowing. Snowplowing has always been the #1 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 or the dial-a ride bus. Even as all the plowing continued, so did repairs and maintenance on all the trucks.

When the snow melted and spring arrived, all the potholes were repaired after plowing season. Potholes are something we fill all year long. We also maintain and cut all Village property.

Major work projects included three streets that were repaved; Meadowview from 88th Avenue to 94th Avenue, Haven from 167th Street to Meadowview and 89th Avenue to Westwood Drive and parts of Westwood Drive.

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 on 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, and determine who owns the house to maintain the property. If it is too unsightly, we cut the grass and pick up whatever is there.

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

# YARD WASTE RESUMES APRIL 4th

# CLEAN UP WEEK: APRIL 26th - MAY 3rd

DUMPSTERS WILL BE AT THE RECREATION CENTER PARKING LOT AND AT THE HAWTHORNE AVENUE TOT LOT!



## **REMINDER:**

STREET SWEEPING WILL RESUME MARCH 5TH AND CONTINUE ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH THRU THE END OF NOVEMBER.

MAKE SURE YOUR VEHICLES ARE OFF THE STREET THESE DAYS!

Dear Residents,

During the winter months during snowfall (1"), can you please NOT park on the street? Our snowplows need to get down the streets safely and in order to do our job efficiently we need the cars off the street. We will not be responsible for plowing you in.

We do have the best plowed streets in Orland Hills with your help!!!! If you are unhappy about the parked cars on the street and the plows not being able to do their job...talk to your neighbors about their parked cars or call us!!

**Hiring Part Time Crossing Guards** 

Looking for something part-time! Need extra spending money!

The Orland Hills Police Department is looking for Crossing Guards.

Call the Orland Hills Police Dept. for information at (708) 349-4434 or pick up an application at the Orland Hills Police Dept. 16039 94th Ave, Orland Hills, II 60487



# Do you know about our Dial a Ride Program?

**Need a ride? Dial a Ride!** Our bus driver, Gus will be glad to pick you up and bring you back. You must request service 24 hours in advance. Call 349-0583 to schedule your pick-up!

Early or late...Don't hesitate; make no fuss...just call for the bus! If you have any questions regarding this wonderful program, please call the Village for additional information at 708-349-0583.

## **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!!

# **Traffic Safety**

Mayor Kyle Hastings and the Village of Orland Hills Police Department are committed to the safety of our residents. Accordingly, the Mayor is asking residents to please exercise caution while driving.

Many of our residents are very lax about coming to a complete stop at stop signs and exceeding the post speed limits. Many drivers are driving while distracted. Distracted driving isn't just using your cell phone while driving. It's any activity that takes your focus off of driving. Eating, drinking, and or applying make-up while driving are all considered actions that constitute distracted driving.

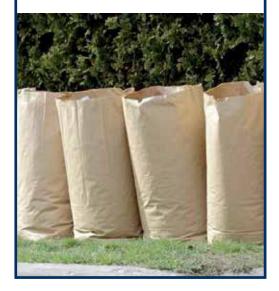
The police department will strictly enforce traffic violations.





# YARD WASTE

YARD WASTE WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH.



# GARBAGE COLLECTION IS EVERY THURSDAY.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR GARBAGE AT THE CURB ON THE DAY OF COLLECTION BEFORE 7:00 A.M.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, GARBAGE CAN BE PLACED AT THE CURB AFTER 6:00 P.M. THE DAY PRIOR TO COLLECTION.

ALL GARBAGE RECEPTACLES MUST BE RETRIEVED FROM THE CURB BY 7:00 P.M. ON THE DAY OF COLLECTION.

# YARD WASTE COLLECTION WILL RESUME APRIL 4TH.

PLEASE CALL WASTE MANAGEMENT at 800-964-8988 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING BUNDLING AND PICK UP OF ITEMS SUCH AS LUMBER, DRY WALL, CARPETING, FURNITURE, ETC. AND **ELECTRONIC PICK UP!**  Orland Hills Recreation Department

# Easter Special Events



# Easter Coloring Contest

Beginning April 1st, all residents may pick up a picture entry for the Easter Coloring Contest. Entries are available at the Community Center and on District 135 and 140 websites. Age groups are 4-6 yrs., 7-9 yrs., and 10-12 yrs. Winners will be announced on April 15th.

# Easter Bunny Candy Count



All Resident children are invited to hop on over to the Community Center between April 1st and April 13th to count the candy in our jar! One guess per person, contest is open to all resident children 12 years and younger. In case of a tie, a drawing will be held to decide the winner.

# Easter Bunny Egg Hunt

Come to the 26th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday April 20th at 10:00 am at the Community Center. Meet the Easter Bunny, hunt for eggs, candy and treats, have tons of springtime fun.

Age groups:

\* 3 yrs & under **\*** 8-9 yrs. \* 10-12 yrs. **\*** 4-5 yrs. **\*** 6-7 yrs. \* 13 to adults



# ORLAND HILLS FOOTBALL IS BACK





Cost: \$70, Resident & Non-Resident
Refundable Volunteer Deposit: \$65
Practices & Games: Kelly Park, Orland Hills

CO-ED Grade Divisions:

K-2nd Grade | 3-4th Grade

5-6th Grade | 7-8th Grade

High School Trained Officials For All Games

Starts: July 29th | Ends: October 19th

Practices: Summer 3x p/week | School starts 2x p/week

Games: Saturday mornings or nights

Register at Orland Hills Recreation Center every Sunday 9:30-10:30 until April in person or online at Facebook.com/ohwolvesflagfootball

For all questions please contact: ohwolvesflagfootball@gmail.com

# VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS 25TH 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, 2019. 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, 2019.
- 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 15, 2019. **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!**

# 25th Annual "DESIGN THE VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKER" Contest

Name:	Birthdate:
Address:	Age:
Phone #:	

# ORLAND HILLS VILLAGE HALL VEHICLE STICKER CONTEST 16033 SOUTH 94<sup>™</sup> AVENUE ORLAND HILLS, IL 60487-4623

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From the wear and tear of daily use to constant assault from the elements, these guidelines will help you set up a mailbox that stands up to it all.

If you are buying a new mailbox, look for the Postmaster General's seal of approval; every new mailbox designed should be reviewed and approved before it goes to market. Always run your plans by your local postmaster. Overall, the mailbox you build will need to meet the same size, strength, and quality standards as manufactured boxes. The house numbers should clearly be displayed on your mailbox.

Put a roadside mailbox where a carrier can safely reach inside without leaving the truck. That means positioning it about 41" to 45" off the ground and back about 6" to 8" from the curb.



# WARNING DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS

# 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.





# Starts November 15th

# **Free Winter Camp For All Levels Begins**

First Sunday in February at Orland Hills Rec Center with Registration

# www.orlandhillsyouthassociation.com

# T-BALL



- Tee Ball Registration \$25.00
- · Ages 4-6
- Winter Camp Includes all Fundamentals

# BASEBALL



- Baseball
  Registration
  \$85.00
- Ages 7-16
- Winter Camp Offers Instructional drills that teach & challenge all levels

## SOFTBALL



- Softball Registration \$85.00
- Ages 7-16
- Winter Camp Offers Instructional drills that teach & challenge all levels



# **No Out of Town Residence Fee**

# Some Random Thoughts...

Trustee Kyle R. Hastings II,

#### Rules of the Road

I know 99.9% of those who read our newsletter understand the rules of the road.

This is called a stop sign. Orland Hills has almost 200 of them. Yes, almost 200 stop signs. When you see one of the 200 stop signs, come to a complete stop behind the 18" white line. A complete stop is not a rolling stop, or a look around without stop-



ping. A complete stop is when you cease to move forward.

Orland Hills also has speed limits on all streets. Orland Hills has four streets that are 35 miles per hour: 94th Avenue, 159th Street, 88th Avenue, 171st Street. The rest are 25mph or slower depending on the side street. I am fully aware that people are in a rush, but that is what 159th Street, LaGrange Road, & 171st are for where you can go anywhere from 35mph to 45mph. And if you are really looking to go fast, the entrances for Interstate 80 start in 2.6 miles, and Interstate 57 on ramps start 6 miles away from Orland Hills. So please remind the .1% of individuals who forget that our streets are safe and slow.

Our community is a residential community with children playing in the front yards and families walking on the sidewalks. Please remind the .1% of individuals who forget these basics that you want your community safe. Thankfully, the Orland Hills Police have been actively reminding those who forget these basics.

#### Who maintains the streets?

Orland Hills plows and maintains all streets within our village boundaries. Listed below are government entities responsible for maintaining and plowing these streets:

- 94th Avenue, from 171st Street to 159th Street: Cook County Highway Department
- 88th Avenue, from 171st Street to 159th Street: Orland Hills & Orland Park Public Works
- 159th Street, from 94th Avenue to 88th Ave.: Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
- 167th Street, from 94th Avenue to 88th Ave.: Orland Hills Public Works
- 171st Street, from 94th Avenue to 88th Ave.: Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

Best to a great winter! Kyle

# **Village Pet Information**

# DID YOU KNOW A PET LICENSE IS REQUIRED?

All dogs and cats over four months of age need a pet license tag. Just bring a valid rabies vaccination certificate from 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:

Just to remind our residents about existing Village Code limitations; it is a nuisance and is unlawful for any person to own more than five (5) dogs, or any combination of dogs and cats totaling five (5).



# 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 walk 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!!!



# **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 t

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 floodproofing, 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 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 bi-levels: There is limited coverage for basements and the below grade floors of bi-levels and tri-levels. 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 (sub-grade) on all sides." This includes split levels and bi-levels.

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 wash-

er 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.

# **Tips From The Building Department**

Winter is here! YUCK!! Spring will be here before you know it. 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!!!

# VILLAGE HONORS PW DIRECTOR SCHMIDT Mayor Hastings and the Village Board honored Public Works Director Craig F. Schmidt after serving the Village for 19 years. "No man is more deserving of a wonderful retirement than Craig Schmidt', said Mayor Hastings as he presented Schmidt with a plaque at a recent reception attended by over 50 family members, Village employees and friends. Craig is a long-time Orland Hills resident and will stay active with his work on the Orland Hills Library Board and the Orland Fire Protection District. Thank you Craig — we will miss you!



## HOME IMPROVEMENTS

The Building Department is located in the Village Complex, upper level at 16033 S. 94th Avenue. The Village of Orland Hills is always happy to see home improvements! Not only does it add value to your home but also to the homes around you. In order to serve you better, please read the following guidelines prior to making these improvements:

#### How to go about getting a Building Permit?

- 1. Applications are available to apply for a permit at the Village Hall. Applications can also be downloaded from (www.orland-hills.org)
- 2. Complete all information requested on the application (no blank spaces) and submit, if requested, 4 sets of detailed plans and a plat of survey. Plats of survey must be marked with the location of the construction project. Example: Mark on your plat where your patio will be located.
- 3. Make sure the contractor you have selected is licensed, bonded and insured with the Village of Orland Hills prior to applying for your permit. (If this is not completed, this can sometimes prolong the processing of your permit.) It is important that you tell the contractor up front that he needs to be licensed with the village.
- 4. Once all paperwork is properly filled out and submitted wait time is approximately 4-7 business days.
- 5. Absolutely no work is to be started prior to permit approval.
- 6. The Building Department will contact you when your permit has been approved and is available for pick up.
- 7. Place the permit card in a window that is visible to the street and begin your improvement!

# How to go about getting an Inspection?

# ALL INSPECTIONS MUST BE CALLED IN 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

- 1. All inspections are marked on the inspection sheet accompanying your permit when the permit card is picked up.
- 2. Simply call the Building Department and schedule an inspection 24hrs prior.
- 3. Building Department phone number is 708/349-4887.
- 4. Most contractors know in advance when they will be at your house to begin work and an approximate time of when an inspection will need to be done.
- 5. If you are doing the work yourself, please call and give us as much advance notice as possible. The Building Department understands the limited time people have to do home improvements. However, we also don't like to be taken advantage of. Just call... we are willing to work with you...

# Any questions or need any help? Please do not hesitate to call the Village Building Department at 708-349-4887 and ask for Karen. We appreciate your cooperation!







#### SAFETY TIPS

Loss of utilities can leave communities without such vital services as police, fire, and medical protection. JULIE's tips for outdoor digging projects include:

- 1. Call JULIE (1-800-892-0123) before you dig
- 2. Wait the required amount of time (two working days)
- 3. Respect the marks
- 4. Dig with care

Today, more utility companies and municipalities that supply power, gas, water, and telecommunications are delivering these services underground. With this in mind, JULIE, Inc. and its members are promoting the importance of calling the Illinois One-Call System before any digging projects and stressing safe-digging practices to professional excavators and homeowners as part of a statewide "Dig Safely Illinois" education campaign.

"According to state law, anyone planning an outdoor project that requires digging, regardless of the depth or the size of the outdoor project, should call IULIE at 1-800-892-0123," said Kevin Chmura, director of Public Relations at JULIE, Inc. "The call to JULIE and service provided by members are free to the excavator. Call center operators are available to receive and process calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

JULIE, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation that provides excavators with a toll-free number (1-800-892-0123) for the free locating and marking of underground facilities. JULIE serves as a notification service for underground facility owners, taking information about planned excavations and distributing this information to its membership. It is then the responsibility of each facility owner to mark the location of their underground facilities at the excavation site. JULIE neither owns nor marks any underground facilities.

JULIE, Inc. promotes an easier, safer digging environment and serves the

entire state of Illinois outside of the city of Chicago, which is covered by DIGGER. Illinois law requires anyone digging to call JULIE at least two working days prior to the start of excavation and to begin that project within 14 calendar days from the call. The 48 hour notice does not include Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

Established in 1974, JULIE represents 1,750 members. JULIE has 100 employees during peak periods and is located in a state of the art facility in Joliet, Illinois. For more information visit www.illinois1call.com.

#### TYPES OF OUTDOOR PROJECTS

Common examples of homeowner projects that require a call to JULIE before digging include putting up a fence, installing a swing set, a mailbox post or new water feature, building of a deck or room addition; preparing a new garden area or adding new trees, bushes or shrubs.

## 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?** WET BASEMENT? Inspect your sump pump.

Make sure your downspouts drain away from your house.

## 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 lawsthat 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

## 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.



# **COMMUNITY CENTER/PARK USAGE RENTALS**

Contact the Recreation Department at 708-349-7211 to reserve a date and time for usage of the party room, indoor gymnasium, baseball fields or picnic are

Please note a usage fee and maintenance deposit are required to insure the site is clean after use. There is a special rate for Village Residents if they would like to rent the "Kay Gnech" Multipurpose Room. The special rate is \$150.00 for a five hour rental. The fee includes room setup and teardown.



Multipurpose Room Rental



Kelly Park



Gymnasium Rental



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#### LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

# Orland Hills, Illinois 60487

Out of Village mailings - The Village of Orland Hills extends its sincere apology to any of its neighbors, for any inconvenience from the United States Postal Bulk Mailing Regulations, by which some individuals are delivered Village Newsletters and Park District brochures even though they reside outside the Village of Orland Hills boundaries. Such individuals nevertheless, shall be assessed Out-Of-District fees for Recreation Activities.

#### IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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

Administration	349-6666	
Building Department	349-4887	
DIAL-A-RIDE	349-0583	
Emergency Services	349-2388	William Leddin
Fire District (non-emergency)	349-0074	
Police (non-emergency)	349-4434	Tom Scully
Public Works Department	349-6792	Craig Schmidt
Recreation Department	349-7211	Glenn Bilina
Village Hall	349-6666	
Orland Hills Library Dist Office	349-0319	
Tinley Park Library	532-0160	

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

President's Day . . . . Monday, February 18 Daylight Savings . . . Sunday, March 10 St. Patrick's Day . . . Sunday, March 17 Easter . . . . . Sunday, April 21 Mother's Day..... Sunday, May 12 Memorial Day . . . . Monday, May 27

> In observance of the following holidays the Village Hall will be closed on Monday, February 18th for President's Day and Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

WATER: Illinois American	800-422-2782
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	800-964-8988
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
Animal Welfare	708-636-8586
Soc. Security Administration	800-772-1213
State Directory of Illinois	312-793-3500
Dept. of Children & Family Services	800-252-2873
Tinley Park Post Office	708-532-3131
Veterans 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
Elementary Schools	
Dist. #135	708-364-3300
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. of Motor Vehicles	
Driver License Facility at the	
Orland Park Village Hall	708-403-6100

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