



VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS 2006 YEAR-END REPORT

During 2006, the Village focused on economic development, road improvement, building regulations, safety, finances and resident outreach. Meanwhile, the Village faced many challenges including the worst storm to hit the Village in the last 50 years.

Economic development continued as a priority in 2006 and the Downtown Master Plan was completed and approved in March. Since its completion, the Village Board has approved preliminary P.U.D.s for mixed-use buildings to be located at 5-23 Walker and 103 S. Prospect. Moreover, in November, the Village distributed requests for proposals for the Village's former police station and north fire station properties. As the year comes to a close, the Village is also working to complete a marketing brochure to attract developers and retailers to Clarendon Hills.

After a year of construction, the reconstruction of Chicago Avenue performed by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) was completed. On November 22, both lanes of traffic were reopened and IDOT began working hard to complete follow-up punch list items that included a new traffic signal at Chicago and Prospect. Through the Chicago Avenue reconstruction project, IDOT funded the installation of storm sewers and sidewalks, and paid for a new water main that had a value of over \$400,000.

Throughout 2006, the Village worked towards making residential and commercial construction less burdensome for residents. In January, the Village approved an ordinance to eliminate construction on Sundays and holidays and limit construction hours on Saturday. In December, the Village hired a part-time Code Enforcement Officer to help ensure that construction sites are well maintained and that residents needs are met in an efficient manner.

During November, the Village Board approved a contract to update emergency preparedness coordination and training (EPCAT) services in the Village. The contract with E.O.P. Associates will provide the Village with an updated Emergency Operations Plan that will meet all DuPage County, State of Illinois, and Federal NIMS standards for emergency planning. The contract also includes consulting for layout and enhancements that will make the Village Hall boardroom an Emergency Operation Center.

The Village finances continue to be well managed and secure. This fall, the Village received its annual audit with another favorable opinion. Less than 3/10 of 1% of all municipalities under 25,000 receives a favorable opinion each year. However, after more than 15 years of service at the Village, Finance Director/Assistant Village Manager Kathy Redding has announced that she will be retiring next year. The Village has enlisted the P.A.R. group to begin recruitment in 2007.

During 2006, the Village continued to make community outreach a priority. The Village successfully completed the seventh year of the "Dancin' in the Street" concert series, a second community survey, and the third annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Moreover, the Heritage Hall Committee has enacted a "25 First" campaign to outreach for funds to begin renovating the Village's former pumping station at Ann and Sheridan for historical society use.