

Highland Hills Residents,

May 2014

Here is an update from your Trustees of the District. With springtime comes hydrant flushing which will take place May 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please check out our website – [www.hhsdlombard.org](http://www.hhsdlombard.org) for additional information on flushing procedures and FAQ's.

Last summer we completed the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of our sewer repair project. This included cleaning, televising and installation of flexible polyester liner for over 2,700 feet of sanitary sewer. This lining system was installed "In-Place", with little or no disturbance to property. This type of repair allows for a more economical and less invasive way to repair older systems, and will effectively reduce infiltration and leaks in the system.

Now that Phase One is completed, we need to look toward completing the additional four Phases of the project, as well as looking into the potential future capital improvements. Like many older communities, our 60 years old infrastructure has an extensive system of both water and sewer mains. The need to maintain and upgrade the system is one of the District's top priorities. The District is looking into several options to fund the needed improvements.

Some of you may have read an article recently published (03/26) in the Daily Herald, regarding DuPage County evaluating whether our District should continue to operate as "stand-alone" entity. Several residents voiced concerns and we want to address some of the issues they raised. As reported in the article, there was a study completed for the County several years ago, which reviewed how the District was run, and the need to address some issues. Over the past few years the Board of Trustees has worked hard to correct any items noted in the report, and continue to work toward providing Highland Hills residents with a quality product at an affordable price.

To that end, the Board of Trustees, along with DuPage County has entered into an agreement to complete a study pertaining to the future needs of the District and the options that are available, which may include rate increases, or a special service area to fund capital improvement projects. Those options as well as other alternatives will be presented to District residents. Information about that presentation will be sent to you as soon as we get it.

We hope this newsletter will provide better communication for our customers. Our office hours are Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, please don't hesitate to call with any questions or concerns. Also be sure to visit our website – [www.hhsdlombard.org](http://www.hhsdlombard.org), and sign up for email communication. The web-site will be updated with information including hydrant flushing, upcoming repairs, service interruptions, etc.

Sincerely, The Highland Hills Board of Trustees

Al Sarno, President, Jim Worden, Vice President, Nancy Magurno, Clerk