



# Village of Clarendon Hills Trustee Topics

November/December 2010

## Join in the holiday spirit at the Christmas Walk

The annual Christmas Walk hosted by the Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce, the Clarendon Hills Park District, and the Village will be Friday, Dec. 3.

The evening will begin with the 7th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. Last year, the Village planted a Colorado Spruce on the front lawn of the Village Hall to serve as the annual holiday tree. While the tree is not nearly as large as past holiday trees, it will prevent the Village from cutting down a mature evergreen each year. Following the Tree Lighting Ceremony, enjoy refreshments at Village Hall. Again this year, the



event will feature a heated tent downtown with refreshments and activities, a Dickens caroling quartet, horse-drawn carriage rides

and a holiday ice sculpture.

Adults can also take “trip around the world” with this year’s Passport program. Get a stamp from each country and receive a book of “CHoupons” for use at local businesses and be entered into a raffle for a Chamber gift basket. Refreshments and other merriment will run until 9 p.m. See the Christmas Walk insert for full details, or visit the Village’s website at [www.clarendonhills.us/christmaswalk.cfm](http://www.clarendonhills.us/christmaswalk.cfm).

Remember, Santa arrives at 7 p.m. in the Ken Sloan Triangle so don’t be late for this long-standing holiday tradition!

### Message from the President and Board

Dear Friends,

It’s an exciting time in Clarendon Hills right now. Our community has been deeply affected by the recent recession, resulting in stalled developments and a slowed housing market, but we are beginning to see some promising signs. While we can’t declare that this difficult time is over by any means, we remain optimistic about the future.

As some of you might be aware, a new car dealership has expressed interest in relocating within a portion of the Village’s TIF district along Ogden Avenue between Oxford and Woodstock – currently occupied by the former Glass America and Classic Casual Furniture stores and the Mayflower Motel. The Village anticipates the redevelopment proposal will be presented to Village’s Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission (ZBA/PC) in November and then to the Village Board for consideration. If the car dealership becomes a reality, it would bring a new vibrant business to a struggling section of Ogden Avenue and the potential for additional sales tax revenue for the Village.

While the car dealership brings an exciting opportunity, we realize there is more work to be done. We also recognize that change isn’t going to happen

overnight in Clarendon Hills. Nevertheless, we are committed to making sure we are ready to identify and shepherd projects that will present the best value and opportunities for our community.

Currently, the Village is doing just that with the Train Station Area Redevelopment Plan. This process is intended to outline opportunities for improving the downtown train station site, potentially opening more opportunities for commercial redevelopment in the core of downtown Clarendon Hills. By identifying commercial and retail uses and locations that are good for our community and businesses, we are better prepared to work with potential developers and bring a brighter future to Clarendon Hills. The project’s Steering Committee continues to work with the consultant to create concept plans for the site, and we plan to have a community meeting about the project in the coming months.

I also must sadly report that our Village Manager, Rob Bahan, will be leaving his position at the end of November. Rob will become the Village Manager of Winnetka (the Clarendon Hills of the North Shore). We have been very fortunate to have Rob these past eight years and he unquestionably leaves our Village not only a better place to live, but also a better place to work. I will

### Message from the Village Manager

Dear Clarendon Hills Residents,

For the past eight years, I have had the distinct honor and pleasure to serve as your village manager. Together, with a very talented staff and dedicated elected officials, the village has accomplished much over this period of time. I am very grateful for this opportunity and for the support and kindness I have received while serving as your manager. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the prior and current elected officials and to the dedicated staff for the opportunity to serve with you, and for the chance to improve the Village each and every year.

The Clarendon Hills Village Board is made up of residents who volunteer with no compensation, and they contribute many hours of their time toward making decisions that serve the best interests of the entire community. These talented, good hearted and intelligent volunteers are your neighbors and friends, and they are an absolute necessity for Clarendon Hills to remain a strong example of good government. However, while there are many reasons to be optimistic, Clarendon Hills, like many municipalities, is facing uncertain economic times.

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## Train station project Community Meeting postponed

For the past several months, the Village has been undertaking a Train Station Area Redevelopment Project, intended to identify ways to improve the Village's downtown train station site.

After a recent review of draft concept plans, the Steering Committee charged with guiding the Village's Train Station Area Redevelopment Project decided to postpone the scheduled Community Meeting. The meeting will be held at a later date, and community input remains an important

aspect of the project.

Over the coming weeks, the Steering Committee will meet with Village consultants Houseal Lavigne Associates to further review analysis of the site and discuss the concepts.

The meeting time will be announced on the Village's website and in the e-mail edition of Trustee Topics. Resident input will then be incorporated into a draft plan that will be considered by the Village's Plan Commission and then forwarded to the Village Board for final consideration.

The train station area was identified as a key area for redevelopment in the Village's Downtown Plan, which was approved in 2006. Train Station Area Redevelopment Planning process is intended to identify opportunities to redevelop the site. The planning process is made possible through a grant from the Regional Transportation Authority and matching funds provided by the West Suburban Mass Transit District.

Visit [www.hlplanning.com/dnn/clarendon-hills](http://www.hlplanning.com/dnn/clarendon-hills) for more information about the project.

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personally miss Rob very much, but as I told the staff, life goes on. We wish Rob and his family nothing but the best, and extend to Rob a big thank you!

The search for a new village manager is already underway. Voorhees Associates LLC has been retained to conduct the recruitment and search process. Under even the most optimistic timetable, however, there will be a

period of time between Rob's departure and the start date of the new village manager. During this "gap" period, the role, functions and duties of village manager will be filled by a combination of a new, part-time interim village manager and an interim assistant village manager. Our Finance Director, Peg Harnett, has agreed to take on double duties as "Interim Assistant Village Manager." I expect to name a new, part-time interim village manager very shortly.

Best regards,  
Thomas F. Karaba  
Village President

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Looking to the future, I urge the residents to remain actively engaged as the Village Board and staff evaluates all policy options for the future. However, I also urge all residents to remain respectful of your fellow citizens who volunteer their time as Village Board members. Be hard on the issues, discuss and evaluate them thoroughly, but be soft on the people who serve you. This will ensure that the Village's most valuable resource, its talented

and capable volunteers and those serving on the Village Board and the various boards and commissions, will continue to step forward and serve you in the best way possible. Finally, Clarendon Hills is blessed with a very capable and talented group of employees who serve residents at all hours of the day and in all kinds of weather. To these fine people, I say thank you for the great work you do. I have no doubt that they will continue the strong tradition of providing excellent services to the residents they serve.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this great village.

Rob Bahan

### New Businesses

#### Linley Designs

Furniture and interior design store  
445 Ogden Ave.  
Janet Dreman  
630-769-5099

#### Aledli Home Health Care, Inc.

219 W. 55th St., Unit 304  
Rose Alcantara  
630-323-0128

#### The English Garden Flower Shop

8 S. Prospect Ave.  
Sadie Belman  
630-908-7389

#### Advanced Connection Services LLC

Dispatch work  
219-W. 55th St., Unit 301  
Pawel Wiecek  
347-276-0966

#### TTS Granite, Inc.

Stone sales showroom  
437 Ogden Ave.  
Joseph Nicolazzi  
(708) 755-5200

### ZBA/PC Activity

September: No meeting  
Oct. 21: Workshop discussion on wireless personal service facilities (cell antennas)

#### Schedule:

Nov. 4: Rezoning to B-3 Highway Business District and special use permit for automotive sales and service, 407-417 Ogden Avenue, 279 Woodstock Avenue and 280 Oxford Avenue (Infiniti)  
Nov. 18: No cases scheduled at this time  
Dec. 16: No cases scheduled at this time

Join us for an open house and reception  
for out-going manager Rob Bahan

Where: Village Hall

When: 2 to 5 p.m., Thursday, November 18

The public is invited to join for coffee and cake.



## Flagg Creek Construction Update

Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District (FCWRD) continues to work on a major sanitary relief sewer project that will continue to cause road closures and detours in Clarendon Hills.

Work recently began in the area of Holmes, Harris and Eastern avenues, resulting in detours and road closures. Work along Eastern will continue after the intersection is open and is anticipated to be completed in mid-November.

Work was recently completed at Park Avenue and Walker Avenue. However, work will continue west on Park Avenue over the next several months resulting in intermittent detours and road closures. Residents

will have access to the Clarendon Hills Post Office from west-bound Park Avenue.

The Village and Flagg Creek will continue to keep businesses and residents directly affected by the construction updated on the time frame and progress of work. Updates will also be available on the Village's website, [www.clarendonhills.us/flaggcreek.cfm](http://www.clarendonhills.us/flaggcreek.cfm). Additional questions should be directed to Flagg Creek at 630-323-3299 or the Village's Public Works Department at 630-286-4750.



## Village receives financial report

At the Nov. 1 Village Board Meeting, independent auditor Sikich LLP will present the Village's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Village was honored once again for excellence in financial reporting by the Government Finance Officer's Association Certificate of Achievement for its 2009 CAFR. It has received this honor for the past 21 years.

The Village continues to rely heavily on property taxes as a major revenue source, comprising nearly 54 percent of the Village's General Fund revenue in FY 09-10. As a non-home rule community, the Village is subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act, which caps property taxes at the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less. With the troubled housing market and a decrease in new construction that continued in FY09-

10 within the Village, property tax revenue has not kept pace with required Village expenditures. During the past two fiscal years, the Village continued to defer or eliminate a total of \$1.7 million in expenses. The Village has benefited, however, from \$2.4 million in grants from various federal and state sources that allowed for the completion of several important projects, including water main replacements.

The outlook for FY 10-11 continues to be worrisome, especially as state-shared revenues such as Income Taxes, Sales Taxes and Motor Fuel Taxes remain lower than anticipated.

A complete copy of the Village's FY 09-10 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is available at Village Hall, the Clarendon Hills Public Library or online at [www.clarendonhills.us/finance.cfm](http://www.clarendonhills.us/finance.cfm)

## Prevent flooding by maintaining culverts, drains

Leaves and other debris blocking drainage culverts and stormwater inlets are the major reason for unnecessary local flooding in late fall, winter and early spring.

Public Works staff routinely inspects the 1,000 inlet grates and 2,400 culverts in the Village. However, the Village asks residents to help keep these areas clean in order to limit the amount of unnecessary flooding, ponding, and freezing of stormwater in the drainage swales.

During fall and spring, rake and remove all leaves and other debris in your parkway or curb-line and dispose of properly. The

annual free fall leaf pick-up started October 4 and will continue each Monday through the end of November. Leaves placed in biodegradable paper yard waste bags or loosely in trash containers will not require yard waste stickers during this period.

If you have a drainage swale in your parkway, routinely inspect the storm water flow and make improvements as necessary.

It is also helpful to avoid piling snow where it will block the inlet grate or drainage culvert in your parkway. The freeze-thaw cycles throughout the winter can create an ice dam that will block the drainage.

## Reminders

### New Village TV Channel

There is now a new way to stay up to date on Village news and events. The Village has updated and improved its public access channel. Comcast subscribers can access Village information and a three-day weather forecast on Channel 6, while AT&T U-Verse subscribers can access the same information on Channel 99.

### Daylight saving time

Daylight saving time will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 7. Residents are reminded to set their clocks back one hour at this time. Daylight saving time will resume on March 13, 2011.

### Keep the Wreath Red

The Clarendon Hills Fire Department will again participate in the "Keep the Wreath Red" campaign through the holiday season. A wreath with red lights will hang at the fire house. If there is a fire in town caused by holiday decorations or displays, a white light will replace a red one. The Fire Department encourages safety awareness. Visit the Fire Department webpage on the Village's website or call Fire Prevention Officer Dave Godek for more information at 286-5430.

### Offices closed for holidays

Village offices will be closed Thursday, November 11 for Veteran's Day. Offices will also be closed November 24 and Friday November 25 in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday. Village offices will close for the Christmas holiday on December 23 and December 24. Offices will close Friday, December 31 in observation of New Years. Police and Fire Department staff will be on duty, and Public Works staff will be on call in case of an emergency.

### Get Trustee Topics by e-mail

The Village is offering a free e-mail newsletter so residents can stay up to date on the latest news and events. You can subscribe by visiting the Village's website, [www.clarendonhills.us/subscribe.cfm](http://www.clarendonhills.us/subscribe.cfm). By subscribing, you will also receive emergency alerts distributed by the Village.



# Trustee Topics

Village of Clarendon Hills  
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POSTAL CUSTOMER  
CLARENDON HILLS, IL 60514

## Community Schedule: November/December

### Monday, November 1

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 2

Election Day

### Thursday, November 4

Special ZBA/PC meeting, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, November 11

Veterans Day, Village Offices Closed

### Monday, November 15

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

### Monday, November 22

Park District Board Meeting

### Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving, Village Offices Closed

### Friday, November 26

Village Offices Closed

### Friday, December 3

Tree Lighting and Christmas Walk, 6 to 9 p.m., Downtown Clarendon Hills

### Monday, December 6

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, December 16

ZBA/Plan Commission, 7:30 p.m.

### Monday, December 20

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

## Village Board Actions | September/October 2010

A Police Department Commendation was awarded to Edward "Joe" Corcoran for service as a Clarendon Hills Police Commissioner.

**Approval of Proclamations:** (1) recognizing Fifth Third Bank, local sub-sponsors, and the volunteer members of the Special Events Committee for their involvement in and support of the 2010 Dancin' in the Street concert series; and (2) declaring October 6, 2010 as "International Walk to School Day" in the Village.

**Passage of Ordinances:** (1) authorizing the execution of a First Amendment to extend the terms of a License Agreement between the Village and the Four Loaf Clover Bakery to operate a breakfast trolley in the Metra station for a period of one year; (2) amending Chapter 12 of the Village Code regarding abatement of nuisances; (3) amending Chapter 20 of the Village Code regarding zoning regulations; (4) authorizing the sale of two Village-owned vehicles by e-Bay auction; and (5) deleting certain properties from proposed Clarendon Hills SSA No. 16.

**Adoption of Resolutions:** (1) including compensation paid under an Internal Revenue

Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings; and (2) approving a Recruitment Agreement with Voorhees Associates, LLC for the recruitment and selection of a new Village Manager.

**Authorization to:** (1) submit a Letter of Intent for the Village to participate in the DuPage County Emergency Telephone System Board Radio System; (2) ratify two contracts with the Exelon Energy Company for the Village's electricity needs pursuant to Resolution No. R-10-16; (3) issue a temporary special event liquor license for the Oct. 16, 2010 Mend a Heart Foundation fundraiser; (4) approve the release of Clarendon Hills Park District Donation Funds to offset construction costs for the Prospect Park pavilion; (5) request that the Finance Committee evaluate revenue enhancements for the Village's General and Capital Projects Funds and provide suggestions to the Village Board; (6) award the bid for sidewalk removal and replacement to R&W Clark Construction for the FY 2010/11 program; and (7) appoint Richard W. George and reappoint John S. Rogers and Philip Dalen as Clarendon Hills Police Commissioners for three year terms.

## Contact

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Non-emergency:

Police: 630-286-5460

Fire: 630-286-5430

Village Manager: Rob Bahan

Director of Finance: Peg Hartnett

Director of Public Works: John Hays

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Development: Michael Brown

Police Chief: Patrick Anderson

Fire Chief Brian D. Leahy

### Community Numbers

Park District 630-323-2626

Public Library 630-323-8188