

Trustee Topics

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

March 2009

Message from the President and Board

Dear Fellow Clarendon Hills Residents:

After nearly 20 years, the Village is preparing to implement a road improvement program for the following streets: Juliet, Churchill, Grant, and Hudson. The Village Board has agreed to pursue the creation of two special service areas (SSAs) for the improvement of these streets. Each SSA will be used to fund 60% of the cost and the remaining 40% will be funded by the Village.

All of the other streets in the Village have been improved already as part of the Village's five year comprehensive road rebuilding program that began in 1995. The 1995 - 2000 road program was also financed through the use of multiple SSAs and funded through a 60% contribution from the affected residents and a 40% contribution from the Village. At that time, Juliet, Churchill, Grant, and Hudson streets were not included in the road improvement program since they had been recently improved and served as early prototypes for the Village-wide road improvement program. As prototypes, these roads were improved to higher standards than the 1995 program and were funded 100% by the Village.

The Village is also proposing to replace the existing gravel shoulders along the affected areas of Juliet, Churchill, Grant, and Hudson with a 2 foot concrete shoulder. Although, the installation of concrete shoulders has a higher initial cost, projections indicate that our current gravel shoulders will ultimately cost 25% more than concrete shoulders over the next 45 years. The cost savings results from the ability of the concrete shoulders to extend the life of the roads by better securing the edges of the pavement.

The replacement of gravel shoulders with concrete shoulders is also being pursued by the Village in response to persistent concerns and complaints from our residents about the gravel shoulders. In response to these comments, the Village surveyed residents in 2008 regarding road design options. Survey results indicated that 49% of respondents would prefer to maintain the current gravel shoulder and culvert system. However, there was significant interest in pursuing concrete shoulders (30.7%) and in pursuing a curb, gutter, and stormwater system (12.9%). Since 43.6% of respondents would prefer some improvement over the current system and concrete shoulders result in long-term savings, the Village Board decided to pursue the installation of concrete shoulders in the rebuilding of the streets on Juliet, Churchill, Grant, and Hudson. Over time, it is our intention to eventually replace all gravel shoulders with concrete shoulders as other Village roads are repaired and improved.

Concrete shoulders have been used in many municipalities including Oakbrook Terrace and Downers Grove. In addition to long-term cost savings, the concrete shoulders also provide a number of immeasurable benefits including:

- Improve the aesthetic appeal of the streetscape, which may improve marketability and property values.
- Create a defined edge of pavement that should result in fewer tire ruts.
- Require less parkway maintenance for homeowners.
- Improve street drainage since less gravel will migrate into the ditch lines and culverts.
- Reduce loose gravel on the streets and in intersections, and eliminate drop-offs between the street and shoulder.

During the road improvement program and the installation of the concrete shoulders, the Village will also be replacing the water mains on Hudson and Juliet. These water mains are over 70 years old and are scheduled for replacement. This water main replacement will be funded 100% by the Village through the capital reserves in the water fund.

We are currently putting together a project schedule, so check the local newspapers and www.clarendonhills.us about the dates and locations of upcoming meetings. The Village will notify the property owners in each proposed SSA of an open house and public hearing that will be held during March and April, and these meetings will also be open to all residents.

Best Regards,

Thomas F. Karaba, Village President

NEW ON THE WEB

SSA Road Program Information

Juliet, Churchill, Grant, and Hudson

www.clarendonhills.us/SSARoadImprovements2009.cfm

Chicago Tribune – Trib Local for Clarendon Hills

www.triblocal.com/Clarendon_Hills

**Please note: The March 2
Village Board meeting
has been rescheduled to
Wednesday, March 4.**



**Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday March 8 • Turn Your Clocks Forward One Hour.
Make sure you're protected. When you change your clock to daylight-saving time,
change the batteries in your smoke detectors.**



ZBA/Plan Commission

Zoning Activity February 19

Case #436 - Text Amendment for front yard setback on 1 block of Rose Place - continued to March 19.

Agenda for March 19

Case #436 - continued from February 19 meeting.

Help Prevent the Spread of the Emerald Ash Borer

Do Not Move Ash Firewood

As the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) continues to spread throughout Illinois, the Village of Clarendon Hills would like to remind you that the transportation of ash firewood is prohibited by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has quarantined the entire State of Illinois from moving Ash products outside the state. Moreover, the 18 northeastern-most counties of Illinois including DuPage County are restricted from intrastate movement of ash products. The quarantines prohibit the removal of the following items from the respective quarantine areas:

- The EAB in any living stage of development
- Ash trees of any size
- Ash limbs and branches
- Any cut, non-coniferous firewood
- Bark from ash trees and wood chips larger than one inch from ash trees
- Ash logs and lumber with either the bark or the outer one inch of sapwood, or both, attached
- Any item made from or containing the wood of the ash tree that is capable of spreading the EAB
- Any other article, product or means of conveyance determined by the Illinois Department of Agriculture to present a risk of spreading the beetle infestation

Anyone convicted of moving prohibited items from the quarantine areas without prior certification by an Illinois Department of Agriculture nursery inspector may be fined up to \$500.

The EAB is a metallic green beetle that is 1/2" long and 1/8" wide. If you have ash trees on or near your property, please be aware of this threat. If you discover an EAB, please contact the Public Works Department at (630) 286-4750.

Village Board Actions, February

Passage of an Ordinance amending Chapter 47 of the Village Code regarding the Simplified Municipal Telecommunication Tax.

Approval of: (1) a First Amendment to the Lobbying Services Agreement between the Village and Alfred G. Ronan, Ltd.; (2) issuance of a temporary liquor license to Notre Dame Parish for its annual fish fry on February 27, 2009; (3) the proposed 2009 SSA Road Program (South – Churchill, Grant, and Hudson; North – Juliet Ct.) and authorization to initiate public meetings with residents who are projected to be included in the scope of the project; (4) the proposals from Village Engineer Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for design and bidding assistance associated with the 2009 SSA Road Program; and (5) the proposals from Village Engineer Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for design and bidding assistance associated with the water main replacements on N. Jackson, Naperville, Ogden, Woodstock, and Park.

Adoption of Resolutions: (1) authorizing the retention and release of certain Executive Session minutes (semi-annual review); and (2) adopting the positions, goals, and principles of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference's 2009 Legislative Action Program.

Block Parties

As Spring Approaches

It's time to start planning your neighborhood block party! With Spring approaching, now is the time to start thinking about submitting your request for your block party.

To ensure safety and honor requests for visits by the police and fire departments, a maximum of four block parties on each Saturday and each Sunday will be permitted. Block party requests will also be evaluated geographically to avoid potential traffic problems.

We will make every effort to accommodate your request. However, on occasion residents may be asked to consider an alternate date, so do your planning early.

Permits are required to close a street for a block party. As a reminder, there is no fee for a block party permit. Block party applications are available at the Village Hall or on the Village website, www.clarendonhills.us.

PLANTING PARTNERS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Special Discounted Prices

For the sixth consecutive year, the Village of Clarendon Hills is pleased to offer residents and local businesses a chance to become involved in the Planting Partners Program. The Planting Partners Program allows residents and businesses to sponsor a planted pot that will be placed around downtown Clarendon Hills. This successful planting partnership helps to showcase residents, businesses, organizations, and the downtown.

This year, the Village has lowered the price of the sponsorship to make it more affordable during this economic downturn.

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

The Big Read returns!

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):

The Tomato Lady Speaks

Tuesday, March 10th, 7:00 pm

Aggie Nehmzow (aka The Tomato Lady) shares her wisdom on raising the number one garden crop—tomatoes

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.

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.

Please refer to The Big Read resource guide or go to www.thebigread.org for more program information.

All Big Read programs are open to all patrons of all participating libraries.

March Madness/April Fools Book and Magazine Giveaway

Thursday, March 26th through Wednesday, April 1st

Once again, we're spring cleaning to make room for new books and magazines. Everything is free for the taking!

Come up to the meeting room anytime during normal library hours and browse.

Film Series continues

Monday, March 9th, 6:30 pm

The Other Boleyn Girl

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

Coffee & Crosswords

Mondays, March 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.

Childrens' Corner

Spring Story Times begin March 16th

All story times run March 16th 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

Mondays at 10 am; March 16th through April 20th

Come with your tiny tot for songs, a story, and an art project. For children 18-30 months with an adult.

Registration begins March 2nd. Limit: 12 children

R.E.A.D. to the Dogs – Thursday, March 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 and

make a new friend by reading to a trained therapy dog. Dogs and handlers are provided by the Hinsdale Humane Society. Registration begins March 2nd.

What They're Reading...Book Discussion Groups

Thursday Night Readers

- Thursday, March 12th, 7 pm **Tender is the Night** by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Thursday, April 9th, 7 pm **Three Cups of Tea** by Greg Mortensen

The Game's Afoot Mystery Group

- Monday, March 16th, 7 pm **Borderlands** by Brian McGilloway
- Monday, April 20th, 7 pm **Gorky Park** by Martin Cruz Smith

Kay Carlson Book Group

- Wednesday, March 4th, 10 am **A Bell for Adano** by John Hersey
- Wednesday, April 1st, 10 am **The Invisible Wall: A Love Story that Broke Barriers** by Harry Bernstein

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 . . .

- Jerry Gura and the Amsted Industries Foundation for funds to purchase the books, **Battle at Sea**, by R. G. Grant. and **Hubble: Imagining Space and Time**
- Elizabeth Wilcox for funding the purchase of **Pippi Longstocking**
- DVD sponsors Megan Balderston, for **The Magic School Bus: Human Body**, in honor of James & Celia Balderston and Jan MacLeod for her sponsorship of **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**, in honor of Kate & Mary MacLeod
- The Clarendon Hills Lions Club for funds to purchase the large print books: **Mounting Fears** by Stuart Woods, **A Cure for Night** by Justin Peacock, and **Tsar** by Ted Bell.
- Jim and Janet Kolzow for funds to purchase **Planthropology: Myths, Mysteries and Miracles of my Garden Favorites** by Ken Druse, **Animal Life** and **Our Living Earth** by Yann Arthus-Bertrand.
- Ed and Maureen Schell for a gift to purchase the book, **Sauces: Classical and Contemporary Sauce Making** by James Peterson in celebration of Ray and Patricia Potucek's Fiftieth Anniversary.

In memory of . . .

- Harriet M. Nelson, the book **Drawing Birds with Colored Pencils**, by Kaaren Poole has been purchased with a gift from the Memorial Fund.
- William Annes, **Is God a Mathematician?** by Mario Livio has been given by an anonymous Donor.
- Vivian Mizia, the books, **Take Me Back: A Trip Through History from the Stone Age to the Digital Age** and **Trees & Forests of America** have been purchased with a gift from the Memorial Fund.
- Rosalie Rohozka, the book **Antarctica: Secrets of the Southern Continent**, has been purchased with a gift from the Memorial Fund.
- Marian Hayward, **The Prayer Shawl Companion: 38 Knitted Designs to Embrace, Inspire & Celebrate Life** has been purchased with Memorial Funds.

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Paul Flood - Ext. 5422
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Paul Pedersen - Ext. 5424
Diane Robertson - Ext. 5425
Steve Wallace - Ext. 5426

Village Clerk - Dawn Tandle - Ext. 5403

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March Meeting Schedule

- **Monday, March 2**
Village Board Meeting rescheduled to Wednesday, March 4
- **Wednesday, March 4**
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, March 9**
Park District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 11**
Special Events Committee 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, March 16**
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 18**
Historical Society 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 19**
ZBA/Plan Commission 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, March 23**
Park District Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Seasonal Employees Wanted

Public Works Department

The Village of Clarendon Hills Public Works Department is seeking seasonal summer help. Hours are Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with occasional Wednesday evenings. Applicants are required to have a physical and drug screen upon hire. The job will consist of lawn mowing as well as other public works related duties. Applicant must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license. Applications are available at the Public Works Facility located at 452 Park Avenue during office hours or by contacting our office at (630) 286-4750.

March 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.

Authorization to participate in the FY 2009-2010 State Bulk Rock Salt Joint Purchase. **Public Services Committee** and **Village Board**. *Wednesday, March 4.*

Award of bid for in place sewer lining for Arthur Avenue. **Public Services Committee** and **Village Board**. *Wednesday, March 4.*

Acceptance of the monthly treasurer's report for the month ending January 31, 2009. **Finance Committee** and **Village Board**. *Monday, March 16.*



2009 ELECTION

The 2009 Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7. Residents will be notified by mail of their voting precincts. If residents do not receive notification, or would like to obtain additional information, please contact the DuPage County Election Commission at 630-682-7440 or visit their website at: www.dupageelections.com.

You may register to vote at the Village Hall or at the DuPage County Election Commission in Wheaton up to, and including, March 10.

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.