



Village of Clarendon Hills Trustee Topics

September/October 2010

Construction will impact downtown Clarendon Hills

Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District (FCWRD) is currently in the process of constructing a major sanitary relief sewer that runs through sections of Hinsdale, Westmont and Clarendon Hills. The project includes more than \$14 million in improvements that will help relieve sanitary sewer surcharging during heavy rain-falls. However, the multi-phase project will result in a number of road closures over the coming months.

Work began in August at the intersections of Eastern and Holmes and Eastern and Park. Beginning in September, the project will continue to move west on Park Avenue, resulting in various road closures and detours. The next detour, which will begin soon after Labor Day and last four to six weeks, will close Park Avenue near Walker. However, east-bound lanes of Park Avenue will be open between Walker and South Prospect Avenue. The west-bound lane will be closed. During certain phases of the project, some parking spaces in the downtown will be unavailable. They are blocked to ensure emergency vehicles can maneuver through detours. Please obey all posted detours and parking regulations during the course of the construction project.

The Village and Flagg Creek will continue to keep businesses and residents directly affected by the construction updated on the time frame and progress of work. Updates will also be available on the Village's website, www.clarendonhills.us/flaggcreek.cfm. Additional questions should be directed to Flagg Creek at 630-323-3299 or the Village's Public Works Department at 630-286-4750.



Thank you concert sponsors!

The 2010 Dancin' in the Street Summer Concert series was again a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came to downtown Clarendon Hills to enjoy the excellent music, delicious food and great friends.

This year's concert series featured music from Souled Out Funk, The Runaways, Andrew Salgado, The Nevery Brothers, Arra, and Frank and Dave. The music was just the beginning, as concert-goers were also able to sample the delectable offerings of Absolutely Delicious, Scapa Italian Kitchen, Maijean, and Village Gourmet during this year's concert series.

Many thanks to primary sponsor of the concert series, **Fifth Third Bank**, whose contribution shows their commitment to the community

and is truly appreciated.

The following sub-sponsors also receive a big thanks for their support: **All Wined Up; Allied Waste; County Line Properties; Mike McCurry of Coldwell Banker; FitnessWerks; Oak Brook Racquet & Fitness Club; Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins; and Christopher Burke Engineering.**

Automated Forms and Graphics, Coldwell Banker, the Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Notre Dame Men's Club provided T-shirts for this year's concert series.

The Village would also like to thank the members of the Special Events Committee who volunteered their time throughout the year to make the concert series a success.

Message from the President and Board

Dear Friends,

One of the things I enjoy about Clarendon Hills is how much all the residents here care about their community, whether contributing to Planting Partners or enjoying the great music and food of Dancin' in the Street. As we all settle back into the school-year routine, however, there are still plenty of opportunities to be involved.

In this issue of Trustee Topics, you will find two opportunities to provide your input in important Village issues. The Village Board and I value your opinions and want to ensure we are doing what is right for our community.

The first opportunity is the Village's annual Community Needs Survey. The survey has been distributed each of the past five years to a random sample of 1,000 households in Clarendon Hills. The survey is designed to get statistically accurate feedback on a variety of Village issues, from the quality of service each department provides to the overall quality of life in Clarendon Hills. Surveys will again be distributed to 1,000 randomly selected households. If you receive a survey, we ask that you spend the time to complete it and return it in the envelope provided. Your feedback will be used not only to determine ways the Village can improve the services it provides, but also to gain feedback on important policy questions the Village may face in the future. Results of the survey will be available online and at the library by the end of the year.

I would also like to encourage you to provide your input on the Train Station Area Redevelopment Planning project, which is a continuation of the Village's Downtown Plan approved in 2006. The project, which is funded entirely through grants, seeks to identify opportunities and create preliminary plans for redevelopment of the train station and commuter lot. You can share your ideas by visiting the project website, www.hlplanning.com/dnn/clarendonhills, to review materials and taking online surveys. There will also be an open public meeting held in October. Please check the project website or Trustee Topics e-mail newsletter for upcoming details. At this meeting, the consultant team will have concept plans demonstrating the potential for the current train station site. We invite you attend, participate and be part of making your community even better.

Sincerely,
Thomas F. Karaba
Village President



2010 Planting Partners bringing color to downtown

The Village would like to thank those who participated in the Planting Partner Program this year. The flowerpots, located in the Central Business District, the Commuter Station and near Village Hall provide dazzling color throughout the summer.

In addition, the Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce sponsored the planting beds in the downtown this summer. Many thanks to the sponsors:

- Don, Betty and Kit O'Toole
- The Butler Group

- Tom Karaba, Marsha Hoover and their Children
- In memory of Haik Rostamian
- The Law Office of Allan C. Alongi
- In memory of Erwin A. Rutz
- The Tech Family
- Happy Clipper Lawn Service
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- Protek International, Inc.
- In the memory of Cameron Chana

- In memory of Leslie Lindberg
- Seton Montessori School
- In memory of Emily Frances Corley
- The Reid Family
- Clarendon Hills Woman's Club
- Coldwell Banker
- Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce

A special thanks to Diane Cochran and Mary Williams for sponsoring a Planting Partner to benefit the Historical Society.

The 2011 Planting Partners program will begin in March of 2011.

Village seeks public input for train station area planning project

The Village wants your input on the Train Station Area Redevelopment Planning project, which is currently under way. A open public meeting will be held in October, where consultants will present concept plans for review and comment. Meeting details will be announced on the Village's website and in an upcoming issue of the e-mail edition of Trustee Topics.

Residents, business owners and anyone else interest in the project can also provide comments and ideas through a dedicated website created by the project consultant team. The website, www.hlplanning.com/dnn/clarendonhills, includes surveys and an interactive mapping feature.

The Train Station Area Redevelopment Plan builds on the vision of the Village's Downtown Master Plan, which was ap-

proved in 2006 following significant public input. A key component of the Downtown Master Plan is redevelopment of the Train Station site. The redevelopment is intended to not only improve commuter options but

also to create additional opportunities for growth in the downtown. The planning process will include several public meetings, including review by the Downtown Design Review

Commission, the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals and the Village Board.

The Train Station Area Redevelopment Plan is funded through two grants the Village received. The Regional Transportation Authority contributed \$80,000, and the West Suburban Mass Transit District contributed a \$20,000 match. The process will result in a refined plan for the area and the steps necessary to implement the elements of the plan.

Check the Village's website and subscribe to the e-mail newsletter to be notified of public meeting dates.

Community Needs Survey coming in September

Each year the Village of Clarendon Hills conducts a Community Needs Survey in order to gather resident feedback that will guide policy initiatives and assist the Village Board with making decisions.



In the past, the survey has been distributed in the summer. This year, however, the Village has delayed distribution to better align with upcoming policy discussions and to help increase response rate. The survey will be mailed in mid-September to a ran-

domly selected sample of 1,000 households in Clarendon Hills. The answers of all respondents will be combined to portray a statistically accurate picture of Village opinions. If your household receives a survey, please fill it out and return it promptly with the enclosed envelope so that your opinions can be counted.

The survey results will be published in December on the Village's website at www.clarendonhills.us and will be available at the Clarendon Hills Public Library.

Special service area proposed for downtown

The Village of Clarendon Hills is proposing to implement a Special Service Area (SSA) in the Central Business District to fund sidewalk snow removal.

The Village has funded sidewalk snow removal for the central business district (CBD) sidewalks and select downtown parking lots since 2000. This was provided as a service enhancement to the downtown, ensuring sidewalks were cleared in a consistent and timely manner.

Over the last several years, as a direct result of the economic downtown, the Village has faced an increasingly tight budget. Therefore, enhanced services such as sidewalk snow removal have become increasingly difficult to fund. Last winter, the Village funded a reduced program.

Currently, downtown property owners pay an SSA tax to pay debt service from the installation of downtown streetscape that was installed in the late 1990s. The SSA is set to expire in 2012. The Village is proposing to retire the current SSA one year early, and create a new SSA at the same rate (\$0.55 per \$100 equalized assessed value) to fund sidewalk snow removal services. The proposed SSA would affect only those properties who receive sidewalk snow removal services from the Village and are primarily commercial properties located directly in the downtown area. The proposal would result in no overall increase in property taxes.

A Question and Answer session for downtown business and property owners has been scheduled for Monday, September 13 at 5 p.m. at Village Hall. A public hearing will take place at the September 20 Board meeting.



Keep our community safe

Local, county services help keep everyone safe

The Village of Clarendon Hills is a safe and welcoming place for all residents and visitors. To ensure this continues, the Village encourages residents to watch out for others in our community. If you see anything suspicious, or a person in need, please call 9-1-1 immediately. However, there are times when you may know someone in need of assistance but it is not an emergency situation. There are a number of resources through the Village and DuPage County for those in need, which may help prevent emergencies.

The Village provides a Reassurance Program for the Elderly, which provides daily contact between the resident and members of the police department to ensure the resident's well-being. The Police Department must be provided with a key for access to the resident's home should it be necessary to make entry into the home.

Senior citizens may also be targets for scams or other unlawful activity. The Clarendon Hills Police Department

has designated two officers to provide assistance and answer questions for senior citizens in the community. Elderly residents may contact Detective Ed Leinweber or Officer Wendy Porter with any questions or concerns.

Please contact the Police Department non-emergency number at 630-286-5460 or visit the Village website at www.clarendonhills.us/Reassurance.cfm for more information. Residents are also encouraged to check on neighbors who may be frail or in poor health during times of extreme hot and cold temperatures.

DuPage County Human Services provides a full range of programs, from home weatherization assistance to transportation services for those in need. For information about specific programs, please visit their website at www.dupageco.org/humanservices or call at 630-407-6500.

By working together, we can ensure the safety and well-being of all members of the community.

Reminder to stay safe in school zones

The Clarendon Hills Police Department, in partnership with the Illinois Secretary of State, wants to remind all citizens of the need for safety near schools. Last year saw a dramatic increase in school bus loading zone fatalities in the State of Illinois. Nearly half of the deaths occurred near school buses where motorists failed to stop for a bus with its red lights activated and stop sign extended.

Safety Alert for Students

- Never assume cars are going to stop for the flashing red lights of a school bus.

Always look both ways and proceed with caution.

Safety Reminder for Motorists

- On a two-lane road, traffic coming from both directions must stop for a school bus.
- On a multiple lane road, traffic traveling the same direction must stop for a school bus.
- The general speed limit in a school zone drops to 20 miles per hour during school hours when children are present.
- It is unlawful for drivers to talk on cell phones while driving in a school zone.

Fire Department Open House Oct. 2

During Fire Prevention Week, October 3 through 9, the Clarendon Hills Fire Department will join forces with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to present "Smoke Alarms – Beep, Beep, Beep – A Sound You Can Live With."

Fire Prevention Week will kick off as the Fire and Police Departments join forces for an Open House on Saturday, October 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Open House

will take place at the Fire Station, 316 Park Avenue. The event will include a variety of fire prevention displays and hands on activities, including police and fire safety vehicles and a fire safety trailer.

This year the Open House will also include a blood drive sponsored by the Fire Department and LifeSource. Area vendors will be on hand and there will be a prize raffle table.

Reminders

Village Offices Closed for Holiday Observance

Village offices will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day. The first Village Board meeting of the month will be held on Tuesday, September 7 at 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

Sign up for the E-mail Edition of Trustee Topics

Beginning with the July/August edition of Trustee Topics, the Village has transitioned to a bimonthly publication of the Village newsletter. The next issue will be distributed in November. To stay up to date on the latest Village news and events, however, the Village is offering a free e-mail newsletter. You can subscribe by visiting the Village's website, www.clarendonhills.us, and looking for the Subscribe to Trustee Topics link. By subscribing, you will also receive emergency alerts distributed by the Village.

The Village uses a secure service to distribute the e-mail newsletter. Your e-mail address will only be used for Village communication and you can unsubscribe at any time. If you have questions, please call 630-286-5401 or e-mail admin@clarendonhills.us.

Fall Fest is Sept. 11

The Clarendon Hills Park District will host its Family Fall Fest from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 11 at Prospect Park. The event will feature activities, food vendors, musical entertainment and exhibits presented by various community organizations. For more information, please contact the Clarendon Hills Park District at 630-323-2626 or visit www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org.

Leaf collection begins Oct. 4

The annual free fall leaf pick-up service starts Monday, October 4 and will continue each Monday through November 29.

Leaves placed in biodegradable paper yard waste bags or placed loosely in trash containers will not require yard waste stickers during this period. Do not use plastic bags. Leaves should not be piled loosely on parkways and yard waste should not be mixed with leaves. Leaves cannot be burned within the Village limits.



Trustee Topics

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Community Schedule: September/October

Monday, September 6

Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 7

Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. *(Please note date change due to holiday.)*

Saturday, September 11

Park District Fall Fest at Prospect Park

Monday, September 13

Question and Answer Session regarding an Special Service Area tax to fund sidewalk snow removal in the downtown, 5:00, Village Hall

Thursday, September 16

ZBA/Plan Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 20

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, September 27

Park District Board Meeting

Monday, October 4

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, October 18

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 21

ZBA/Plan Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 25

Park District Board Meeting

Village Board Actions | July/August 2010

A Village Commendation for Outstanding Leadership and Volunteer Spirit was presented to resident Jonathon F. McCabe for his participation in Operation Proper Exit in Iraq.

Passage of Ordinances: (1) authorizing the disposition of a surplus Fire Department staff vehicle; and (2) proposing the establishment of Special Service Area Number 16 and providing for a Public Hearing and other procedures in connection therewith.

Adoption of Resolutions: (1) appointing Finance Director Peg Hartnett as the Village's Delegate and Management Analyst Christina Collison as Alternate Delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency Board of Directors; (2) approving the Village's policy with respect to the collection, use, disclosure, and protection of individuals' social security numbers; (3) approving the First Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the

Villages of Clarendon Hills and Hinsdale in regard to the Sharing of Fire Department Services; and (4) authorizing the Rock River Energy Services Cooperative to serve as the Village's broker to obtain bids from electricity providers and authorization to approve a contract with the lowest cost provider.

Authorization to: (1) purchase a replacement 3-ton dump truck for the Public Works Department; (2) issue a temporary liquor license and a raffle license for the Clarendon Hills Lions Club's LionsFest on August 28, 2010; (3) issue a temporary liquor license for the Clarendon Hills Park District's Family Fall Festival on September 11, 2010; (4) approve budget transfers for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2010; (5) award the bid for bulk rock salt to the North American Salt Company; and (6) award the bid for street routing and sealing to North Suburban Asphalt Maintenance, Inc.

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