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HERITAGE HALL GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY IS A HUGE SUCCESS

The Clarendon Hills Historical Society and the Village of Clarendon Hills are pleased to announce that the groundbreaking ceremony for Heritage Hall which took place on Friday, September 25th was a huge success! Despite weather conditions, nearly 100 residents gathered to witness the ceremony.

The ceremony was filled with many notable speakers. First was Village President Tom Karaba, who welcomed all spectators and also recognized the volunteers who made the event possible. Former Village President Diane Hiller was next to discuss the creation of the Heritage Hall Committee, followed by the Committee Chairman Tom Krasne, who also executed the Ceremonial Dig. The Historical Society goals and efforts were presented by Don Kimball, the Historical Society President. Jan Cummings, Historical Society Past President, presented the unveiling of the 25 First Plaque. Both Tom Krasne and Don Kimball gave closing remarks to end the ceremony.

Heritage Hall, located at 50 Sheridan Avenue, will be home for the Clarendon Hills Historical Society once it is completed. This venue will display historical artifacts including those salvaged from the Middaugh Mansion, and will serve as a beautiful and historical meeting space available to both residents and local organizations.

On June 24, with the recommendation from the Village-appointed Heritage Hall Committee, the Historical Society authorized \$24,000 for initial renovations to the building. The funds for the construction were raised through various fundraisers including a 25 First campaign to solicit 25 major donors to help make the remodeling possible. According to the Village's building inspector, Heritage Hall will be granted a certificate of occupancy following these initial renovations and the building will be available for public viewing. However, these initial renovations make up only a small portion of a three phase renovation plan for Heritage Hall, totaling approximately \$300,000.

For more information on the Heritage Hall project, please see the Village's website at www.clarendonhills.us/HeritageHall.cfm or contact the Historical Society at their toll free number (866) 798-1192.

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