

# Trustee Topics

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

April 2009

## Message from the President and Board

*Dear Fellow Clarendon Hills Residents:*

Although the Village of Clarendon Hills remains financially stable, as the economy settles into a deeper recession, it has become more and more challenging to balance the budget without significant service cuts. For Fiscal Year 2009-2010, the Village is projecting decreases in many revenue streams including sales tax, income tax, and building permits and fees.

The Village's fiscal year begins May 1st. For the past six months, the Village has worked to develop a budget that is balanced yet continues to provide essential services. During this year's budget process, the Village cut expenditures by more than \$120,000 in the General Fund, \$1,060,000 in the Capital Projects Fund, and \$38,000 in the Water Fund to ensure the long-term financial stability of the Village.

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, April 6th, the Village Board will approve first consideration of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget. A public hearing and second consideration/passage is scheduled for the April 20th Village Board meeting. Due to the state of the economy, the Village will continue to monitor closely the budget throughout the fiscal year. Should significant service cuts be required, the Village will keep you informed. Based on current projections, the recession will significantly affect Village revenues for the next two to three years. The Village has prepared for these tough financial times by adamantly holding the line on expenditure and service levels in prior years when we were enjoying broad economic growth. Moreover, the Village has continued to seek grants and sponsorships from outside sources to offset expenditure levels.

One service that is provided through sponsorships is the Village's Planting Partners Program. This program provides residents, businesses, and organizations an opportunity to sponsor a beautiful planter that is placed in our downtown. This year, the planters are offered at a special discounted rate to encourage new sponsorships. See the article in this month's issue of Trustee Topics for more information about the Planting Partners Program.

Best Regards,  
Thomas F. Karaba, Village President



### **BE SURE TO VOTE**

**The Consolidated Election will be held on  
Tuesday, April 7.**

**Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

Residents have been notified by mail of their voting precincts. If residents have not received notification, or would like additional information, please contact the DuPage County Election Commission at **630-682-7440**.

## NEW ON THE WEB

### **Planting Partners Program Application**

[www.clarendonhills.us/VillageNews.cfm](http://www.clarendonhills.us/VillageNews.cfm)

### **2008 Police Department Annual Report**

[www.clarendonhills.us/Police.cfm](http://www.clarendonhills.us/Police.cfm)

## **Yard Waste Collection**

*Begins Monday, April 6th*

- Yard waste generally consists of grass clippings, twigs, brush, leaves, plant materials, and weeds.
- Yard waste must be placed in 33 gallon biodegradable paper bags or 33 gallon cans. Plastic bags will not be collected. If a can is used, it must be clearly marked "Yard Waste."
- Brush and tree trimmings may be tied into bundles not more than 4 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter.
- One yard waste sticker must be attached to each bag, can, or bundle.
- 90 gallon toter service for the collection of yard waste is currently available for \$25.81 per month.

## **Operation Straight I.D.**

**Clarendon Hills Police Station**

**448 Park Avenue**

**Tuesday, April 21st**

**7:00 p.m.**

Required for anyone who will be serving alcoholic beverages or checking identification at a function or fest within the Village of Clarendon Hills.

To register, please contact the Police Department at  
(630) 286-5460

## **Spring Hydrant Flushing**

*Begins April 13*

The 2009 spring hydrant-flushing program will begin on Monday, April 13. The areas affected are all streets south of the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks. The flushing will be accomplished between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for approximately 4 to 6 weeks.

Residents might notice a slight discoloration in their water which can be flushed from the line by running a cold-water tap for a few minutes before using the water.

## **ZBA/Plan Commission**

### **Zoning Activity March 19**

Case #436

Text amendment on minimum front yards for Rose Place —recommended approval.

### **Agenda for April 16**

No cases filed as of press time.

## **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.

## **Refuse Amnesty Day**

### **Time to Start Gathering Your Unwanted Items**

The Refuse Amnesty Day for single-family residences will be held Monday, May 18th. Residents living south of 55th Street whose normal pick-up day is Wednesday, will have Amnesty Day on Wednesday, May 20th. Amnesty Day is part of the agreement negotiated with the Village's waste hauler Allied Waste. Amnesty Day is a one-time annual event in which residents have the opportunity to dispose of their accumulated unwanted items free of charge - no stickers required!

See next month's Trustee Topics for details regarding Amnesty Day.

**New Business**  
**Kukulski Financial Services**  
219 – 55th St., Suite 101  
**630-323-6131**  
Nick Kukulski

## **Village Board Actions, March**

Appointments: Anne Abraham, Sue O'Connell, Sarah Corley, Mark Koldenhoven, and Greg Wojciechowski were appointed to the Special Events Committee.

Passage of an Ordinance authorizing the Village to borrow funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency through the Public Water Supply Loan Program for water main improvements throughout the Village.

Authorization to: (1) issue a raffle license to The Robert Crown Center for a raffle to be conducted on June 15, 2009; (2) award the bid for a cured-in-place storm sewer lining project to Michels Corporation; (3) participate in the FY 09/10 State Bulk Rock Salt Joint Purchase for 950 tons of rock salt; (4) accept the proposal from Konica Minolta for the purchase of five copiers; and (5) approve the 2009 Zoning map.

## **13th Annual D.A.R.E. Lock-In**

### **A Big Success**

The 13th Annual D.A.R.E. Lock-In held February 14th-15th was a great success. Students from Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, and Hinsdale participated in an all-nighter filled with activities. Over the past thirteen years, the event has grown from 280 students in 1996 to more than 400 students attending this year. A special thank you to the forty high school students who volunteered to help make this year's Lock-In a successful and meaningful event.

## **2009 Downtown Concert Series**

### **A Fun Summer Being Planned**

This summer, the 10th annual *Dancin' in the Street* concert series will be held. For the last nine years, the concert series has become a reliable 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.

This year, the concert series will begin Wednesday, June 24th and will run eight consecutive Wednesday nights through August 12th. Look for the musical entertainment lineup in next month's issue of *Trustee Topics*.

At this time, the Village would also like to announce that **Fifth Third Bank** has graciously agreed to sponsor the concert series. We would like to thank Fifth Third for supporting this very important Clarendon Hills tradition.

## **PLANTING PARTNERS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

### **SPECIAL "TOUGH TIMES" DISCOUNT**

**Large Planter: \$250 NOW \$220**

**Extra Large Planter: \$300 NOW \$250**

Sponsoring a decorative planting is a great way to remember or honor a loved one, a friend, or a significant event. It is also a great (and tax deductible) way to advertise a business or recognize an organization.

For the last five years, the success of the Planting Partners Program has exceeded expectations. Please contact Jennifer Johnsen at the Village Hall, (630) 286-5402, to reserve a planter TODAY!

**The deadline for reservations is Monday, April 13th.**

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

**Programs for Adults @ Your Library**

**Just added: No Little Plans: The Roads of Daniel**

**Burnham's Plan of Chicago** - Monday, May 11th, 7 pm  
The Clarendon Hills Library joins the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the publication of the famous Plan of Chicago by Daniel Burnham and Edward Bennett. David Clark returns with insight into Burnham's concepts for road building that included grand boulevards as well as a system of radiating and encircling highways throughout Chicago and the suburbs. He will also discuss Burnham's and Bennett's vision of the integration of public transportation via rails and streetcars with roads, and how different Chicagoland might be had that vision been fully realized.

*Sponsored by The Friends of the Library. Call the library at 630-323-8188 to register for this free program.*

**Master Gardener Help Desk** - Sat. April 25th, 10 am – noon  
Spring planting time is almost upon us. Bring all your gardening questions to the library where Master Gardeners from the University of Illinois Extension will be on hand with everything you need to know about annual and perennial flowers, trees, lawn care, vegetables and other horticulture issues. *No registration necessary.*

**The Big Read continues...**

Come pick up your free resource guide to The Big Read 2009 featuring ***Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*** by Barbara Kingsolver. Sign up now for these programs held at the Clarendon Hills Library (unless otherwise noted):

**Animal, Vegetable, Miracle book discussion** - Wednesday, April 1st, noon at **Westmont Public Library**

Bring a brown bag lunch and chat with others about Barbara Kingsolver's book

**Voluntary Simplicity** - Monday, April 8th, 7:00 pm  
Personal and business coach Krista Mikos discusses this way of life that encourages you to live more with less in this acquisitive society. (Please note that at press time, this program was almost full—call the library to check availability.)

**What's in a Label?** - Monday, May 4th, 7:00

If you feel clueless in the grocery store when you're trying to decipher product labels, this program is for you. Registered dietician and certified diabetes educator Deepa Deshmukh will help you make good choices at the store if you are watching calories or just trying to stay healthy. (Limited seating available!)

*Call the library at 630-323-8188 to register for any of these free programs.*

*Big Read programs presented at the Clarendon Hills Library are sponsored by The Friends of the Library. All Big Read programs are open to all patrons of all participating libraries.*

**Film Series continues**

**Mamma Mia!** Monday, April 13th, 6:30 pm  
*Refreshments will be served. Call 630-323-8188 to register for this free screening.*

**Children's' Corner**

**Special Event: Teddy Bear Jamma Party** - Thursday, April 30, 7 pm

Wear your jammies, bring your bedtime buddies and dance the night away! Join family entertainer Kathleen Gibson for the most rollicking concert of lively "bedtime" songs ever. *Registration begins Monday, April 20th. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.*

**Bookmark Contest 2009** - April 1st through April 11th  
Calling all 3rd through 8th graders: Design a bookmark for the library! Entry forms available at the children's Department Desk. One willing design for each grade will be selected, printed and used throughout the year.

**R.E.A.D. to the Dogs** - Thursday, April 2nd, 6:30-7:30 pm  
For readers in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Sign up for a 15-minute time slot to improve your reading skills and make a new friend by reading to a trained therapy dog. Dogs and handlers are provided by the Hinsdale Humane Society. *Register today!*

**Y.E.S. Family Fun Fest** - Sunday, April 26th 1-4 pm  
Bring the family to the Community House in Hinsdale for an afternoon of games and entertainment sponsored by Youth Enrichment Services (Y.E.S.), a group of local agencies which provide services for Hinsdale area youth. Free T-shirts and refreshments included, too.

**Spring Story Times continue through April 25th**

**Baby Time:** Mondays at 11 am for children from birth through 18 months and their caregivers.

**LapSit Story Time:** Wednesdays at 10 am or 11 am for children 3 years old and younger with adult companion.

**Preschool Story Time:** Tuesdays at 10 am or 2 pm for children ages 3-5.

*No registration is necessary for the above programs.*

**Tiny Tot Art**-Although an additional section of this popular program was added, both are full! Please check future issues of *Trustee Topics or Books, Bytes & Beyond* or call the library for information about the next session of *Tiny Tot Art*. *Current session continues through April 20th.*

**What They're Reading...  
Book Discussion Groups**

*The Game's Afoot Mystery Group*

- Monday, April 20th, 7 pm ***Gorky Park*** by Martin Cruz Smith
- Monday, May 18th, 7 pm ***Ten Second Staircase*** by Christopher Fowler

*Kay Carlson Book Group*

- Wednesday, April 1st, 10 am ***The Invisible Wall: A Love Story that Broke Barriers*** by Harry Bernstein
- Wednesday, May 6th, 10 am ***The World of Animals*** by Aryn Kyle

*Thursday Night Readers*

- Thursday, April 9th, 7 pm ***Three Cups of Tea*** by Greg Mortensen
  - Thursday, May 14th, 7 pm ***March*** by Geraldine Brooks
- New members are always welcome at our book groups. Books are available for checkout approximately two weeks prior to each meeting.

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April 2009

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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  
Paul Flood - Ext. 5422  
Don O'Toole - Ext. 5423  
Paul Pedersen - Ext. 5424  
Diane Robertson - Ext. 5425  
Steve Wallace - Ext. 5426

**Village Clerk** - Dawn Tandle - Ext. 5403

## CARRIER ROUTE PRESORT

POSTAL CUSTOMER  
CLARENDON HILLS, IL 60514

## April Meeting Schedule

- **Monday, April 6**  
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 7**  
Consolidated Elections
- **Monday, April 13**  
Park District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 14**  
Mosquito Abatement 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 16**  
ZBA/Plan Commission 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, April 20**  
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 21**  
Operation Straight I.D. - Police Department 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 22**  
Special Events Committee 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, April 27**  
Park District Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## New Account Numbers

### For Village Water Bills

Effective January 23rd, the account numbers used for water billing were changed. New account numbers first appeared on the water bill due in February. If you use an online banking service to pay your water bill, please provide them with your new account number as soon as possible.

## April 2009 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](http://www.clarendonhills.us).

**Approval of a policy providing for domestic partner benefits. Administrative/Legislative Committee and Village Board. Monday, April 6.**

**Acceptance of the monthly treasurer's report** for the month ending February 28, 2009. **Finance Committee and Village Board. Monday, April 6.**

**Approval of an ordinance proposing the establishment of Special Service Area Number 15** in the Village of Clarendon Hills and providing for a public hearing and other procedures in connection therewith. **Public Services Committee and Village Board.** First consideration, second consideration and passage, *Monday, April 6.*

**Approval of an ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget. Finance Committee and Village Board.** First consideration, *Monday, April 6.* Public Hearing, second consideration and passage, *Monday, April 20.*

**Approval of an ordinance amending the zoning text for the R-1 District** establishing front yard setbacks for the west side of Rose Place between Chestnut and Burlington Avenues. **Land Use Committee and Village Board.** First consideration, *Monday, April 6.* Second consideration and passage, *Monday, April 20.*

## 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

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**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.**