

Trustee Topics

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

May 2010

Message from the President and Board

Dear Friends:

May is the beginning of the Village's new Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The Village Board and staff worked for many months to put together a budget that is balanced and continues to provide essential services for the community. The Village Board approved the FY 2010-2011 budget at its April 19th Board meeting. This year was another difficult year financially for the Village, with required expenditures continuing to outpace revenue growth. To keep residents informed of the Village's financial condition, please read the special budget insert in this edition of Trustee Topics that contains more information about the FY 2010-2011 Budget. The insert provides a more detailed look at the Village's revenues and expenditures, including a look at the long-term prospects for the Village's finances. Please carefully review this information and contact the Village if you have any questions about the budget.

I am pleased to announce that the Village and police union have reached a one-year contract extension in which the union agreed to a freeze in base wages for calendar year 2010. Beginning January 1, 2011, members of the police union will receive a 2.5% base wage adjustment, which is in line with the 2009 year-end inflation rate. The contract extension runs from May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. Police officers will also receive an additional five days of compensatory time to be taken over the next year. The contract extension demonstrates the willingness of both parties to work together to do what is best for the residents of Clarendon Hills during these difficult economic times.

May also means that the Village's summer concert series, Dancin' in the Streets, is just around the corner. This community event has become a highlight of the summer for many local families, where they can socialize, sample local food and hear some great music. Due to budget constraints, however, the number of concerts has been reduced to six from the eight hosted in previous years. The concerts will again be on Wednesday nights, running from June 23 through July 28. Look for more details in the June edition of Trustee Topics.

In an effort to further reduce costs and also "go-green," the Village will begin transitioning to the use of electronic newsletters, and reducing the number of printed and mailed copies distributed to residents. Beginning with the July/August newsletter, the Village will begin distributing Trustee Topics by mail bimonthly. However, residents can subscribe online to receive Trustee Topics via e-mail every month. Visit the Village's website at www.clarendonhills.us to subscribe or call Cheryl Pierce at 630-286-5401 for assistance signing up. The e-mail delivery is safe and convenient. Your e-mail address will only be used for Trustee Topics delivery, and you can unsubscribe at any time. The electronic distribution of the Village newsletter will ensure that residents stay up to date on Village issues and events, while reducing costs and being more environmentally friendly.

Best regards,

Thomas F. Karaba, Village President

Sprinkling Regulations

Summer Hours

State regulations require Clarendon Hills and other communities that receive Lake Michigan water to restrict outdoor water use between May 15th and September 15th.

Residents **south** of the Burlington railroad tracks may sprinkle on **odd** numbered days and residents **north** of the tracks on **even** numbered days. No watering is allowed anywhere in the Village between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Permits for more frequent watering of newly installed lawns and landscaping are available for a fee of \$25.00 payable at the Village Hall, 1 N. Prospect Avenue. For information, contact the Village at 286-5400.

Refuse Amnesty Days

Annual Event is Monday, May 17th for north of 55th Street; South of 55th Street is Wednesday, May 19th

The Refuse Amnesty Day will be held Monday, May 17th. Residents living south of 55th Street, will have Amnesty Day on Wednesday, May 19th. This program is for single-family residences only. Amnesty Day is a one-time annual event. If you miss the pick-up, it will not be rescheduled.

Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of their accumulated unwanted items free of charge - no stickers required. The following guidelines apply:

- All materials must be bundled or in a container, with the exception of bulk items.
- Bulk items such as couches, chairs, lamps, bicycles and all major appliances are acceptable.
- Construction material is limited to two cubic yards (about eight 33-gallon sized cans). Loose construction material will not be accepted. All construction material must be placed in containers weighing not more than 50 pounds or bundled, not weighing more than 50 pounds per bundle. All nails must be removed or bent over to prevent injury to the pick-up crews.
- All refuse for Amnesty Day must be placed at the curb.
- Refuse should not be set out earlier than one-half hour before sunset on the day before collection and empty containers are to be removed from the parkway not later than 8 p.m. on the day of collection.

Yard waste is not included in Amnesty Day and is handled through normal procedures. Each bundle or bag of yard waste must be tagged with a yard waste sticker.

Household hazardous waste may be disposed of at the permanent facility in Naperville, 1971 Brookdale Road. For more information about household hazardous waste please call the DuPage County Hazardous Waste Hotline at (630) 510-2810 or visit earth911.org.



Monday, May 31 Memorial Day Village Offices Closed

ZBA/Plan Commission

No ZBA/Plan Commission meeting held in April

Agenda May 20

Case 442: Sign variation—64 Norfolk Ave., Notre Dame Church

Case 443: Text amendment and special use—wireless communication antennae—60 55th St., Christ Lutheran Church

**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.

Village Board Actions, April 2010

Passage of Ordinances: (1) adopting the fiscal year 2010-11 budget; and (2) amending the Village Code regarding increases in the electric utility tax, business licenses, pet tag licenses, motor vehicle licenses, various building fees and permits, third party cost recovery fees, zoning-related fees, inspectional service fees, and false fire alarm fees.

Adoption of Resolutions: (1) opposing the reduction of local government distributive funds; (2) opposing HB 5552 and SB 580 regarding The DuPage Water Commission; (3) authorizing the execution of a one-year contract between the Village and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council; and (4) approving a recapture agreement for Borchardt's 3rd Subdivision.

Authorization to: (1) renew the annual contract with the Village Prosecutor; and (2) replace a Fire Department vehicle and a Police Department vehicle.

2010 Downtown Concert Series

A Fun Summer Being Planned

This summer, the 11th annual *Dancin' in the Street* concert series will be held. Concerts this year are scheduled for Wednesday evenings June 23rd and 30th, and July 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. For the last ten years, the concert series has become a great source of summer entertainment for the residents of Clarendon Hills. Moreover, the concert has served as a successful avenue for showcasing our Village and downtown to residents throughout DuPage County.

Fifth Third Bank has again graciously agreed to sponsor the concert series.

**Re-location of Business
Clarendon Hills Tailor Shop - 213 Burlington
Barbara Mavropoulos - 630/655-4540**

2010-2011 Village Licenses

Application Inserted into This Issue of Trustee Topics

The Police Department is now accepting vehicle license applications. The Police Station (448 Park Avenue) Business Hours are as follows: Mon. – Fri.: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sat.: 8: a.m. – 12 noon.

The Village Hall will also be selling vehicle licenses during their business hours.

Please remember that vehicle stickers must be displayed by July 1, 2010. Stickers are required for all vehicles that are registered in Clarendon Hills or are kept in the Village. Seniors, age 62 and over, are eligible for a 50% discount. Licenses not obtained by July 31st carry a 50% penalty fee.

You must also purchase a license for all cats and dogs over six months old at the Police Station or Village Hall. The fee is \$15.00 for each animal. Bring in a current rabies inoculation certificate when you apply.

Landscape & Snow Removal Licenses

Now Required

As part of its regular review of business and code enforcement regulations, the Village Board has approved an annual licensing requirement for professional landscaping and snow plow contractors who do business at homes, businesses and multi-family complexes within Clarendon Hills. If your household, business or housing complex uses professional contractors to perform landscape installation and/or maintenance or snow removal services, please inform them that a Village contractor's business license is required. The license application can be found on the Village website or at Village Hall. The license fee is \$50 per calendar year and the requirement takes effect on May 1, 2010. Any questions can be directed to the Community Development/Building Department at 630-286-5410.

Coyote Awareness Reminder

Safety Precautions

The media has recently drawn the public's attention to coyote activity. The following information is being offered as a recommendation for actions the community can take to prevent negative interactions with these coyotes. Please follow these safety precautions, especially if you live near open fields and/or undeveloped land.

- Do not leave pets outside unattended especially during hours of darkness. We recommend that you put your pet on a leash and accompany them outside.
- Do not leave pet food outside. This invites wildlife into your yard, which may attract animals and/or coyotes.
- Eliminate the availability of birdseed. Coyotes are attracted to the concentration of birds and rodents that come to feeders.
- Coyotes can and will jump over fences and barriers when searching for food.
- Keep your garbage in a storage facility or in a tightly sealed container. Clean garbage cans regularly to reduce residual odors by using hot water and chlorine bleach.
- If you see a coyote, make loud noises, waive your arms, but do NOT approach them.

For additional information, you may contact the Clarendon Hills Police Department at (630) 286-5460.

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

Looking for a unique graduation gift?

What better way to celebrate the achievement of graduation—be it college, high school, or younger—than by buying a *personalized commemorative paver brick* to be installed in the library's front garden to honor the special graduate in your life? More than 100 generous donors have purchased bricks over the past few years to honor all sorts of people and occasions. Your \$100 contribution supports the library in its mission to encourage the love of reading for people of all ages. Pick up a Commemorative Brick Paver Form at the Library. All orders received by Friday, May 21st will be installed this summer.

Summer Reading for Kids—Make a Splash @ the Library this summer!

The Summer Reading Club will be held June 7th to July 31st. All Story Times and other programs will begin June 14th.


Kick off your summer at The Community House as *GreatWorks Theatre presents Fractured Fairy Tales on Wednesday, June 2nd 7:00 p.m.* This all-ages program is jointly sponsored by Clarendon Hills, Hinsdale, and Thomas Ford Memorial Public Libraries. *Free tickets available beginning May 19th. Please pick up tickets at your home library.*

Registration forms for *Reading Buddies* and *Teen Volunteers* will be available in the Youth Services Department beginning Monday, May 10th. Li'l Reading Buddies (entering Grades 1-2) and Big Reading Buddies (entering Grades 6 and up) will be paired up to read with each other for 30 minutes each week. Teen Volunteers (entering Grades 6 and up) will work for 2 hours each week helping with the Summer Reading Club. Watch for the full Summer Reading Brochure for all the fun events this summer!

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.
May 6th (Registration begins May 3rd)

Big Read 2010 concludes

 *Movie: The Long Walk Home (rated PG) Monday, May 3rd, 6:30 pm*
This 1990 film featuring performances by Sissy Spacek and Whoopi Goldberg tells the story of what happens when a black maid takes a stand in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s bus boycott and her affluent white employer does what she can to help despite the disapproval of her husband.

Call the library at 630-323-8188 or stop by to register.
All Big Read programs held at the Clarendon Hills Library are sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

Limited space available for Practice ACT

May 8th, 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”. 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, an approved calculator* and a healthy snack!

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

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

Book Donations accepted

If you're doing spring cleaning and would like to free up some space on your book shelves, consider donating your gently used books to the library. Please keep the following guidelines in mind when you're going through your books:

- We can accept books that are clean with no mildew or yellowed pages
- We can accept books with recent copyright (2005 or later)
- We regret that we cannot accept textbooks, Readers Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias or magazines

We appreciate your donations!

What They're Reading...Book Discussion Groups

The Game's Afoot Mystery Group

- Monday, May 17th, 7 pm *Blind Justice* by Bruce Alexander
- Monday, June 21st, 7 pm *The Fifth Floor* by Michael Harvey

Kay Carlson Book Group

- Wednesday, May 5th, 10 am *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer
- *Kay Carlson Book Group will be "on vacation" after the May meeting until October*

Thursday Night Readers

- Thursday, May 13th, 7 pm *The Commoner* by John Burnham Schwartz
- Thursday, June 10th 7 pm *Are You Somebody: The Accidental Memoir of a Dublin Woman* by Nuala O'Faolain

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 . . .

- The Clarendon Hills Lions Club for funds to purchase the following Large Print Books: *The Silent Sea* by Clive Cussler, *Shattered* by Karen Robards, *Caught* by Harlan Coben, *Risk* by Colin Harrison, *Angelology* by Danielle Trussoni, and *Among the Thieves* by David Hosp. The library has also purchased the audio book *Getting Organized in the Google Era* by Douglas Merrill.
- James Brooks for the book *The Last Leaf* by Stuart Lutz.
- Bill Heinlen for the board books *Words are Not for Hurting* by Elizabeth Verdick and *Hands are Not for Hitting* by Martine Agassi.

In memory of . . .

- Rosalie Rohozka, *The Blind Side* has been added to the DVD collection through a gift from Jane Heil.
- Miriam “Petie” Wirt, the book *What's Wrong with My Plant?* by David Deardorff has been added to the non-fiction collection through a gift from Carol Kettering.

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Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

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Paul Pedersen - Ext. 5424
Diane Cochran - Ext. 5425
Steve Wallace - Ext. 5426

Village Clerk - Dawn Tandle - Ext. 5403

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May Meeting Schedule

- **Monday, May 3**
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, May 7**
Historical Society Culinary Treasures
Ceramic Attic 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- **Monday, May 10**
Operation Straight I.D. - Police Station 7:00 p.m.
Park District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 11**
Mosquito Abatement 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 12**
Special Events Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, May 17**
Amnesty Day North of 55th Street
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 19**
Amnesty Day South of 55th Street
- **Thursday, May 20**
ZBA/Plan Commission 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, May 24**
Park District Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, May 31**
Memorial Day - Village Offices Closed

May 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 March 31, 2010. **Finance Committee and Village Board. Monday, May 3.**

Award of Bid for maintenance tree trimming and removal. **Public Service Committee and Village Board. Monday, May 3.**

Approval of a Proclamation declaring May 4, 2010 as "Crossing Guard Appreciation Day" in the Village of Clarendon Hills. **Village Board. Monday, May 3.**

Planting Partners

It's not too late to sign up for the Planting Partners Program. Sponsorship of a Planter includes the plantings, maintenance, an engraved plaque placed in the planter recognizing the sponsor, and recognition in Trustee Topics. Planter sponsorships are available at a reduced cost: larger planters are \$175 and extra large planters are \$225. The deadline for reservations has been extended to Friday, May 7. Contact Cheryl Pierce at 630-286-5401 or cpierce@clarendonhills.us.

Operation Straight I.D.

The next Operation Straight I.D. class is scheduled for **May 10th** at the Clarendon Hills Police Department (448 Park Ave.) 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 festival within the Village of Clarendon Hills. The certification is good for one year. At this time there are no other training dates available or scheduled for this year.

Registration forms are available at the Village Hall. Please R.S.V.P. by filling out the registration form and return it to the Clarendon Hills Police Station in an envelope marked "Attention Officer Talerico."

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
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Building: Press 3
Administration: Press 4
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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.