

Trustee Topics

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

February 2009

Message from the President and Board

Dear Fellow Clarendon Hills Residents,
The Village of Clarendon Hills has long been known as the "Volunteer Community" and I am hereby declaring February as the "Month to Volunteer." Our community of volunteers needs more volunteers and more participation from our residents in the events, activities, clubs, committees and organizations throughout the Village. We are experiencing a real deficit of volunteers. The state of our economy may be a factor, but it is in difficult times when residents are especially needed to support their community through volunteerism. By February, many of us have already given up on our New Year's resolutions. This month, I encourage you to make a dedicated effort to a new resolution – a resolution to support our community – a resolution to get involved and to volunteer.

Local organizations such as the Clarendon Hills Woman's Club, Lions Club, and the Historical Society are three examples of groups that need your help and your support. These organizations need new members to bring fresh ideas, to strengthen the base of support within the organization, and to expand their programs that benefit this community that is your home.

The Village also is in need of volunteers. The Fire Department, which once was comprised entirely of volunteers, is now supplemented by an increasing number of part-time firefighter/paramedics. Moreover, Village committees continue to struggle to recruit interested residents for their efforts. Currently, the Heritage Hall Committee which is constructing a historically-themed meeting space and the Special Events Committee which coordinates the Dancin' in the Street concert series are both desperately in need of volunteers.

We can all make a little time in our schedules to volunteer. Whether you have a lot of time or only a few sporadic hours, Clarendon Hills needs you. So please find a little time, make it your 2009 resolution to volunteer and support this community. Contact our local organizations and become a member today! If you are interested in becoming a paid-on-call firefighter/paramedic, please contact Chief Brian Leahy at (630) 286-5430. If you wish to join the Heritage Hall or Special Events Committees, please contact Jennifer Johnsen, Assistant to the Village Manager at (630) 286-5402.

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers and local organizations that improve the quality of life in our Village.

Best Regards,

Thomas F. Karaba, Village President

NEW ON THE WEB

**Heritage Hall Information
& Architectural Plans**
www.clarendonhills.us/HeritageHall.cfm

2009 Refuse Holiday Schedule
www.clarendonhills.us/Refuse.cfm

Online Accident Reports
www.clarendonhills.us/Police.cfm

The Wreath Was Kept Red *No Holiday Fires in Clarendon Hills!*

The Clarendon Hills Fire Department once again participated in a Holiday Fire Safety campaign called "Keep the Wreath Red". During November and December, a large wreath with red lights affixed to it hung outside the Clarendon Hills Fire Station. For each fire in town that was related to a holiday decoration or display, a red bulb was to be replaced with a white bulb.

Throughout the year and especially during this holiday season, the Clarendon Hills Fire Department stressed the importance of holiday fire safety. This year, Fire Prevention Officer Godek is glad to announce that Clarendon Hills had no fire-related incidents over the holiday months and the wreath was kept red.

Water Bill Payments

Use the Direct Debit Plan

Do you want one less check to write? Use the Village's direct debit option to pay your water bill! Contact the Water Department for a direct debit application. Attach a voided check to the form and return it to the Village Hall. Your water bill will then be paid by direct debit to your checking account each month and you will receive a marked bill by mail before each due date.

The Water Department is located in the upper level of the Village Hall at 1 N. Prospect Avenue. To sign up for direct debit or for more information call (630) 286-5416 or visit the Village's website at www.clarendonhills.us/finance.cfm.

**THE FEB. 16 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED TO
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7:00 P.M.**

**THE VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY**

ZBA/Plan Commission

January Meeting Cancelled

Agenda, February 19

Case #436

Text Amendment-change in front yard setback in R-1 District to 25 feet for one block of Rose Place

A December to Remember

Snow Storms Hit Clarendon Hills

The month of December was very challenging for the Village in terms of managing frequent snowfalls, freezing rains, heavy rainfalls, rapid snow melt, single-digit temperatures, high winds, water main breaks, and a limited supply of deicing materials.

Significant events that occurred this December include:

- Twelve separate snow storms with a near record 31 inches of snow for the month. Four of these storms included freezing rain or sleet.
- Rainfalls for the month totaling 4.04 inches, which represents 2.61 inches above the average for the month of December.
- Two water main breaks that occurred during snow storms.
- Two significant wind storms that knocked down two parkway trees and resulted in minor property damage.

The most significant event occurred at the end of December. This event included a severe ice storm that began at 2:00 a.m. on Friday, December 26th and was directly followed by a rapid snow/ice melt and heavy rainfall that subsided in the early morning of December 28th. During this event, the Village received 2.25 inches of snow/ice melt and 1.5 inches of actual rainfall totaling 3.75 inches of moisture. To complicate issues further, the frozen/saturated ground did not absorb any of this volume and many culverts and manholes were blocked with leaves, snow, or ice.

The December events required significant Public Works, Police, and Fire Department staff time. With skyrocketing prices and a decrease in the availability of salt, the Village was conservative with the application of snow and ice control materials. Nevertheless, the Village made it a priority to clear the streets of snow and ice as efficiently as possible with the resources available.

The Village thanks residents for their patience and their participation in clearing stormwater inlets and culverts during the December weather-related events. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (630) 286-4750.

NEW BUSINESS
Rivendell Story Works
Media content production & editorial
125 55th Street —Suite 202C
Kenneth R. Hall
630/323-3348

VILLAGE BOARD ACTIONS

JANUARY 2009

Passage of Ordinances amending the Village Code regarding public ways, nuisance violations, building regulations, and Code enforcement.

Authorization to:

- (1) execute the Village Emergency Operations Plan;
- (2) execute the Notice of Appointment and Oath of Office for the Village Emergency Preparedness Coordinator;
- (3) execute the DuPage County Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement;
- (4) purchase a replacement vehicle for the Police Department;
- (5) accept the bid from Village Engineer Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd for the design, bidding and construction observation services for the water main project for Grant, Hudson, Churchill, and Juliet Court; and
- (6) award the bid to Thorne Electric, Inc. to provide and install an emergency power generator at the Public Works facility; and
- (7) accept the Fiscal Year 2009 General Fund budget transfer for salaries and associated benefits.

D.A.R.E. Lock-In

At Hinsdale Central High School

The twelfth annual D.A.R.E. Lock-In will be held on Saturday night, February 14th through Sunday morning, February 15th at Hinsdale Central High School. Registration starts at 8:30 p.m. with opening ceremonies at 9:00 p.m. The fifth grade D.A.R.E. students from Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills and Hinsdale will participate in a fun-filled night of DANCING, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, SOCCER, TUG-O-WAR, and D.D.R. ending on Sunday at 6:30 a.m. In addition to the activities planned, our supporters will provide pizza, chips, cookies and ice cream.

In the last twelve years, over 5,125 D.A.R.E. students from the area have enjoyed this outstanding night of fun and food. The Lock-In has helped reinforce D.A.R.E. lessons on how to have fun and meet new friends in a drug and violence free setting. The Lock-In is truly a community event that involves D.A.R.E. students interacting not only with other D.A.R.E. students but also with their D.A.R.E. officers, Hinsdale Central student volunteers and volunteers from the community. Volunteers for this event are still needed. If you are interested in helping with the Lock-In, please contact Officer Rick Talerico at 630 286-5472.

Winter Safety Tips

Outside Snow Dangers

The recent heavy snowfalls remind us to be mindful of the dangers associated with children playing adjacent to the street. Although it is great fun to create an igloo in these piles created by shoveling the driveway, it is also very dangerous. Snowplow drivers and other motorists may not see the children and grave injuries may occur.

Please educate your children of this danger and provide a safe environment for them to enjoy the winter season.

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

Organize Your Home: A Visit with "The Clutter Coach"

Monday, February 9th, 7 pm

Professional organizer Barbara Tischler shares her expertise on reducing stress, simplifying life and feeling more "in control" through organization.

Sponsored by The Friends of the Library

Call the library at 630-323-8188 to register for this free program.

The Big Read

The Big Read returns!

Come pick up your free resource guide to The Big Read 2009 featuring *Animal, Vegetable,*

Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver. Related programs ranging from gardening and cooking to music and art will begin in early March.

Big Read programs presented at the Clarendon Hills Library are sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

Lyric Opera of Chicago Lecture Series

Abduction from the Seraglio: Tuesday, February 24th, 7 pm

Lyric educator Virginia Jach shares the story and recorded musical selections from this final opera in the Lyric's 08-09 season.

Call the library at 630-323-8188 to register for this free program.

Film Series continues with Hitchcock Festival

Monday, February 23rd, 6:30 pm

Alfred Hitchcock festival continues with *Vertigo*.

Call the library at 630-323-8188 to register for this free screening. Refreshments will be served.

Coffee & Crosswords

Mondays, February 2nd and 16th 10 am – noon

Stop by for a cup of coffee, some good conversation and a round of Scrabble, Boggle, chess or your favorite card game.

No registration necessary. Refreshments will be served.

Calling all local civic organizations—Tell your story @ your library

Do you want to spread the word about a local organization you represent? Your library is offering the opportunity for local groups to host informal gatherings here. We'll provide the meeting space, coffee and snacks free of charge. Your organization will have the chance to share its story with a brief program or question and answer session. These "Community Conversations" can be scheduled in conjunction with our "Coffee & Crosswords" series on the first and third Monday mornings of each month. For more information or to request a date for your organization, call Library Director Peg Brandon at 630-323-8188.

Children's Corner

Children's Theatre of Western Springs presents:

Winnie-the-Pooh

Saturday, February 7th 2:00 pm

Children of all ages are invited to join their friends Winnie-the-Pooh, Tigger, Rabbit and Eeyore on some of their most exciting and endearing adventures.

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Please call the library at 630-323-8188 beginning February 2nd to register for this free program.

R.E.A.D. to the Dogs –Thursday, Feb. 5th, 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.

Registration begins February 2nd.

Winter Story times continue through February 21st

Baby Time (birth through 18 months with caregiver):

Mondays at 11 am

LapSit Story Time (under age 3 with caregiver): Wednesdays at 10 am OR 11 am

Preschool Story Time (3-5-year-olds): Tuesdays at 10 am OR 2 pm

No registration necessary for story times.

What They're Reading...

Book Discussion Groups

Kay Carlson Book Group

- Wednesday, February 4th, 10 am *Rector's Wife* by Joanna Trollope

- Wednesday, March 4th, 10 am *A Bell for Adano* by John Hersey

Thursday Night Readers

- Thursday, February 12th, 7 pm *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert

- Thursday, March 12th, 7 pm *Tender is the Night* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Game's Afoot Mystery Group

- Monday, February 16th, 7 pm *The Collaborator of Bethlehem* by Matt Beynon Rees

- Monday, March 16th, 7 pm *Borderlands* by Brian McGilloway

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 . . .

- An anonymous donor for an unrestricted gift.
- Jerry Gura for his cash donation.
- Elizabeth Wilcox for her cash donation.
- DVD sponsors: Judy Van Zanten, Lori Thompson, Veronica Stellmach, Jan MacLeod and Sue Ballou.
- The Clarendon Hills Lions Club for funds to purchase the large print books: *Scarpetta* by Patricia Cornwell, *Envy the Night* by Michael Koryta, *The Other Side of Silence* by Bill Pronzini, *Illegal Action* by Stella Rimington and *Running Hot* by Jayne Ann Krentz.
- The Maryann Smithson Memorial Fund for the purchase of a DVD Display Cabinet for the adult section.
- An anonymous donor for the purchase of a DVD Display Cabinet for the Youth Services Department.
- Carole Weisbecker for her donation of the book, *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World*.
- Suzette Hybert and the BP Fabric of America for providing funds for the purchase of the following non-fiction DVDs:

Passport to Europe: Germany, Switzerland &

Austria,

England, Ireland & Scotland,

Ballroom

Dancing Basics, Ballroom Dancing Made

Easy! and the following Rick Steves' travel episodes 2000-

2007: France & Benelux, Italy's Cities, Spain &

Portugal and Eastern Europe.

In memory of . . .

- Harriet M. Nelson a donation has been given to the Memorial Fund.
- Paul Maurer, the Children's DVDs, *Real Wheels: There Goes a Fire Truck* and *Firehouse Dog* have been added to the collection with a gift from Diane Maurer.

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February Meeting Schedule

- **Monday, February 2**
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 5**
Heritage Hall 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, February 9**
Park District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, February 16**
Village Office Closed - Presidents' Day
- **Tuesday, February 17**
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 19**
ZBA/Plan Commission 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, February 23**
Park District Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, February 24**
Operation Straight I.D. - Police Station 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 26**
Heritage Hall 3:00 p.m.

February 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.

Discussion of a road improvement program and financing for Juliet, Grant, Churchill, and Hudson. **Public Services Committee.** *Monday, February 2.*

Acceptance of the monthly treasurer's report for the month ending December 31, 2008. **Finance Committee and Village Board.** *Monday, February 16.*

Operation Straight ID

There are two Operation Straight I.D. classes scheduled for 2009. They will be held at the Clarendon Hills Police Department (448 Park Ave.) on **February 24th** and **April 21st**. 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.

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

New Account Numbers

For Village Water Bills

Effective January 23rd, the account numbers used for water billing were changed. New account numbers will appear 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.

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.