

# Trustee Topics

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

November 2009

## Message from the President and Board

Dear Fellow Clarendon Hills Residents,  
This summer, the Village conducted the fifth annual Community Needs Survey. As in the past four years, the Village randomly distributed surveys to 1,000 households in Clarendon Hills. This year, the Village achieved a response rate of 38.4% and has received more than 1,800 completed surveys since the program began in 2005. An insert featuring the highlights of the 2009 survey is included in this month's issue of *Trustee Topics*. The complete results are available on the Village's website at [www.clarendonhills.us/admin.cfm](http://www.clarendonhills.us/admin.cfm) and are on file at the Clarendon Hills Library.

As you may have read about in last month's issue of *Trustee Topics*, the Village recently completed the SSA road improvement program for Grant, Churchill, and the 200 block of Hudson. This road program included the incorporation of concrete shoulders into the design. The Village will be evaluating the concrete shoulder design and we welcome any feedback you may have. It is the Village's intent to replace all of the gravel shoulders with concrete shoulders as roads are due for improvement. This holiday season, the Village has partnered with the Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce to remind residents to shop in Clarendon Hills and support our local businesses. By promoting The 3/50 Project which has been embraced all over the nation, the Village and Chamber are hoping to spur the local economy and ensure the survival of our local businesses during these challenging economic times. Please see this month's insert on The 3/50 Project and become an active supporter today!

Also, as the holiday season approaches, do not forget to place the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas Walk on your calendar for Friday, December 4th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This year, the Village has planted a tree on the front lawn of the Village Hall that will serve as the annual holiday tree. Although the tree is not yet as tall or large as the holiday tree of past years, the tree will grow and will serve the Village for many years. Most importantly, the planting of the tree will prevent the Village from cutting down a mature evergreen each year, and will therefore help to protect our environment and our natural resources. Thank you for supporting the Village in this important "green" initiative.

Best Regards,  
Thomas F. Karaba, Village President

### NEW ON THE WEB WANT TO RECEIVE YOUR TRUSTEE TOPICS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

To Register: **Visit the Village's website at  
[www.clarendonhills.us](http://www.clarendonhills.us)**

Please note that a printed copy of the newsletter will continue to be delivered to all residences in Clarendon Hills. Newsletters are delivered by postal route and therefore the Village cannot remove an individual address from the distribution list.

**For more information, contact Jennifer Johnsen  
at (630) 286-5402.**

## Snow Regulations

### Some Important Winter Reminders

If snow is in the weather forecast, it is a good idea to park your vehicles off the street. Vehicles cannot be parked on Village streets (or any other place where they would interfere with snow removal) during a snowfall of 2 inches or more and for 12 hours after it ends. This includes all motor vehicles and all streets. Vehicles on the streets may be ticketed and/or towed.

Additionally, it is against Village Ordinance to pile snow within 5' of a fire hydrant or deposit snow into the street. If your driveway is plowed, this snow must be piled on your own parkway and not your neighbor's.

When snow falls, Village crews first spread salt at intersections, curves, hills, stop signs and fire hydrants. Work starts on the main streets, including the Central Business District, and then continues onto the side streets. Build-up of snow is monitored until plowing is necessary and as many passes as needed are made on each street depending on the severity of the storm.

**Due to this year's high cost of road salt and regional concerns about availability, crews may be supplementing the road salt this season with other snow and ice control materials. The additional materials will include sand and liquid calcium chloride. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Public Works Department at (630) 286-4750.**



**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**2:00 A.M. Sunday, November 1st**

**Be Sure To Set Your Clock Back One Hour and  
Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries.**



**Villages Offices Closed**

**In Observance of  
Veterans' Day  
Wednesday, November 11**



**Thanksgiving Holiday  
Thursday & Friday,  
November 26 & 27**

## ZBA/Plan Commission

ZBA/Plan Meeting October 15

Workshop—impervious surface ratio regulations

Agenda for November 19

Workshop—impervious surface ratio regulations

## Prevent Flooding By Promoting Drainage

### Help Keep Culverts and Inlets Clean

Leaves and other debris are the major reason for unnecessary local flooding that occurs in the late fall, winter and early spring. This flooding frequently results from leaves and debris that block drainage culverts and storm water inlets which are located downstream. Blockages in the culverts and inlets can completely block the flow of water and result in flooding.

There are a number of preventative measures that residents can take to limit the amount of unnecessary flooding, ponding, and freezing of storm water in the drainage swales.

- **During fall and spring, rake and remove all leaves and other debris in your parkway or curb-line and dispose of properly.** The annual free fall leaf pick-up service starts Monday, October 5th and will continue each Monday through November 30th. Leaves placed in biodegradable paper yard waste bags or placed loosely in trash containers will not require yard waste stickers during this period.
- **Routinely keep drainage culverts and inlet grates clean and free from significant debris.** Due to their location in landscaped areas, some drainage culverts and inlet grates are prone to blockage. Please clean these areas routinely and ensure that they are clear of debris before, during and after a significant rainfall event.  
Although Public Works staff routinely inspects the inlet grates and culverts throughout the Village, there are over 1,000 inlets and 2,400 culverts which makes it very difficult to provide timely attention during a heavy rainfall.
- **If you have a drainage swale in your parkway, routinely inspect the storm water flow and make improvements as necessary.** Silt and mulching of the grass will slowly create a buildup in the drainage swale. If dealt with annually, it should be a small task to keep the water flowing. If you use a landscape contractor, please make them aware of this drainage issue.
- **Do not pile snow where it will block the inlet grate or drainage culvert in your parkway.** The freeze-thaw cycles we frequently experience throughout the winter can create an ice-dam that will block the drainage.

Please remember that although your property may not be directly affected because you are upstream on higher ground, your leaves and debris may travel downstream and have an adverse effect on your neighbors.

**Relocated Business**  
**Scapa Italian Kitchen**  
One Walker Avenue  
323-7000

## Village Board Actions, October

Passage of Ordinances: (1) amending the Village's Building Code to repeal local amendments that prohibit the use of wood shakes or shingles to cover exterior walls of homes or buildings; (2) authorizing the sale of surplus items owned/recovered by the Police Department through a live auction during the Fire/Police Departments Open House.

Authorization to: (1) overturn a ZBA/PC recommendation to approve special use permits for automobile repair and used automobile sales at 419 Ogden Avenue; (2) award the 2009/10 snow removal bid to C-Green landscaping; (3) approve the fiscal year end 2008/09 Fund Balance transfer; (4) issue a raffle license to Notre Dame School; (5) accept the bill of sale for completed watermains and storm sewers in Borchardt's 3rd Subdivision and to accept a reduced letter of credit; and (6) award the contract for the various watermain replacement projects to Trine Construction Corporation, subject to approval of the contract award and funding of the project by the IEPA.

Adoption of a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Jurisdictional Boundary Line Agreement between the Villages of Clarendon Hills and Willowbrook.

## FY 08-09 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

### Available for Review

At the Village Board Meeting held on Monday, October 19th, the Village's independent auditor, Sikich LLP, presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ("CAFR") for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2009. Once again, the Village received the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting for its 2008 CAFR. This is the twentieth year that the Village has received this certificate and less than three-tenths of one percent of all municipalities with a population under 25,000 receive this award for achieving the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.

The Village continues to rely heavily on property taxes as its principal revenue source for governmental activities, which was 51% of General Fund revenues in FY 08-09. As a non-home rule community, the Village is subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act whereby increases in property taxes are capped at the rate of inflation or 5%, whichever is less. With the troubled housing market and a significant decrease in new construction within the Village, property tax revenues resulting from the new growth have decreased as well.

During FY 08-09, the Village chose to defer or eliminate \$415,400 in current and future projects in order to offset a shortfall in the Capital Projects Fund. In addition, the General Fund supported increased service demands and increased costs while shrinking general government expenses by 2% from the prior year.

The outlook for FY 09-10 is bleak, as receipts from state-shared revenues such as Income Taxes, Sales Taxes and Motor Fuel Taxes have decreased significantly and building activity remains weak.

A complete copy of the Village's FY 08-09 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is available on the Village's website at [www.clarendonhills.us.finance.cfm](http://www.clarendonhills.us.finance.cfm), at the Village Hall or at the Clarendon Hills Public Library.

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

### Children's Programs & Events

#### **Family Reading Night/Stuffed Animal Sleepover**

Thursday, November 19th 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Get away from the distractions of home and enjoy a quiet evening reading with your family at the library. Bring your favorite stuffed animal, along with a comfortable pillow or blanket, wear comfy clothes or pjs and settle in for a relaxing evening of reading with the family. Let your stuffed animal sleep over at the library with other stuffed animals. Don't worry...the library will take very good care of your friends! Tuck them in, say good night and the animals can be picked up the next day.

#### **Looking Ahead...Musical Fun for Families:**

**Singer Jeanie B** - Tuesday, December 8th 10:30 a.m.

Join singer Jeanie B! as she gets us up and moving with an interactive, uplifting, fun program! **Registration begins November 30th. Call 630-323-8188 to register.**

**R.E.A.D. to the Dogs – First Thursday of each month, 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.

November 5th (register beginning November 2nd)

December 3rd (register beginning November 30th)

### Programs for Adults

**Easy Appetizers with Chef Dave** – Tuesday, November 3rd, 7:00 pm

Let Chef Dave Esau help you impress your family and friends over the holidays with easy gourmet appetizers. A popular speaker with 27 years in the gourmet restaurant business, Dave entertained a full house when he visited us last year. Space is limited, so call the library today to register (630-323-8188).

**Lyric Opera Lecture: Katya Kabanova** – Monday, November 16th, 7:00 pm

Join Lyric Education Corps lecturer Judith Marshall for an overview of Leos Janacek's *Katya Kabanova*, one of the operas in this year's Lyric series. Call to register.

#### **Library Film Series: Great Movie Musicals**

**Singin' in the Rain** – Monday, November 23rd at 6:30 pm.

Call 630-323-8188 to register.

**Christmas Walk** – Friday, December 4th, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Mark your calendar for this annual community holiday kick-off event. More details to come in December, but plan on stopping by for treats and some heavenly harp music.

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### The Big Read 2010 is coming!

Later this month, the title for next year's Big Read will be announced. To be among the first to hear, you can go to [twitter.com/bigread2010](http://twitter.com/bigread2010).

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

*Kay Carlson Book Group*

- Wednesday, November 4th, 10 am *Sin in the Second City* by Karen Abbott
- Wednesday, December 2nd, 10 am *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler

### *Thursday Night Readers*

- Thursday, November 12th, 7 pm *The House of Mondavi: The Rise and Fall of an American Wine Dynasty* by Julia Flynn Siler
- Thursday, December 10th, 7 pm *The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett

### *The Game's Afoot Mystery Group*

- Monday, November 16th, 7 pm *Blackening Song* by Aimee and David Thurlo
- No December meeting

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 . . .

- The Clarendon Hills Lions Club for their gift used to purchase the books on audio, *The Lost Symbol* by Dan Brown and *That Old Cape Magic* by Richard Russo
- Jerry Gura and the Amsted Industries Foundation for the books: *The Monuments Men: Allied heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History*, *The Remains of Company D: a Story of the Great War* and *Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters* by Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger.
- Jim and Janet Kolzow for funds to purchase the following books: *Master Paintings in the Art Institute of Chicago*, *American Rebel: the Life of Clint Eastwood*, *Horton Foote: America's Storyteller*, *The Sisters Who Would be Queen: Mary, Katherine and Lady Jane Grey*, and *Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic 1789-1815*.
- Elizabeth Wilcox for her donation used to purchase the 70th Anniversary Edition of *The Wizard of Oz* on DVD and the book *Christmas Dog*.
- Robert Lawler for his gift used to purchase *Vintage Capers*, by Peter Mayle and the *World Cheese Book*.

In memory of . . .

- Jack Frank, the book, *Signing Their Lives Away: the Fame and Misfortune of the Men who Signed the Declaration of Independence*, has been purchased with a gift from Ed and Ann Borsuk.
- Rosalie Rohozka, the books *An Echo in the Bone* by Diana Gabaldon, *Encyclopedia of Popular Fiction*, *The Christmas List* by Richard Paul Evans, *Anne Frank: The Book, the Life, the Afterlife*, *Making Mischief: A Maurice Sendak Appreciation* and *The Man Who Loved Books Too Much: The True Story of a Thief, a detective and a World of Literary Obsession*.

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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  
Edward Reid - Ext. 5422  
Mary Williams - Ext. 5423  
Paul Pedersen - Ext. 5424  
Diane Cochran - Ext. 5425  
Steve Wallace - Ext. 5426

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

## CARRIER ROUTE PRESORT

POSTAL CUSTOMER  
CLARENDON HILLS, IL 60514

## November Meeting Schedule

- **Monday, November 2**  
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, November 9**  
Park District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, November 11**  
*Veterans' Day* **Village Offices Closed**
- **Thursday, November 12**  
Heritage Hall Committee/Historical Society 6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, November 16**  
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, November 19**  
ZBA/Plan Commission 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, November 23**  
Park District Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27**  
*Thanksgiving Holiday* **Village Offices Closed**

## November 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 proclamation supporting participation in the 2010 U.S. Census. **Village Board**. *Monday, November 2.*

Acceptance of the monthly treasurer's report for the month ending September 30, 2009. **Finance Committee** and **Village Board**. *Monday, November 2.*

Public hearing and approval of ordinances approving an annexation agreement, annexation, rezoning to Office-Research District, and a consolidation plat - The Birches (214-56th Street). **Land Use Committee** and **Village Board**. Public hearing and first consideration, *Monday, November 2.* Second consideration and passage, *Monday, November 16.*

Announcement and approval of the 2009 tax levy ordinance. **Finance Committee** and **Village Board**. First consideration, *Monday, November 16.*

Announcement and approval of ordinances for the 2009 special service area tax levies. **Finance Committee** and **Village Board**. First consideration, *Monday, November 16.*

## Annual Christmas Walk *Friday, December 4th*

The annual Christmas Walk hosted by the Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce, the Clarendon Hills Park District, and the Village will be held on Friday, December 4th. The evening will begin with the 6th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. This year, the Village has decided to plant a Colorado Spruce on the front lawn of the Village Hall that will serve as the annual holiday tree. At only 14' tall, the tree is not nearly as large as past holiday trees but will prevent the Village from cutting down a mature evergreen each year. The tree will grow and serve the Village for many years to come. We appreciate your patience during this time and encourage you to support this important environmental project. Following the Tree Lighting Ceremony, refreshments will be served until 9:00 p.m. at the Village Hall and throughout the downtown businesses. Again this year, the event will feature a downtown heated tent with refreshments and activities, a Dickens caroling quartet, "Passport to Clarendon Hills," and a holiday ice sculpture. Remember, Santa arrives at 7:00 p.m. sharp in the Ken Sloan Triangle so don't be late!

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 4th and join your family, friends, and neighbors at this long-standing holiday tradition!

## 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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**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.**