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PNC BANK FUNDS KEEPING HILLSIDE/PROVISO TOWNSHIP STABLE AND STRONG



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LAUNCHED BY THE MONROE FOUNDATION KEEPING HILLSIDE STRONG HELPS KEEP PROVISO TOWNSHIP STABLE



The Monroe Foundation, in partnership with Village of Hillside Mayor Joseph Tamburino, with funding provided by PNC Bank for project staffing and Bank of America provided funds for community outreach, have launched the foreclosure prevention and outreach initiative, "**Keeping Hillside STABLE and Strong**".

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Beginning Saturday, April 2nd, 9 A.M. to Noon, and every other Saturday, through June, residents of the Village of Hillside, by appointment, can schedule a meeting with a HUD (Housing & Urban Development) foreclosure inter-



vention counselor for intake and discuss any mortgage default concerns, options and options to consider if faced with foreclosure, who if a homeowner has received a court summons to appear and answer a foreclosure filing by a bank.

The initiative, facilitated by the Monroe Foundation, involving a consortium of HUD approved counseling agency partners that include: Nobel Neighbors, Agora Community Services Corporation and Genesis Housing Development Corporation will provide staffing on rotating Saturdays at the Village of Hillside Townhall, 425 Hillside Avenue, for the project. Appointments will be accepted beginning March 14th.

Mayor Tamburino stated, "The role of government is to care for its' citizens, and that's why we are working with the Monroe Foundation to provide this service to our residents who are at-risk" or in foreclosure and need to know their rights and options".



were 111 foreclosure filings for single family homes in the Hillside, according to the Woodstock Institute tracking of Cook County Chancery Court records.

Otis C. Monroe, III, CEO of the Monroe Foundation, added, "if we can minimize those numbers from increasing in 2011 by making counseling services accessible to Village of Hillside residents, and eventually Proviso Township residents at-large, particularly Westchester, Broadview and Berkley, then we collectively demonstrate the power of action on the front-end of a problem".

The initial project strategy is to reach out to the 50 or more residents who have already received foreclosure summons, and engaged them immediately in intervention counseling, ensuring that the first thing they do is file an appearance, and take advantage of the Cook County Mediation Program.

Regina Banks (STA BLE Project Coordinating Counselor) and Larry D. Jones (Project Consultant), respected housing counselors and advocates, will coordinate the project for the Monroe Foundation, and the participation of housing agency partners supported by PNC and/or Bank of America.



To schedule an appointment for the Keeping Hillside STABLE and Strong Foreclosure Counseling Project, contact the Village of Hillside at **708.449.6450**.



At the end of 4th Quarter, 2010, there

For more information, contact the Monroe Foundation at (773) 315-9720.