

Trustee Topics

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

May 2009

Message from the President and Board

Dear Fellow Clarendon Hills Residents,

It is with deep gratitude and appreciation that I wish Trustees Donald O'Toole and Paul Flood farewell as they step down from the Village Board on Monday, May 18th.

Don O'Toole has served as a dedicated Trustee of the Village for the last eight years. During his terms as Trustee, Don served as Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Finance Committee and Land Use Committee. In these roles, Don has contributed his expertise and professionalism to the Village and championed the expansion of the retail sales tax base and redevelopment in the Village.

In addition to serving two terms as Trustee, Don served as Village Board liaison to the Heritage Hall Committee and as a member of the Local Liquor Commission. Don also served as a member and later Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission from 1970 – 1990 and as a member of the Economic Development Committee.

Paul Flood has served as a dedicated Trustee of the Village for the last nine years. During his terms as Trustee, Paul served as both Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Administrative/Legislative Committee, Public Services Committee, and Public Safety Committee. In these roles, Paul demonstrated the highest level of professionalism and contributed his expertise as a civil engineer.

In addition to serving two terms as Trustee, Paul served as Village Board liaison to the Heritage Hall Committee and as a member of the Local Liquor Commission. Paul has also been an active member of community organizations too numerous to list.

Both Don and Paul have faithfully and diligently served the Village. They will truly be missed. The good news is that they aren't moving away, or dropping out, or otherwise intending to ignore us. No – they are simply shifting their time to other organizations and groups within the Village of Clarendon Hills and the greater community. So for some time to come, we will continue to enjoy their company and be able to call upon them and benefit from their skills and many talents.

Thank you Don. Thank you Paul. It has been my honor and my pleasure to serve with you as a member of the Village Board.

With their departure, I am excited to welcome Mary Williams and Ed Reid to the Village Board.

Mary Williams has served on the Clarendon Hills Park Board for the last twelve years. Mary has also served as the Executive Director of the Hinsdale Humane Society, been actively involved with the Clarendon Hills Park Foundation, and currently works for Drake Realtors in downtown Clarendon Hills.

Ed Reid comes to the Village with past experience on the Village's Economic Development Committee and co-founder and President of the Men's club at Notre Dame Parish. Ed is currently

a managing partner of Wellington Capital Marketing.

Again, it is with a heartfelt appreciation that I say goodbye to Don and Paul and welcome Mary and Ed to the Village Board.

Best Regards,

Thomas F. Karaba, Village President

NEW ON THE WEB

2008 Fire Department Annual Report

www.clarendonhills.us/Fire.cfm

Dancin' in the Street Concert Dates & Information

www.clarendonhills.us/Concerts.cfm

2009-2010 Village Licenses

Application Inserted into This Issue of Trustee Topics

The Police Department will be accepting vehicle license applications beginning May 1, 2009. The Police Station (448 Park Avenue) Business Hours are as follows: M- F: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sat: 8: a.m. – 12 noon.

The Village Hall and Clarendon Hills Bank will also be 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.

Sprinkling Regulations

Summer Hours

State regulations require Clarendon Hills and other communities that receive Lake Michigan water to restrict outdoor water use between May 15th and September 15th.

Residents **south** of the Burlington tracks may sprinkle on **odd** numbered days and residents **north** of the tracks on **even** numbered days. No watering is allowed anywhere in the Village between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Permits for watering newly installed lawns and landscaping are available for a fee of \$25.00 payable at the Village Hall, 1 N. Prospect Avenue. For information, contact the Village at 286-5400.

ZBA/Plan Commission

ZBA/Plan Meeting April 16 - Cancelled

Agenda for May 21

No cases filed as of press time.

Refuse Amnesty Day

Annual Event is Monday, May 18th

(South of 55th Street is Wednesday, May 20th)

The Refuse Amnesty Day 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. This program is for single-family residences only. Amnesty Day is a one-time annual event. If you miss the pick-up, it will not be rescheduled.

Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of their accumulated unwanted items free of charge - no stickers required. The following guidelines apply:

- All materials must be bundled or in a container, with the exception of bulk items.
- Bulk items such as couches, chairs, lamps, bicycles and all major appliances are acceptable.
- Construction material is limited to two cubic yards (about eight 33-gallon sized cans). Loose construction material will not be accepted. All construction material must be placed in containers weighing not more than 50 pounds or bundled, not weighing more than 50 pounds per bundle. All nails must be removed or bent over to prevent injury to the pick-up crews.
- All refuse for Amnesty Day must be placed at the curb.
- Refuse should not be set out earlier than one-half hour before sunset on the day before collection and empty containers are to be removed from the parkway not later than 8 p.m. on the day of collection.

Yard waste is not included in Amnesty Day and is handled through normal procedures. Each bundle or bag of yard waste must be tagged with a yard waste sticker.

Household hazardous waste may be disposed of at the permanent facility in Naperville, 1971 Brookdale Road. For more information about household hazardous waste please call the DuPage County Hazardous Waste Hotline at (630) 510-2810 or visit earth911.org.

Please Control Your Pets

Avoid Problems

Please ensure that your pets are under control at all times. Dogs must be restrained at all times. Any animal shall be deemed under restraint if it is under the control of a leash, a securely enclosed premise, or a person who is capable of managing and controlling such animal by command.

Per Village ordinance, no person shall disturb the peace and quiet of any other person by creating excessive noise. Excessive noise includes barking or howling dogs or cats. Dog and cat excrement must be removed from all public or private property not owned by the animal owner.

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner.

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

Village Board Actions, April

Passage of Ordinances: (1) adopting the inclusion of domestic partner benefits in the Village's Personnel and Procedures Manual; (2) proposing the establishment of Special Service Area Number 15 to fund the cost of reconstructing portions of Churchill Place, Grant Avenue, and Hudson Avenue; (3) adopting the Annual Budget 2009-10; and (4) amending the Village Zoning Code regarding minimum front yard requirements in the R-1 Single-Family Dwelling Residential District.

Adoption of Resolutions: (1) supporting a comprehensive State Capital Infrastructure Program; and (2) approving a one-year contract with Attorney Linda Pieczynski for local prosecutorial services.

Authorization to: (1) award the bid for the Hudson Avenue water main replacement project to Trine Construction Corporation; and (2) issue a raffle license for the May 8, 2009 Salt Creek Ballot raffle.

Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget

Effective May 1st

At the April 20th meeting, the Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget. The budget was reviewed by the Village Board at a special workshop held on March 7th and a public hearing was conducted on April 20th. A complete copy of this budget is available for your review at the Clarendon Hills Public Library.

Although the Village remains financially stable, the downturn in the economy has presented the Village with many challenges this fiscal year. General Fund revenues, providing for the core operations of the Village, are projected to increase by just 1.8% to \$5.83 million. These revenues include property tax, licenses, permits, sales tax, income tax, service charges, fines, interest earnings, and grants.

Property tax revenues, which remain the primary source of General Fund revenues at 54%, increased 6.1% from the prior year. This increase includes the 4.1% Consumer Price Index (CPI) at year end 2007 and 2% from new construction. Property tax rates are based on the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) of property in the Village. This EAV is determined using three years of real estate data. Beginning next year, the Village anticipates a decline in the EAV which may increase the Village's property tax rate for the first time since a steady decline that began more than 15 years ago.

General Fund expenditures increased by 1.8%, while expenditures for the Village's core operations decreased by 1.2%. A serious commitment was made by the Village to reduce costs to balance the budget while maintaining vital services. Capital Projects highlights for 2009-10 include road improvements to Churchill, Grant, and the 200 block of Hudson, and the replacement of water main on the 200 block of Hudson. The Village has applied for stimulus funding from the Federal Government to fund the replacement of additional water mains.

Based on current projections, the recession will significantly affect Village revenues for the next two to three years. The Village will continue to closely monitor the budget throughout the fiscal year and seek grants and sponsorships from outside sources to offset expenditure levels. The Village has prepared for these tough financial times by adamantly holding the line on expenditure and service levels in prior years while enjoying broad economic growth.

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

Programs for Adults @ Your Library

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.

The Big Read concludes

What's in a Label? - Monday, May 4th, 7 pm

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. (*Very limited seating available—call the library at 630-323-8188 to register.*)

Special Event: Organic Eating Fair – Thurs., May 7th 7 pm *Held at Ashton Place, 341 75th Street, Willowbrook*

Enjoy the music of February Sky (traditional, modern and original folk and Celtic music) as you discover how easy and delicious it can be to eat organically. Experts from Healthy Dining Chicago will share simple and practical ideas for how to make nutritious eating part of your lifestyle. *Pick up your free ticket at the library today.*

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

"W" Monday, May 18th, 6:30 pm

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

Commemorative brick installation scheduled for June

Each year we add new engraved paver bricks to the walkway of our Remembrance Garden. To order a personalized brick to honor a loved one or commemorate a special occasion such as a birthday or a graduation, please fill out one of the request forms located on the table next to the library entrance, or ask a librarian. Requests received by Saturday, May 30th will be included in this summer's installation.

Why should kids have all the fun? Watch for information on Summer Reading programs for adults next month.

Children's Corner

Be Creative @ Your Library this summer! The Summer Reading Club will be held from June 8th – August 1st. All Story Times and other programs will begin June 15th.

Registration forms for Reading Buddies and Teen Volunteers will be available in the Youth Services Department beginning Tuesday, May 12th. Li'l Reading Buddies (entering Grades

1-2) and Big Reading Buddies (entering Grades 6 and up) will be paired up to read with each other for 30 minutes each week. Teen Volunteers (entering Grades 6 and up) will work for 2 hours each week helping with the Summer Reading Club. Watch for the full Summer Reading Brochure for all the fun events this summer!

What They're Reading...

Book Discussion Groups

Kay Carlson Book Group

- Wednesday, May 6th, 10 am ***The World of Animals*** by Aryn Kyle
- ***Happy Summer!*** *The Kay Carlson Book Group resumes in October.*

Thursday Night Readers

- Thursday, May 14th, 7 pm ***March*** by Geraldine Brooks
- Thursday, June 11th, 7 pm ***Galileo's Daughter*** by Dava Sobel

The Game's Afoot Mystery Group

- Monday, May 18th, 7 pm ***The Big Over Easy*** by Jasper Fforde
- Monday, June 15th, 7 pm ***The Book of Air and Shadows*** by Michael Gruber

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 their matching gift for funds to purchase the books: ***Ski Atlas of the World: the Complete Reference to the Best Resorts*** and ***The Encyclopedia of Earth: A Complete visual Guide.***
- The Clarendon Hills Lions Club for funds to purchase the large print books: ***Night and Day*** by Robert B. Parker, and ***Promises in Death*** by J. D. Robb.
- Jim and Janet Kolzow for funds to purchase ***A Jury of Her Peers: American Women Writers from Anne Bradstreet to Annie Proulx*** by Elaine Showalter.
- Robert Lawler for a gift used to purchase the book, ***In Lincoln's Hand: His Original Manuscripts.***
- Connie Miller for the book, ***House of Cards.***

The following books have been purchased with gifts from the Memorial Fund in Memory of...

- Vivian Mizia, ***Owls of North America***
- Mary Ann Smithson, ***European Tapestries in the Art Institute of Chicago.***
- Rosalie Rohozka, ***Art and Love in Renaissance Italy***
- Margaret Wearne, ***Storybook Treasury of Dick and Jane and Friends, The World of Dick and Jane and Friends. Fun with Our Family, and Fun Wherever We Are.***

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Village Clerk - Dawn Tandle - Ext. 5403

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May Meeting Schedule

- **Monday, May 4**
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, May 11**
Park District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 12**
Mosquito Abatement 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, May 18**
Amnesty Day
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 20**
Amnesty Day South of 55th Street
Historical Society 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, May 21**
ZBA/Plan Commission 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, May 25**
Memorial Day, Village Offices Closed

May 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.

Acceptance of the monthly treasurer's report for the month ending March 31, 2009. **Finance Committee** and **Village Board. Monday, May 4.**

Award of bid for tree trimming and removals. **Public Services Committee** and **Village Board. Monday, May 4.**

Public Hearing on the proposed establishment of Special Service Area Number 15 in the Village of Clarendon Hills. **Village Board. Monday, May 4.**

Approval of a proclamation declaring May 5, 2009 as "Crossing Guard Appreciation Day" in the Village of Clarendon Hills. **Village Board. Monday, May 4.**

Appointment of committee members to the Village's Special Events Committee. **Village Board. Monday, May 4.**



Monday, May 25 Memorial Day Village Offices Closed



2009 Dancin' in the Street

Mark Your Calendar and Get Out Your Lawn Chairs!

The schedule for the 2009 summer concert series sponsored by **Fifth Third Bank** is as follows:

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| June 24: Souled Out Funk (Funk & Dance) | July 22: Hurricane Gumbo (Zydeco & Louisiana Party Music) |
| July 1: Underwater People (Classic to Modern Rock & Pop) | July 29: Heartache Tonight (Eagles Tribute Band) |
| July 8: Gizzae (Reggae) | August 5: Sugar Creek Road (Americana & Country Cover Band) |
| July 15: Neveryly Brothers (50s & 60s Rock n' Roll) | August 12: Chicago Catz (Dance & Party) |

Food beginning at 6:30 p.m. Music from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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
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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.