

Trustee Topics

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

March 2010

Message from the President and Board

Dear Friends:

I am very pleased to announce that after several months of discussions an intergovernmental agreement (an "IGA") to share in the provision of fire and emergency medical services has been approved by the Village of Clarendon Hills and the Village of Hinsdale¹. The IGA will become effective on May 1, 2010.

The concept of the IGA is to operate the fire departments of Clarendon Hills and Hinsdale as a "combined service area" whereby the Villages will be jointly responsible for responding to calls for services within their respective jurisdictions. The Villages will share personnel, equipment, apparatus, ambulances, training, fire prevention and inspections. The fire departments also will standardize operations and response protocols for the departments and the communities they serve.

The Village Board unanimously supported the creation of a combined service area as an important first step toward the creation of a new paradigm for sustaining our fire and emergency medical services while controlling costs not only in today's challenging economic environment but also in the future.

As part of the IGA, both Clarendon Hills and Hinsdale will be members of Southwest Central Dispatch, a centralized, multi-jurisdictional, enhanced 9-1-1 emergency dispatch center that will allow the communities to receive calls for service in an efficient and consistent manner. The Village of Hinsdale will also join the Clarendon Hills Joint Radio Network that will enable integrated radio communications between the fire departments. These actions will create a common communications platform that will achieve interoperability between the departments.

The combined service area will result in cost savings for each community, and will provide the opportunity to jointly plan and share in the future cost of capital expenditures. I have firmly believed for many years that functional service sharing and combined services between villages must inevitably occur. The recent recession, together with ever increasing municipal costs and only modest opportunities for long-term revenue enhancement, require us to find creative ways to provide services while reducing operating costs.

The IGA provides that the existing locations of our fire stations will remain open and operational because there are clear benefits to both communities in terms of response times and capabilities and in the ability to respond to calls on both sides

of the rail line. The Villages will continue to operate and maintain apparatus and vehicles at the same number and types that exist today. Over time, however, if the arrangement proves sustainable, we will jointly plan and share in the cost of new apparatus and equipment. Hinsdale will operate 24/7 with six firefighter paramedics or emergency medical technicians and Clarendon Hills will operate 24/7 with three firefighter paramedics or emergency medical technicians. Importantly, the 30 paid on call personnel of Clarendon Hills who respond to incidents as they occur will continue as an active and integral component to the delivery of fire and emergency medical services to both communities. The Villages also will work toward coordinating training, fire inspections, standardization of fees, and the adoption of common policies and procedures.

I believe that this IGA provides an excellent framework to sustain the excellent fire and emergency medical services that both Villages currently provide to our residents, but at a lower cost. If unforeseen events or other issues develop, however, either Village may terminate the agreement upon one year notice so as to provide sufficient time to plan and adjust to such change.

¹At press time, Hinsdale had not approved the IGA but was expected to do so at the Hinsdale Village Board meeting scheduled for March 2nd.

Best regards,
Tom Karaba, Village President

Clarendon Hills Counts

The 2010 Census is Coming

This month your household will receive a very important form by mail—the 2010 U.S. Census form. The U.S. Constitution requires that the federal government count all the residents every ten years. The results are used to ensure proper representation of our area at the federal, state and county levels of government. But the Census is also the primary source of information used to make decisions on planning and funding facilities such as schools, parks, roads, and water mains, as well as services like police, fire protection, housing and transit. Census data are used by all types of businesses to determine where to locate stores and factories and where to offer services. You will receive your brief Census form by mail in March. There are only ten questions, which the Census Bureau estimates can be completed in ten minutes. Simply return the form and you will have done your part to make sure that every citizen in Clarendon Hills is counted in 2010 and the next decade. If you would like further information, visit the Census Bureau website at: www.census.gov/2010census.



Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday March 14 • Turn Your Clocks Forward One Hour.
Make sure you're protected. When you change your clock to daylight-saving time, change the batteries in your smoke detectors.



ZBA/Plan Commission

ZBAPlan Commission Meeting February 18

Case #440 Zoning text amendments on impervious surface ratios and zoning fee increases—recommended approval

Agenda March 18

Case #441 Height variation for 40' high wind generator at Clarendon Hills Middle School, 301 Chicago Avenue

**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.**

Recycling Collection Guidelines

Preparation of Materials

- All recyclable materials may now be co-mingled inside one or more recycling bins. Once collected, materials will be separated at a recycling sorting center.
- Flatten all corrugated boxes, paperboard and wet strength carrier stock.
- To reduce the likelihood of materials being blown away, please place a paper bag of newspapers on top of the bin.

The Village takes recycling very seriously. Our residents have made the Clarendon Hills recycling program one of the highest participation and volume programs in DuPage County. The Village's website, www.clarendonhills.us, has a complete list of items accepted in the curbside recycling program.

Block Parties

As Spring Approaches

It's time to start planning your neighborhood block party! With Spring approaching, now is the time to start thinking about submitting your request for your block party.

To ensure safety and honor requests for visits by the police and fire departments, a maximum of four block parties on each Saturday and each Sunday will be permitted. Block party requests will also be evaluated geographically to avoid potential traffic problems.

We will make every effort to accommodate your request. However, on occasion residents may be asked to consider an alternate date, so do your planning early.

Permits are required to close a street for a block party. As a reminder, there is no fee for a block party permit. Block party applications are available at the Village Hall or on the Village website, www.clarendonhills.us.

Village Board Actions, February 2010

Authorization to: (1) issue a raffle license to Notre Dame School for its March 28, 2010 raffle; (2) issue temporary liquor licenses to Notre Dame Parish for its March 12, 2010 Fish Fry and April 24, 2010 Variety Show; (3) approve the Treasurer's Report for the months ended November and December 2009;

Adoption of Resolutions: (1) approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Villages of Clarendon Hills and Hinsdale regarding shared Fire Department services; (2) adopting the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference's 2010 Legislative Action Program; and (3) approving the execution and recording of a plat of easement for Kruml Park.

Tornado Season

From March Through August

We are now in the tornado season which lasts from March through August. When a tornado alarm sounds, you have only a short amount of time to make important decisions. Advance planning and a quick response are the keys to surviving a tornado.

Here are some tips to help you plan. Stay tuned to your radio or TV during threatening conditions and be prepared to take shelter. Keep a flashlight and battery operated radio handy.

Locate shelter - At home, your basement or if you do not have a basement, an interior room or hallway on the lowest level. Get under a sturdy table, if possible. **Outside of the home,** learn the designated shelter area in school or public buildings you frequent.

When a tornado is sighted within a five mile radius of Clarendon Hills the tornado warning siren will sound a continuous signal for two minutes. The warning is effective for one hour. There is no "all clear" signal. If another tornado is sighted, the siren will again sound for two minutes, extending the warning period one hour.

When the siren activates, please do not call the Fire or Police emergency or non-emergency numbers to inquire about the warning. The telephone lines must be kept open during emergencies.

The Fire Chief is the Village Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. He can be contacted on the Fire Department **non-emergency number (630-286-5430)** during working hours to answer preparedness questions.

Walkers and Joggers

Please Use Caution

As the weather improves, more and more walkers and joggers will be out. At dusk and during the dark hours it is difficult for drivers to see pedestrians who are either walking or jogging on Village streets. When wearing dark clothing, please remember to include some type of reflective wear for safety. Here are some tips for those times you are out at dusk or after dark:

Wear something reflective on the front and back of your clothing. If you do not have reflective clothing, use a flashlight. **If you are in the street, walk or jog on the side of the road which faces oncoming traffic.** Use sidewalks when possible. Be cautious of cars pulling in and out of driveways.

We encourage residents to enjoy walking and jogging in the Village and hope these few tips will make it safer for both you and drivers.

**New Business: Tres Agaves (Mexican Restaurant) 31 S Prospect Avenue
Joe Pace, Michael Pace, John Scatchell 630/321-0001**

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

The Clarendon Hills Library has a website!

www.clarendonhillslibrary.org – **Bookmark it!**

Come and visit our new online home! From the Library's new website, you can search the collection, request materials, access online databases, plus keep up on all the latest information on library programs and events. Portions of the site are still being developed, so please return often.

Big Read programs begin: The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Pick up a resource guide here at the library or check The Big Read website: www.thebigread.org for details on programs. Programs offered here at the Clarendon Hills Library include:

- **The History Singers present Mr. Tambourine Man**
Tuesday, March 9th, 7:00 pm
- **Movie screening: Mississippi Burning (1988)** Tuesday, March 16th, 6:30 pm
- **Brown Bag Lunch Book Discussion** Wednesday, March 31st, 12:30 pm (Bring a brown bag lunch)
- **Vintage Southern Treats** Thursday, April 1st, 7:00 pm

Call the library at 630-323-8188 or stop by to register for any of these programs.

For more information, log on to thebigread.org, follow us 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.

Calling all high school students: ACT Practice Test

March 20th, 9:45 am – 2 pm

For students in grades 9-12

A practice test is crucial to ward off those Test Day jitters and to predict how you may score on the "real thing". Don't be surprised!! Come and experience first hand what Test Day will be like. A trained representative from Kaplan will provide a proctored ACT practice test and return scores with analyzed results. **Remember to bring #2 sharpened pencils, and approved calculator* and a healthy snack!**

Call the library at 630-323-8188 to register. Space is limited; call today!

*For details on approved calculators, log on to www.actstudent.org/faq/answers/calculator.html

Tax Help for Seniors courtesy of AARP

Every Wednesday through April 7th, representatives from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be here 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.

Programs for Children:

"Tracks, Traces & Trees" Tuesday, March 9th, 10:30 – 11:15 am

Join us for a story time for ages 2 and up presented by the Morton Arboretum. Children will learn how to be "wildlife detectives" by examining the clues animals leave.

Registration begins March 1st.

Spring Story Times for children of all ages begin March 15th

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. Spring story times continue through April 24th.

Tiny Tot Art Mondays, March 15th – April 21st, 10 am

For children aged 18-30 months with an adult; come for songs, a story, and an art project.

Registration begins March 1st. Limit: 12 children.

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.

March 4th (Registration begins March 1st)

April 1st (Registration begins March 29th)

Bookmark Contest for 3rd – 8th graders begins April 1st

Pick up an entry form at the Children's Department Desk.

Entries will be accepted from April 1st – 10th. One winning design will be selected from each grade to be printed and used throughout the year.

What They're Reading...Book Discussion Groups

The Girl's Alot Mystery Group

The Big Read Monday, March 15th, 7 pm *The Girl with the Dragon*

Larsson

Monday, April 19th, 7 pm *Rizzo's War* by Lou Manfredo

Kay Carlson Book Group

• Wednesday, March 3rd, 10 am *Absolution by Murder* by

Peter Tremayne

• Wednesday, April 7th, 10 am *Tender is the Night* by F.

Scott Fitzgerald

Thursday Night Readers

• Thursday, March 11th, 7 pm *A Venetian Affair: A True*

Tale of Forbidden Love in the 18th Century by Andrea Di

Robilant

• Thursday, April 8th, 7 pm *The Guernsey Literary and*

Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

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

- The Clarendon Hills Lions Club for funds to purchase the following Large Print Books: *Capitol Offense* by William Bernhardt, *Blood Safari* by Deon Meyer, *The First Rule* by Robert Crais, and *Treasure Hunt* by John Lescroart. The library has also purchased the book on audio, *Secrets of Eden*, by Chris Bohjalian.
- Suzette Hybert and the BP Fabric of America Fund for their gift to purchase the books: *The Literature of Australia* and *American Quilts: The Democratic Art, 1780 - 2007* by Robert Shaw.

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1 North Prospect Avenue
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

March Meeting Schedule

- **Monday, March 1**
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, March 8**
Park District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, March 15**
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 18**
ZBA/Plan Commission 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, March 22**
Park District Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, March 29**
Operation Straight I.D. 7:00 p.m.

March 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.

Ordinances to amend the Zoning Ordinance to regulate impervious surface ratios in the residential zoning districts and to revise zoning related fees. **Land Use Committee** and **Village Board**. First consideration *March 1*. Second consideration/passage *March 15*.

Award of Construction Observation Services associated with the IDOT Emergency Repair Program. **Public Services Committee** and **Village Board**. *Monday, March 1*.

Award of a Bid associated with the IDOT Emergency Repair Program. **Public Services Committee** and **Village Board**. *Monday, March 1*.

Operation Straight I.D.

There are two Operation Straight I.D. classes scheduled for 2010. They will be held at the Clarendon Hills Police Department (448 Park Ave.) on **March 29th** and **May 10th**. A representative from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office will be present and the training will start promptly at **7:00 pm**. Due to the amount of information being presented, anyone arriving more than 10 minutes late **will not** be considered trained. This is a mandatory training class for anyone who is going to be serving alcoholic beverages or checking identification at any function or fest within the Village of Clarendon Hills. This certification is good for one year. The Secretary of State has only a limited number of Officers who are trained to present this class. Therefore it is very difficult to schedule these classes and at this time there are no other training dates available or scheduled for this year.

Please R.S.V.P. by filling out the registration form below and return it to the Clarendon Hills Police Station in an envelope marked Attention Officer Talerico.

Please Print

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Organization(s) _____

Date you are planning on attending (circle one) March 29th or May 10th

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.