

Trustee Topics

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

June 2009

Message from the President and Board

Dear Fellow Clarendon Hills Residents,
As you are aware, the Village and the country as a whole are facing challenging economic times. Current projections indicate that next year may be even more challenging for the Village due to a very low rate of inflation. Since the Village is a tax-capped community, a low rate of inflation directly affects property tax revenues, which are a major source of revenue for the Village.

The downturn in the economy is also affecting Clarendon Hills' local businesses. As many of you may have already noticed, our newest restaurant, Soul, closed its doors in mid-May citing the economy as the reason for closing. In order to protect our remaining businesses and encourage the redevelopment of available commercial property in Clarendon Hills, we must all continue to patronize our local businesses. From health to gifts, books, cards, hardware, outdoor furniture, coffee, wine, dinner and dessert, etc. our CH businesses offer a unique selection of goods and services that we all purchase and use on a regular basis.

In addition to strengthening our local businesses, shopping and dining in Clarendon Hills contributes to the Village's resources as a portion of the sales tax collected on each purchase is returned to the Village. Of the 7.25% sales tax, 1% is returned to the Village and the remaining 6.25% is distributed between the State, County, Regional Transit Authority, and DuPage Water Commission.

Further, dining at one of the Village's wonderful restaurants contributes an additional 1% to the community through the places for eating tax. Combined, sales and places for eating taxes account for approximately \$600,000 of the Village's general operating budget which funds police, fire, emergency medical, and public works services. Please remember to support our businesses and our Village by shopping and dining regularly within Clarendon Hills.

Another opportunity to support our local businesses and our Village is during the 10th Annual Dancin' in the Street concert series. This free event was created by the Village to attract customers to our downtown businesses. This year, Fifth Third Bank is the lead sponsor, with additional support and sponsorship from our local Chamber of Commerce and other local businesses. Please remember to visit downtown Clarendon Hills this summer during the concert series which begins Wednesday, June 24th. For more information on the Dancin' in the Street concert series, please see the insert in this month's issue of *Trustee Topics*.

Best Regards,
Thomas F. Karaba, Village President

Community Needs Survey

We need your feedback!

On Monday, May 18th, the Village distributed the fifth annual Community Needs Survey to a random sample of 1,000 Clarendon Hills homes. The purpose of the survey is to provide the Village Board with resident feedback that will guide policy initiatives and will assist them with making decisions for the entire community. The survey features questions from each Village department and focuses on core services. If you received a 2009 survey, please take the time to complete the survey. Return the completed questionnaire in the provided postage-paid envelope at your earliest convenience, but not later than **Monday, June 29, 2009**. Remember, your opinion counts!

Call JULIE Before You Dig Dial 811

Call center representatives are available
24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For more information, please visit
www.illinois1call.com

2009-2010 Village Licenses

July 1st deadline for display of Vehicle Stickers

The Police Department, Village Hall, and Clarendon Hills Bank continue selling vehicle licenses during their business hours.

Please remember that Vehicle Stickers must be displayed by July 1, 2009. 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 \$10.00 for each animal. Bring in a current rabies inoculation certificate when you apply.

Mark Your Calendars!
Daisy Days: June 19th and 20th
Daisy Dash: June 21st



FIREWORKS - JULY 4TH, 9 P.M.
HINSDALE GOLF CLUB
BEST VIEWED FROM PROSPECT PARK



ZBA/Plan Commission

ZBA/Plan Meeting May - Cancelled

Agenda for June 18

No cases filed as of press time.

Foreclosure Information

What if there is a foreclosure in my neighborhood?

As an unfortunate side-effect of the economic situation in this country, home foreclosure rates have risen substantially. Clarendon Hills, while not as affected as some areas, has not been immune. If a home in your neighborhood is foreclosed and vacant, what should you do?

In a foreclosure, the bank takes control of a property when the owner can no longer pay the mortgage. The bank is then responsible for maintaining the property according to community standards, even though it may be vacant. Typically, it may take a matter of months to sell the property. If a vacant or foreclosed property is not being maintained, please report concerns to the Code Enforcement Officer at (630) 286-5434. Situations to look for include:

- overgrown grass or weeds
- junk, trash or debris
- broken, missing or open doors/windows
- stray animals
- accumulations of stagnant water

The code Enforcement Officer will contact the responsible party to perform required maintenance. If you notice suspicious activity on a foreclosed or vacant property, such as vandalism or trespassing, please call 9-1-1 and report it to the Police Department immediately.

The best way to prevent problems that come with foreclosures is to reduce the rate of foreclosures. If you or someone you know is concerned about possibly losing a home to foreclosure, you may receive advice from the DuPage Homeownership Center (www.dhoc.org). If you would like to learn about your rights as a homeowner or are concerned with possible fraud related to a mortgage or a mortgage rescue firm, you may find assistance with the Illinois Attorney General's Office (www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/homeowners_help.html).

Village Seeks Tree Sponsor

For Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

In past years, the Village acquired the donation of a live tree for the night of the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas Walk. Beginning in 2006, the search for a 20-25 foot tree became increasingly difficult. Since that time, the Village has implemented a sponsorship program for the tree. Past sponsors have been Dr. and Mrs. Mendlesohn and their children Brooke and Bradley (2007) and Bill and Mary Wilson of ERA Jensen and Feinstein (2008).

This year, the \$750 sponsorship will entitle you, your family, or your business to an official announcement at the 2009 Tree Lighting Ceremony, reference on all Tree Lighting materials distributed by the Village, and the opportunity to pull the switch at the ceremony and "light up" the tree.

If you are interested in being the official sponsor of the 2009 Tree Lighting Ceremony, please contact Jennifer Johnsen at (630) 286-5402 or jjohnsen@clarendonhills.us.

Village Board Actions, May

Appointments: Ken Hall and Richard Willis were appointed to the Special Events Committee. Richard Murphy was reappointed to the Police Pension Fund.

Passage of Ordinances: (1) creating a Class K liquor license; (2) authorizing the Village to borrow funds from the IEPA (replacing rescinded Ordinance 09-03-07); (3) amending Chapter 47, Section 47A.2 of the Village Code to make a clerical amendment; and (4) amending the fees to impound cats and dogs.

Adoption of Resolutions: (1) honoring Trustees Paul Flood and Don O'Toole; (2) authorizing the Village President or Manager to sign Public Water Supply Loan Program documents; (3) indicating the Village's intent to secure National Flood Insurance for IEPA projects; and (4) approving the annual Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for maintenance of streets and highways.

Village Board Approval to: (1) rescind Ordinance No. 09-03-07; (2) award the annual tree trimming and removal bid to Steven Piper and Sons, Inc.; (3) approve a License Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce and issue a temporary liquor license for Daisy Days; (4) issue a temporary liquor license for Dancin' in the Street; (5) reassign Village Board Committees; (6) reappoint department heads and independent contractors for FY 09-10; (7) appoint Trustees to the Local Liquor Commission; (8) appoint Trustees to succeed the Village President in emergency situations.

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.

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. Away from 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.

Daisy Days Police Squad Pull

Saturday, June 20th

On Saturday the 20th of June, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce Daisy Days celebration, the Clarendon Hills Police Department will be sponsoring a squad car pull. The squad car pull will be free and is open to all residents. Registration will be taken on site. For more information, contact the Police Department at (630) 286-5460.

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

BE CREATIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY THIS SUMMER!

Summer Storytimes for children from birth through age 5

- *Baby Time (18 months and under with adult): Mondays at 11 am*
- *LapSit (age 3 and under with adult): Wednesdays at 10 am OR 11 am*
- *Preschool (ages 3-5): Tuesdays at 10 am OR 2 pm*

No registration required for storytimes.

Children's Summer Reading Club and Programs

Summer Reading Club: June 8th through August 1st
Reading Buddies – June 15th – July 25th

Informational meeting for Big Reading Buddies (entering grade 6 and up) and parents of Li'l Reading Buddies (entering grades 1-2) on Thursday, June 11th, 7 pm. Register now at the Youth Services Desk or call the library at 630-323-8188.

Tiny Tot Art – Mondays at 10 am OR Wednesdays at 3:45 pm, June 15th – July 22nd

Children ages 18-30 months with an adult enjoy songs, a story and an art project.

Registration begins Monday, June 1st. (Limit 12 children per class.)

R.E.A.D. to the Dogs – Thursday, June 4th, 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.

Registration begins Monday, May 31st.

Monday Lunch Movie Matinee

Cool off on a hot summer day, bring your own lunch and enjoy a creative movie.

Monday, June 15th, 12:30 pm *The Muppet Movie (rated G)*

Monday, June 29th, 12:30 pm *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (rated PG)*

Sidewalk Chalk Art – June 25th, 2-4 pm

Turn the sidewalk outside the library into a work of art. Stop by and draw anytime between 2 and 4 pm.

Special Events for Children and Families

Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles – Wednesday, June 3rd, 7 pm at the Community House in Hinsdale

Enjoy this up-close, live, hands-on experience about reptiles and amphibians from around the world. Register now! (This is a joint program with Clarendon Hills, Hinsdale and Oak Brook libraries sponsored by the Clarendon Hills Friends of the Library.)

Time to Dance: Become a Swan – Friday, June 19th, 10-11:15 am

Emily Moser from Salt Creek Ballet will tell the story of The Ugly Duckling, teach dance steps and bring the characters of Swan Lake to life. A performance for parents will be held during the last 10 minutes of the class.

For students entering grades 2-5; 12 student limit. Registration begins June 1st.

Teen Volunteers Wanted

June 8th – August 1st, for students entering grades 6 and up Volunteer for a 2-hour weekly shift to help out with the summer reading club

Applications available at the Youth Services Desk now.

Summer Reading is not for children only—Adults are also invited to “Be Creative @ Your Library”

Adult Summer Reading – June 18th through August 27th

Again this year, adults (age 18 and up) are invited to fill out an entry slip each time they read a book for a chance at a prize. The more books you read the greater your chance to win a prize.

Creating a Memoir program – Tuesday, June 30th, 6:30 pm

Learn how to get started telling your life story.

Sponsored by The Friends of the Library. Register at the circulation desk or by phone at 630-323-8188. Space is limited.

Film Series continues the Creativity theme

Finding Neverland: Thursday, June 25th, 6:30 pm

Lust for Life: Thursday, July 23rd, 6:30 pm

Refreshments will be served. Call 630-323-8188 to register for these free screenings.

Burnham Plan Exhibit-Mid-June through August

The Clarendon Hills Library is partnering with the Newberry Library and the Burnham Plan Centennial Committee to offer this exhibit of drawings, photographs and information about the famous “Plan of Chicago.” For more information on the Burnham Centennial celebration, visit www.burnhamplan100.org

Community Art Exhibit – July 1st through August 31st

We invite all artists age 18 and up to “Be Creative @ Your Library” by submitting paintings, drawings, photographs, etc. to be a part of our “Community Art Exhibit.”

Please note that the library reserves the right of refusal of any piece. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, June 24th.

For more information, please call the library at 630-323-8188.

Annual Daisy Days Book Sale – Thursday, June 18th through Saturday, June 20th

Thursday, June 18th, 2 pm – 8 pm: Patron Preview (must have Clarendon Hills Library card with you!)

Friday and Saturday, June 19-20, 10 am – 3 pm: open to the public

What They're Reading...Book Discussion Groups

The Game's Afoot Mystery Group

- Monday, June 15th, 7 pm *The Book of Air and Shadows* by Michael Gruber

- Monday, July 20th: Twelfth anniversary celebration-details TBA

Thursday Night Readers

- Thursday, June 11th, 7 pm *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel

- Thursday, July 9th, 7 pm *1776* by David McCullough

Recent Gifts and Memorials

- **Thank you to** The Children of the '08 - '09 class of Community Presbyterian Church and Preschool for the book *It's Okay to Be Different* by Todd Parr.
- **In memory of Harriet Nelson**, the forty-four volume set of *Presidents of the U. S. A* has been purchased for the Youth Services Department.

Watch your mailbox for the summer issue of the library newsletter, **Books, Bytes & Beyond** for more details on library programs.

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Village Clerk - Dawn Tandle - Ext. 5403

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June Meeting Schedule

- **Monday, June 1**
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, June 8**
Park District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, June 9**
Mosquito Abatement 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, June 15**
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, June 18**
ZBA/Plan Commission 7:30 p.m.
- **Friday, June 19 & Saturday, June 20**
Daisy Days
- **Sunday, June 21**
Daisy Dash
- **Monday, June 22**
Park District Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, June 24**
Dancin' in the Street Concert

June 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.

Creation of an Infrastructure Committee for the Village of Clarendon Hills. **Village Board, Monday, June 1.**

Appointment of committee members to the Village's Infrastructure Committee. **Village Board, Monday, June 1.**

Authorization to issue a liquor license to The Birches.

Community and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee and **Village Board, Monday, June 1**

Acceptance of the monthly treasurer's report for the month ending April 30, 2009. **Finance Committee and Village Board, Monday, June 1.**

New Fall Print

Matted and Framed Village Prints

By Hinsdale Artist Meg Morel

Available for purchase at

Village Hall (lower level)

and

Select Downtown Shops

To benefit the Clarendon Hills Historical Society

**Be Sure to Check Out the Insert in This Issue of Trustee Topics
for Details of This Summer's "Dancin' In The Street" Concert Series
Beginning June 24
and Running Through August 12**

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
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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.