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Dear Residents,

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all of our residents who supported the Non-Home Rule Sales Tax Referendum on March 20, 2012.

Your overwhelming show of support will improve the quality of life in the City of Crest Hill. The additional revenue will assist us in hiring additional police officers to improve public safety. We will also address the issue of flooding which has been a problem for many years by completing some much needed storm water projects. Also, we will be able to complete some long needed road improvements at the intersection of Gaylord Road and Division Street. At the same time, our property owners will begin receiving a 25% property tax rebate check in the spring of 2014. This yearly rebate check will help all of our residents during some tough economic times.

This steady source of revenue will be a tremendous asset to the City's progress well into the future. As a result of the successful passage of our sales tax referendum, the

FROM

## THE MAYOR'S DESK

Thank you for voting in favor of the March 20 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax Referendum

City Council, at the July 16, 2012 meeting, gave authority to the Chief of Police to begin the hiring process for two additional police officers. Also, the city will begin infrastructure improvements addressing some drainage issues on Burry Court, for which the 1% sales tax will supplement a grant that the City secured from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer despite the high heat and record temperatures and I wish all of our students a successful school year. As always, I hope that this newsletter is informative to you, please contact me with any suggestions you may have.

  
Raymond R. Soliman  
Mayor

### City-Wide SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

News from Robinson Engineering Ltd. and Water/Wastewater Supt.

In the Fall of 2008, after years of basement backups and sewer manhole overflows, the Crest Hill City Council authorized a Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES) for the majority of its eastern sanitary sewer basin (Wards 1 & 2). In addition, after an evaluation of 2008 fall flow monitoring data, the City Council authorized another SSES for the majority of its western sanitary sewer basin (Wards 3 & 4). The purpose of these multi-faceted investigations were to isolate and identify sources of extraneous flows, commonly referred to as infiltration and inflow (I/I) entering and overloading the sanitary sewer system through sewer defects. The results of these sewer studies helped the City develop a plan of action for remedying these defects and led to the systematic removal of I/I through two sanitary manhole rehabilitation projects and a large scale sanitary sewer lining project.

The scope of the final phase of the City-wide sewer rehabilitation project includes the internal lining of approximately 135,000 lineal feet of sanitary sewers throughout the East and West Basins through a process called Cured-In-Place Pipelining, (CIPP). The goal of the project is to reduce excessive I/I that causes sewer surcharging, basement backups and higher energy



**Insituform Team Truck**

costs associated with treating excess sewer flows at our treatment plants.

Many of the neighborhoods undergoing the sewer system improvements were originally built in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, with minimal maintenance over the following decades. Deterioration of sewer pipes installed more than a half-century ago has been occurring for many years, and the comprehensive program

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to improve this aged infrastructure is expected to extend the useful lifetime of these sewers for at least 50 more years while also reducing operational costs and alleviating the frequency and severity of basement backups during heavy rainfall events.

The City awarded a \$5.5 million construction contract to Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. to complete this final phase of the sanitary sewer rehabilitation work in October 2011. The work effort has included the preparatory cleaning and internal inspection of sanitary sewer mains throughout the City via closed-circuit televising cameras to verify the exact locations where house sewer service laterals are located.

Shortly thereafter, the CIPP process begins with the insertion of a felt tube into an upstream manhole. The felt tube which has been impregnated with a specially formulated thermo-setting epoxy resin is inverted by use of water pressure or air pressure all the way through the sewer to the next downstream manhole. The entire liner is then filled with steam or hot water thus activating the resins which harden within the felt tube, creating an impermeable "sewer within a sewer". This newly formed sewer eliminates groundwater infiltration that previously entered the pipes through leaking joints and cracked pipes. After the liner curing process is complete, a televising camera and a remote controlled cutting device are inserted into the sewer to reinstate house service laterals. The reinstatements are done by cutting openings in the liner where the service laterals were previously confirmed to exist. The overall process of rehabilitating the existing sewers

in this manner is more effective, less costly and less disruptive to residents and business owners than traditional methods of open cut or excavation and replacement.

It is expected that these repairs will prevent more than 2 million gallons per day of infiltration and inflow from being transported to the City's wastewater treatment plants during heavy rain events. These repairs will also allow better usage of the sewer system conveyance capacity and reduce energy costs by not having to pump and treat the excessive I/I that will no longer reach the treatment plants. The sewer repairs will be complete before the new east treatment plant is constructed and will help to extend the life of the new treatment plant. In essence, by removing the I/I, the City is not treating extraneous flows of storm water to the more stringent levels that sanitary waste water needs to be treated.

The construction, being overseen on the City's behalf by Robinson Engineering, Ltd., began in December 2011 and will be completed during Fall 2012. The City successfully secured project funding through a \$6,042,250 loan from IEPA that offered a 25% principal forgiveness and an extremely low 1.25% interest rate over 20 years for the remaining \$4,531,688 principal amount, essentially resulting in a \$1.5 million grant toward the project.

### 50/50 TREE PROGRAM

Applications for the City's 50/50 Tree Program are now available through the Clerk's Office. Completed applications need to be submitted to the Clerk's Office by Friday, September 28. Go to the City's website or stop by City Hall for an application.

**For more information call 815-741-5123**

### City Ward Redistricting

News from City Administrator

The City is required by both the State of Illinois, through the Illinois Municipal Code, as well as the United States, through the United States Constitution, to evaluate the ward limits and boundaries within the City upon receipt of Federal Decennial Census results. The Wards are required to be nearly equal in population, and as compact and contiguous as possible. The last time the Wards were revised was in 2006. Using population data from the 2010 Census and a mapping tool called Geographic Information Systems (GIS) which can analyze data and locations simultaneously; City Staff determined that a change was necessary to comply with State and Federal requirements.

City Council discussed the Ward Boundaries at the 7/23/12 Work Session. Council voted on changes at two locations at the 8/06/12 meeting and the ordinance establishing new ward boundaries became effective upon its passage.

- The residents of the Renaissance Crossings Subdivision and the undeveloped property between Renaissance Crossings and Weber Road will now be a part of Ward 2, instead of Ward 4.
- The second modification affects a portion of Raynor Hills Estates Subdivision: All residents east and south of Burry Circle Drive are now in Ward 1; all residents on Burry Court are now in Ward 2; and both apartment buildings west of the intersection of Marlboro Drive and Burry Circle Drive are now in Ward 2.

For a full version of the City's 2012 Ward Limit Map, please go to the City's website or view at City Hall.

### City Picnic ANOTHER SUCCESS

On Sunday August 5th, the City of Crest Hill held their 3rd Annual Picnic at St. Joes Park. We featured free kids games, music for all tastes, and many events throughout the day.

The day's special guest was '85 Super Bowl Champion Steve "Mingo" McMichael. Steve not only donated several autographed items to raffle, but signed autographs and posed for pictures for two hours in order to raise money for the food pantry. We are happy to report that along with a generous donation from Michelle Palya we raised \$1000.00 that day for the Family Outreach Food Pantry.

Thanks to all that volunteered, sponsored things and all the people who enjoyed the day with us!

### KEEP IT GREEN & CLEAN

Congratulations to this year's winners. The Beautification Committee had a great time going out into the community to see all of the beautifully manicured homes and businesses.

We are already looking forward to the 2013 competition.

**Here is a list of this year's winners:**

#### June

- Ward 1 - 1819 Hickory Street
- Ward 2 - 1700 Barthelone Avenue
- Ward 3 - 2500 Waterford Drive
- Ward 4 - 2351 Grandview Avenue
- Business - 1640 Willow Circle Drive

#### July

- Ward 1 - 1719 Alma Drive
- Ward 2 - 1603 Hosmer Lane
- Ward 3 - 2533 Silver Rock Drive
- Ward 4 - 1812 Root Street
- Business - 20660 Caton Farm Road

#### August

- Ward 1 - 1621 Center Street
- Ward 2 - 16429 Coventry Lane
- Ward 3 - 2225 Hess Drive
- Ward 4 - 1817 Jared Drive
- Business - 1724 Plainfield Road

#### September

- Ward 1 - 1706 Nicholson Street
- Ward 2 - 1409 Pleasant Street
- Ward 3 - 1928 William Drive
- Ward 4 - 1820 Lincoln Avenue
- Business - 2313 Plainfield Road

## STREETS DEPARTMENT

2012 has been another busy year for the City's Street Department. The City has experienced several storms this year with high winds causing damage throughout the City. The Street Department has done its best to remove all debris caused by these storms in a timely manner. In between these storms, the area has been having a moderately severe draught. With the increased usage of water by residents during the draught, coupled with dry, cracking soils, the City has experienced a few more water main breaks than a typical year might produce. Every effort is made by the City to locate and repair these water main breaks as quickly as possible to minimize any impacts to our residents. We thank you for your patience during these times.

As always, funding is a hot topic and an essential part of the improvements planned for throughout the City. This year the City has submitted applications on a number of projects, three of these being through the State's Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant process. ITEP provides funding for community based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure.

The first project is the Weber Road Scenic Beautification. It includes plantings in raised medians to mimic the Weber Road corridor from Bolingbrook to Romeoville to Crest Hill moving southward. Six locations have been targeted from Renwick Road to Caton Farm Road for improvements. The next project is the Broadway Street Scenic Beautification. The focus of this project is to improve the CN viaduct entrance to Crest Hill with plantings, bank stabilization, and a City entrance sign. The final project is the Theodore Street Scenic Beautification. It includes the improvement of grading and retaining walls along the north side of Theodore Street from Broadway Street to Arbor Lane. In addition, the review and improvement of sidewalks along Theodore Street for ADA compliance will be studied.

The City's 2012 MFT Program consists of crack filling, pavement striping and sign replacement. As some residents may have noticed, street signs throughout the City are being updated to meet new retroreflectivity requirements. These new signs are intended to be more visible while driving both during the day and at night giving drivers more time to react to them.

Crack filling helps to prevent water from penetrating the asphalt which can erode the foundation causing larger problems such as potholes. Crack filling is something the City has done in the past and will continue into the future to prolong the life of our roadways. This year's crack filling program covers nearly 13 miles of roadway throughout the City.

Pavement striping may be the most effective to communicate with motorists while driving. Clearly delineated lane markings and pavement symbols combined with proper signage, help to provide motorists the safest environment possible while on the roadway. Our goal is to provide City of Crest Hill motorists the highest level of safety we can and pavement striping will help us to do so. This year's pavement striping program will cover six miles of roadway throughout the City.

In between these larger projects, the Street Department continues to work hard to keep Crest Hill streets, water main, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, stormwater facilities and the City's open spaces functioning as well as possible throughout the year.

We have recently started trimming trees and shrubs in parkways that limit motorist's sight while driving, to again improve safety for our citizens. Stormwater facility maintenance is a continued priority of the City's long-term plans. We have worked hard to improve stormwater facilities so they function as they were intended and also educate homeowner's and homeowner's associations that also maintain these facilities throughout the City. Additional stormwater and storm sewer improvements are budgeted and scheduled for this year. As always, we continue to work diligently to make street repairs as timing and funding have allowed across the City. Again, thank you for your patience and support as we continue to work to provide our residents the highest level of safety possible while continuing to update our infrastructure.

## LEAVES AND YARD WASTE

A reminder to all residents; Per Ordinance 1336 it is prohibited to cause or allow the raking, blowing, carrying or otherwise depositing onto any public street, or upon any private street upon which members of the general public may reasonably be expected to travel, any leaves, grass clippings, sod, weeds, branches, sticks, or any other vegetative matter of any size or weight whatsoever.

## Utility Billing DEPARTMENT

As a reminder, your last garbage pickup day in November will be the last day for Yard Waste pickup.

Will County has contracted with Vintage Tech in Romeoville to recycle your electronic waste. When your old electronics need to go, give them a call and they will pick them up from your front door for FREE! All material is brought to their facility in Romeoville. A portion of the material is tested and/or repaired for REUSE as the number one step in keeping landfills free of electronics. All remaining material is dismantled at our facility or an affiliate within the United States.

### Why Free?

Due to recent Illinois state legislation, electronic manufacturers are required to cover the cost of recycling their products. Go to the City's website to see a list of what types of electronics can be accepted.

**Call 866-631-1707 to schedule a pick-up.**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT - Nixle Sign-Up

### Why Nixle?

Getting accurate local safety information when you need it is a challenge. Your ability to react to severe weather warnings, evacuation orders, school alerts and other critical information depends on the accuracy and the immediacy of the information you receive. Founded in 2007, Nixle now works with over 4600 public safety agencies across the US to ensure you get the vital information you need, when you need it. The City of Crest Hill now uses Nixle to inform you!!!

### How does it work?

By simply sending a text message with your zip code to 888777, you are instantly registered to receive text messages from local public safety agencies in your area. Want more control? Create a Nixle account at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and tailor exactly what information you receive and how you want to receive it - via text message, email, mobile application or web browser.

### What else does Nixle provide?

Nixle is not only for emergencies. Stay up to date on other information affecting your community including traffic alerts, safety tips and local crime information with your Nixle account. Messages always include a priority level so you can immediately judge their urgency upon receipt. Nixle also gives you the flexibility to direct messages based on priority so you can receive urgent information via text message and the rest via email.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST

All you “Clark W Griswald” wanna-be’s, get ready for this year’s Christmas Lights contest.

Once again the Crest Hill Event’s Committee will send out it’s band of “secret judges” to pick their favorites of the holiday decorations. The entries will be available at city hall and online, by the beginning of November, to enter the contest. We will once again be picking five winners but you must be entered to win.

If you have not entered before, now is the time to do it! We will announce the winners at the December 17th, City Council Meeting. So grab your “Cousin Eddie” and get out those Santas, sleighs and lights!

**For more information call 815-741-5123.**

## RECENT ORDINANCES

In an effort to keep residents and business owners updated on new ordinances in the City that may effect their property or businesses we post all new ordinances on the City’s website.

To view a copy of the new ordinances on the City’s website go to [www.cityofcresthill.com](http://www.cityofcresthill.com), look under government and ordinances. All new ordinances are posted at the top of the page.

### New Ordinances:

- 1588 - Garbage Removal Surcharge
- 1589 - Community Service Officer
- 1595 - Non-Home Sales Tax
- 1603 - Authorizing Video Gaming
- 1604 - New Boundaries for Aldermanic Wards

**For a copy of any of these ordinances go to the City’s website or call 815-741-5123. You can also view these ordinances at City Hall.**

## CITY WEBSITE

We would like to remind all residents to visit the City’s website [www.cityofcresthill.com](http://www.cityofcresthill.com) for the latest news, calendar of events and our online business directory. While you’re there you can also sign up for our E-News Alerts to receive e-mails with recent news and updated events the Friday before every regular City Council meeting. We also use this system to alert residents to emergencies in the City.

Visitors can also Find, Like and Follow Us on Facebook and Google+(City of Crest Hill) and Twitter (@CityofCrestHill). All updates from the City’s website, special events, pictures and links to news articles and websites can be found on the City’s Facebook page, Google+ and Twitter feed.

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