

Trustee Topics

The Village of Clarendon Hills, 1 North Prospect Avenue, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514 (630) 286-5400

February 2010

Message from the President and Board

Dear Fellow Clarendonians:

As reported in recent newsletters, the Village has partnered with the Chamber of Commerce on an important initiative called the 3/50 Project. We are asking that all residents become a supporter of the 3/50 Project, and our local businesses by committing to spend a total of \$50 a month at 3 of your favorite businesses. Through the 3/50 Project, the Village and Chamber hope to stimulate the local economy and ensure the survival of local businesses during these tough economic times. Please remember to visit your favorite restaurants and businesses, and shop Clarendon Hills!

The Village recently completed the expansion of the video surveillance system near the commuter station and various locations in the downtown. The additional funding for the system expansion came from a grant awarded from the West Suburban Mass Transit District. This system has assisted the Police Department with investigations, and the monitoring of vehicles and pedestrians at the train crossing.

Another feature of this system is the ability to offer a Wi-Fi internet signal in the central business district. As of February 1st, the free Wi-Fi hot spot will be available to businesses and residents in the downtown. To connect to the Wi-Fi, please locate the hot spot access point with your computer or hand held device. Once located, your laptop may show a message that "wireless networks are available" and provide you with the option to connect to the "Clarendon Hills Wireless" system. Once located, click on "connect to a network", choose "Clarendon Hills Wireless" and you will have access. Open your web browser and enter user name "public" or "public1", and the passwords are "access1" or "access2" respectively.

Once the Wi-Fi system is accessed, you will be directed to the Chamber's new website:

<http://www.clarendonhillschamber.com/> We are pleased to offer this amenity to our community, and we hope that residents and the Chamber members enjoy the new system.

Best regards,
Thomas F. Karaba,
Village President

Winter Safety Tips

Outside Snow Dangers

The recent heavy snowfalls remind us to be mindful of the dangers associated with children playing adjacent to the street. Although it is great fun to create an igloo in these piles created by shoveling the driveway, it is also very dangerous. Snowplow drivers and other motorists may not see the children and grave injuries may occur.

Please educate your children of this danger and provide a safe environment for them to enjoy the winter season.

The Wreath Was Kept Red

No Holiday Fires in Clarendon Hills!

The Clarendon Hills Fire Department once again participated in a Holiday Fire Safety campaign called "Keep the Wreath Red". During November and December, a large wreath with red lights affixed to it hung outside the Clarendon Hills Fire Station. For each fire in town that was related to a holiday decoration or display, a red bulb was to be replaced with a white bulb.

Throughout the year and especially during this holiday season, the Clarendon Hills Fire Department stressed the importance of holiday fire safety. This year, Fire Prevention Officer Godek is glad to announce that Clarendon Hills had no fire-related incidents over the holiday months and the wreath was kept red.

Stand Up! Be Counted in the Census

Forms to be Delivered in March

Soon you will be receiving a very important piece of mail—your 2010 U.S. Census form. The Census counts all residents for the purpose of determining representation in Congressional, state and county election districts. Closer to home, the results are used in determining funding for local governments, including your village and school districts. The data are also used by countless public agencies and businesses to determine where to invest in new facilities, such as roads, utilities, housing and stores. The Census Bureau will be delivering the forms to each household in March and promises that the forms will be the simplest and shortest ever. All information provided is completely confidential. The slogan this year is "Ten Questions, Ten Minutes". This is all it takes to ensure that you and your community are counted. For more information, check the Census Bureau website at: www.census.gov/2010census.

**THE VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED TO
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH AT 7:00 P. M.**

ZBA/Plan Commission

No January ZBA/Plan Commission meeting.

Agenda for February 18

Case #440 Text amendments regarding impervious surface regulations and zoning fees.

**NEW ON THE WEB
WANT TO RECEIVE YOUR
TRUSTEE TOPICS NEWSLETTER
BY EMAIL?**

To Register: Visit the Village's website at
www.clarendonhills.us

Please note that a printed copy of the newsletter will continue to be delivered to all residences in Clarendon Hills. Newsletters are delivered by postal route and therefore the Village cannot remove an individual address from the distribution list.

For more information, contact Cheryl Pierce at (630) 286-5401.

"No Solicitors"

Reduce Door-to-Door Sales at Your Home

The Village may not prohibit door-to-door solicitation due to existing Supreme Court rulings. However, the Village can and does require individual solicitors to obtain permits and abide by the solicitation hours established by the Village. Solicitors may work within the Village between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday however, no commercial solicitations are allowed on national holidays. Although these time restrictions do not apply to religious, charitable, or not-for-profit organizations, these organizations are asked to register with the Village and honor the Village's solicitation hours.

When confronting a solicitor, the Village recommends that you ask to see a solicitation permit. If a permit issued by the Village of Clarendon Hills is not presented, please notify the Police Department as soon as possible. You will be asked to give the dispatcher a description of the solicitor and your location. An officer will then be dispatched to handle the situation.

On page 4 of this issue of Trustee Topics is a copy of a "No Solicitors" placard that we suggest you affix to your door or a nearby window. Once posted, it becomes illegal for a solicitor to approach your home or business. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Police Department at the non-emergency number, (630) 286-5460.

**Internet Access
to Your Teens Driving Record**

Free Through the Secretary of State's Office

New legislation now allows parents or guardians access to the driving records of their teenagers (under age 18).

The website address is www.CyberdriveIllinois.com.

Village Board Actions, January 2010

Passage of Ordinances: (1) authorizing the execution of a First Amendment to the Annexation Agreement for The Birches located at 215 – 55th Street and 214 – 56th Street; (2) annexing the property located at 214 – 56th Street; (3) approving a Zoning Map amendment for the property located at 214 – 56th Street to the O-R Office Research District; and (4) authorizing the sale of a surplus court-awarded vehicle by eBay auction.

Authorization: (1) directing the Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission to schedule a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance relating to impervious surface ratio standards.

Adoption of Resolutions: (1) granting Preliminary and Final Consolidation Plat Approval to The Birches Consolidation Plat (215 – 55th Street and 214 – 56th Street); and (2) authorizing the Village to file an application for a Planning Assistance Grant and to execute a Technical Assistance Agreement with the Regional Transportation Authority.

Water Bill Payments

Use the Direct Debit Plan

Do you want one less check to write? Use the Village's direct debit option to pay your water bill! Contact the Water Department for a direct debit application. Attach a voided check to the form and return it to the Village Hall. Your water bill will then be paid by direct debit to your checking account each month and you will receive a marked bill by mail before each due date.

The Water Department is located in the upper level of the Village Hall at 1 N. Prospect Avenue. To sign up for direct debit or for more information call (630) 286-5416 or visit the Village's website at www.clarendonhills.us/finance.cfm.

D.A.R.E. Lock-In

At Hinsdale Central High School

The fourteenth annual D.A.R.E. Lock-In will be held on Saturday night, February 13th through Sunday morning, February 14th at Hinsdale Central High School. Registration starts at 8:30 p.m. with opening ceremonies at 9:00 p.m. The fifth grade D.A.R.E. students from Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills and Hinsdale will participate in a fun-filled night of DANCING, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, SOCCER, TUG-O-WAR, and D.D.R. ending on Sunday at 6:30 a.m. In addition to the activities planned, our supporters will provide pizza, chips, cookies and ice cream.

In the last thirteen years, over 6,000 D.A.R.E. students from the area have enjoyed this outstanding night of fun and food. The Lock-In has helped reinforce D.A.R.E. lessons on how to have fun and meet new friends in a drug and violence free setting. The Lock-In is truly a community event that involves D.A.R.E. students interacting not only with other D.A.R.E. students but also with their D.A.R.E. officers, Hinsdale Central student volunteers and volunteers from the community. Volunteers for this event are still needed. If you are interested in helping with the Lock-In, please contact Officer Rick Talerico at 630 286-5472.

**New Business Ownership
Coldwell Banker Real Estate & Mortgage
5 S. Prospect Avenue
630/325-2800**

Notes from the Clarendon Hills Library
7 North Prospect Avenue, 630-323-8188

In and Around Paris – Thursday, February 25th, 7 pm

Wouldn't you like to get away? How about a trip to Paris without having to get on an airplane? Join seasoned travelers Al and Gail Popowits as they take us on a virtual tour exploring the beautiful city of lights as well as the surrounding region. The chateaux of Fontainebleau and Versailles, the 11th century cathedral at Chartres plus all the famous landmarks of Paris itself—the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, the Louvre and more—will be included. Call 630-323-8188 to register for this free program.

Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

Sign up for The Big Read begins now!



The Help by Kathryn Stockett, the selection for **The Big Read 2010**, is a deeply moving novel filled with poignancy, humor, and hope. Resource guides with all the information you need about programs, movies and book discussions are available now at the circulation desk. Pick one up and sign up for the events that appeal to you. Don't wait—space is limited! For more information on The Big Read, log on to thebigread.org. For late developments you may also follow The Big Read at twitter.com/bigread2010 or become a fan on Facebook.

All Big Read programs held at the Clarendon Hills Library are sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

Lyric Opera Lecture Series: The Marriage of Figaro –

Tuesday, February 23rd, 7:00 pm

Call 630-323-8188 to register.

Library Film Series continues with Classic Comedies

Some Like it Hot – *Tuesday, February 2nd, 6:30 pm*

Call the library at 630-323-8188 to register. Refreshments will be served.

“Miss Nelson is Missing!” a production of the Children’s Theatre of Western Springs

Saturday, February 6th, 2 pm

For children of all ages: No recess, lots of detention, and an abundance of homework from Miss Swamp, their substitute teacher, make the kids start wishing that Miss Nelson would come back.

Registration begins February 1st; call 630-323-8188 to register

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Story Times for children of all ages continue through February 20th

Baby Time – *Mondays at 11 am for children from birth to 18 months with caregiver*

LapSit Storytime – *Wednesdays at 10 am OR 11 am for children up to 3 years with adult companion*

Preschool Storytime– *Tuesdays at 10 am OR 2 pm for children ages 3-5 years.*

No registration required.

R.E.A.D. to the Dogs – First Thursday of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm

Readers in K-5th grade may sign up for a 15-minute time slot to read to a trained therapy dog. Dogs and handlers are provided by the Hinsdale Humane Society.

February 4th (Registration begins February 1st)

March 4th (Registration begins March 1st)

Tax Help for Seniors courtesy of AARP

Every Wednesday from February 3rd through April 7th, representatives from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be here at the library to help those 60 years and up with low to moderate income levels with income tax preparation. Hour-long appointments will be scheduled at 10 am, 11 am, noon and 1 pm each Wednesday. Call the library at 630-323-8188 to schedule your appointment. Please bring all your relevant tax documents (including last year's return) and plan to arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time.

Help us keep our DVDs and CDs in good repair

Our collections of DVDs as well as audio CDs and books on audio are very popular! Because these items go through many hands, occasionally damage occurs. If you find that an item you borrowed doesn't work properly, please let us know. There is a very short “Damaged Item Report” that you can fill out in a matter of seconds that will ensure that we know about the problem and will correct it. Thanks for your help!

What They're Reading...Book Discussion Groups

Thursday Night Readers

- Thursday, February 11th, 7 pm *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway
- Thursday, March 11th, 7 pm *A Venetian Affair: A True Tale of Forbidden Love in the 18th Century* by Andrea Di Robilant

The Game's Afoot Mystery Group

- Monday, February 22nd, 7 pm *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley
- Monday, March 15th, 7 pm *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Steig Larsson

Kay Carlson Book Group

- Wednesday, February 3rd, 10 am *Jim the Boy* by Tony Earley
- Wednesday, March 3rd, 10 am *Absolution by Murder* by Peter Tremayne

New members are always welcome at our book groups.

Books are available for checkout approximately two weeks prior to each meeting.

Recent Gifts and Memorials

Thank you to . . .

- An anonymous donor for their cash gift to be used where needed the most.
- The Clarendon Hills Lions Club for funds to purchase the following Large Print Books: *La's Orchestra Saves the World*, *The Arms Maker of Berlin*, *Fired Up*, *The Help* and *The Lost Throne*.
- The patrons of Quinn's Coffee House for their generous contribution which allowed the library to purchase the following titles: *The Berghoff Café Cookbook: Berghoff Family Recipes for Simple, Satisfying Food*, *Great Plains: America's Linger-ing Wild* and *The American Meadow Garden: Creating a Natural Alternative to the Traditional Lawn*.

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Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Clarendon Hills,
Illinois 60514
Permit No. 45

Village President - Tom Karaba - Ext. 5420

Trustees

Allan Alongi - Ext. 5421
Edward Reid - Ext. 5422
Mary Williams - Ext. 5423
Paul Pedersen - Ext. 5424
Diane Cochran - Ext. 5425
Steve Wallace - Ext. 5426

Village Clerk - Dawn Tandle - Ext. 5403

CARRIER ROUTE PRESORT

POSTAL CUSTOMER
CLARENDON HILLS, IL 60514

February Meeting Schedule

- **Monday, February 1**
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, February 8**
Park District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, February 15**
Presidents' Day - Village Offices Closed
Heritage Hall Committee Meeting-C.H. Library 6:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, February 16**
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 18**
ZBA/Plan Commission 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, February 22**
Park District Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

February Agenda Matters

Please note that items listed below are the anticipated agenda items and are subject to change. The final agenda is confirmed the Friday prior to the Village Board meeting and is posted at the Village Hall and on the Village's website at www.clarendonhills.us.

Acceptance of the monthly treasurer's report for the month ending December 31, 2009. **Finance Committee** and **Village Board**.
Monday, February 1

Approval of a resolution to accept stormwater management easement for Kruml Park (5624 Western Avenue). **Land Use** and **Village Board**.
Monday, February 1



SOLICITORS and PEDDLERS PROHIBITED

Door to Door Sales activity is regulated by the Village of Clarendon Hills Code: it is illegal for a salesperson to solicit or peddle at a residence or business where this sign is posted.

**By Order of Clarendon Hills Police Department
Ordinance 34.2B**

Village Phone Numbers

Village Manager - Robert M. Bahan
Director of Finance - Peg Hartnett
Director of Public Works - John W. Hays
Director of Community Development -
Michael J. Brown
Police Chief - L. Patrick Anderson
Fire Chief - Brian D. Leahy

Village Office: 630/286-5400
Finance: Press 2
Building: Press 3
Administration: Press 4
Current Village Information: Press 8
Fax: 630/286-5409
Public Works: 630/286-4750

Web Page: www.clarendonhills.us
Emergency: 9-1-1
Non-emergency:
Police: 630/286-5460
Fire: 630/286-5430
Park District: 630/323-2626

Business Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.