

# Trustee Topics

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

September 2009

## Message from the President and Board

Dear Residents:

I hope everyone had a fun-filled summer and that your family was able to enjoy some of the many summer events and activities in the Village. Once again, Daisy Days, Daisy Dash, and Dancin' in the Street were extremely successful. Thank you to Paul Kelly and Mike Murphy, Daisy Dash Coordinators, for their generous \$6,000.00 gift supporting the Clarendon Hills DARE and Youth Services programs.

A special thank you is also extended to Fifth Third Bank and all of the local sub-sponsors for their financial support and sponsorship of the 10th Anniversary Dancin' in the Street concert series. Without sponsorships, the Village would not be able to continue this annual tradition and popular series of concerts.

And a big round of applause is sent to the Special Events Committee, its chairman Pete Sonich, and to all of the other volunteers, staff, police officers, and public works employees that devoted so much time and energy each week to make the concert series such a community achievement.

Outdoor fun in Clarendon Hills will continue through the end of the summer. Please see the insert this month detailing the Lions Club Oktoberfest to be held on Saturday, September 12th at the Lions Park Pool Grounds. In addition, mark your calendar for the Park District Concert in the Park on Saturday, September 19th at Prospect Park. We hope to see you and your friends at these fun and exciting events!

Lastly, mark your calendars and join me at the Groundbreaking Party for Heritage Hall on Friday, September 25th from 5 - 7 p.m. at its future new home located at 50 Sheridan Road. The party will include a ceremonial dig, recognition of donors, a display of local artifacts and plans, and of course plenty of refreshments! Heritage Hall will be the future home of the Clarendon Hills Historical Society, a venue for displaying historical artifacts including those salvaged from the Middaugh Mansion, and a beautiful and historical meeting space for residents and local organizations. The Groundbreaking Ceremony will commemorate an initial round of renovations to the building. Please come out to this important event and show your support!

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.

## Thank You Fifth Third Bank!

### For the Successful 2009 Summer Concert Series

This year, the Village of Clarendon Hills completed the 10th season of the Dancin' in the Street summer concert series. This year, the concerts featured music from Souled Out Funk, Underwater People, Gizzae, Nevery Brothers, Hurricane Gumbo, Heartache Tonight, Sugar Creek Road, and Chicago Catz. To compliment the music, an assortment of mouth-watering food was served by Scapa Italian Kitchen, Maijean, Village Gourmet, Absolutely Delicious, and Mi Cucina Catering.

**We would like to especially thank Fifth Third Bank for sponsoring this year's Dancin' in the Street concert series.** Fifth Third's generous financial support allowed the concert series to continue its high standards. Fifth Third's presence at the concerts emphasizes its commitment to be involved in our Village and is truly appreciated. Thanks to Fifth Third Bank and its staff for a job well done!

The success of the summer concerts was also made possible by contributions from local sub-sponsors. This year, sub-sponsors included:

Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce, Coldwell Banker (Hinsdale), Klein Thorpe and Jenkins, Christopher Burke Engineering, Dr. Pamela Johnson D.D.S., M.S., County Line Properties, Rivendell Story Works, LaSalle Design Group, Binny's Beverage Depot, and Allied Waste.

We would also like to thank the residents who are members of the Special Events Committee who volunteered their time to make the concert series a success. Lastly, to all of the residents of Clarendon Hills, thank you for your continued support of the Dancin' in the Street concert series!



**LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH**

**VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED**

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED TO  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH - 7:00 P.M.**

## ZBA/Plan Commission

### ZBA/Plan Meeting August 20

**Case 437**—Kruml Park, 5624 Western Avenue  
Variations for landscaped setback and parking lot dimensions—approved

**Case 438**—419 Ogden Avenue  
Special use permits for auto repairs and used auto sales—  
case continued

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### Agenda for September 17

**Case 438**—419 Ogden Avenue  
Special use permits for auto repairs and used auto sales—  
continued

**Case 439**—214 56th Street, Addition to the Birches  
Rezone to Office Research District (upon annexation),  
variation for existing garage setback, plat of consolidation

### Workshop

Impervious Surface Ratio provisions for Zoning Ordinance

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## School Zone and Bus Safety Rules

### Important Driving Laws to Follow

- The speed limit in a school zone is 20 mph on school days when children are present and signs are posted.
- A school zone is a no passing zone.
- You must stop before passing a school bus when it is loading or unloading passengers and you must remain stopped while the signal arm is extended and lights are flashing.
- It is not necessary to stop when you are traveling in the opposite direction of a stopped school bus on a roadway with four or more lanes. However, please use caution.

## Fire Department Open House

### October 3rd

The Clarendon Hills Fire Department would like to remind all residents that it is time for Fire Prevention Week. During Fire Prevention Week (October 4th –10th), the Clarendon Hills Fire Department will join forces with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind local residents to “**Stay Fire Smart – Don’t Get Burned.**”

**Fire Prevention Week will kick off as the Fire and Police Departments join forces for an Open House on Saturday, October 3rd from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Open House will take place at the Fire Station located at 316 Park Avenue.**

Come out for a variety of fire prevention displays and hands-on activities as well as demonstrations of the radar gun and fatal vision goggles by the Police Department.

This year the Open House will also include a blood drive sponsored by the Fire Department and LifeSource. The Hinsdale Community Service Food Pantry welcomes any donations of sugar-free, preservative-free, organic and gluten-free products as well as personal hygiene items, baby wipes and diapers.

## Village Board Actions, July/August

Passage of Ordinances: (1) establishing 09-10 prevailing wages; (2) establishing SSA 15; (3) authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay the costs of certain road improvements within SSA 15; (4) regarding the transmission of fire alarm and sprinkler systems by wireless radio devices; (5) to reflect the revocation and issuance of a Class C and H liquor license; (6) regarding permitting fees-in-lieu of installation of sidewalks; and (7) to dispose of three court-awarded vehicles.

Adoption of a Resolution authorizing the execution of an inter-governmental agreement between the Villages of Clarendon Hills, Hinsdale and Westmont and the Flag Creek Water Reclamation District regarding the construction of a relief sanitary sewer.

Authorization: (1) to move forward with the Surveillance and Wi-Fi System Phase II expansion; (2) to approve budget transfers for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2009; (3) to release School District 181 Donation Funds for capital improvements; (4) to award the bid to A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. for work associated with SSA 15; (5) to purchase replacement protective clothing for Fire Department personnel; (6) to execute an inter-governmental agreement between the Villages of Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Oak Brook, Westmont, and the Tri-State Fire Protection District for a Fire Department Communications Network; (7) to execute an agreement between the Village and Lee Wisch regarding 99 Park Avenue; (8) to issue temporary liquor and raffle licenses for the 2009 Clarendon Hills Lions Club’s Oktoberfest; (9) to release School District 86 Donation Funds for a parking lot lighting project; (10) to issue a temporary liquor license for the 2009 Park District’s Concert in the Park; (11) to refer the issue of impervious surface ratios to the ZBA/PC; and (12) to approve the bid for the purchase of bulk rock salt.

## Shop in Clarendon Hills!

### Be Sure to Support Our Businesses

As many of you have noticed, the downturn in the economy has affected our Village directly. 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 new merchants and future redevelopment 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. Thank you for patronizing our local businesses!

### NEW BUSINESS

**MODERN DOG BOUTIQUE - 29 S. PROSPECT AVE.**

**PET SUPPLIES AND GIFTS**

**LILA MUFTI - 630-321-WOOF (321-9663)**

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

### **Library increases hours**

Beginning in September the library will be open **every day**, Monday through Saturday at 9:30 am.

### **Look for Library News online**

While we are in the planning stages for a library website, you can still find library news online by following us on Twitter (follow “CHLibrary”) or by becoming a “fan” of the Clarendon Hills Library on Facebook. Remember you can always check the SWAN catalog (which lists the collections of all Metropolitan Library System libraries including ours) to reserve items or even pay your fines online. Just go to <http://swan.mls.lib.il.us>.

### **The Museum Adventure Pass comes to Clarendon Hills**

Beginning September 1st, courtesy of Macy’s, library cardholders can check out free passes to 17 different museums and cultural institutions in the Chicago area including Brookfield Zoo, Chicago Botanic Garden, Kohl’s Children’s Museum and more. For more information, please check with a librarian or visit [www.museumadventure.org](http://www.museumadventure.org).

### **Fall Story Time Programs begin September 21st**

- **Baby Time:** Mondays at 11 am for children from birth through 18 months with caregiver
- **LapSit Story Time:** Wednesdays at 10 am OR 11 am for children 3 years old and under with adult companion
- **Preschool Story Time:** Tuesdays at 10 am OR 2 pm for children ages 3-5 years

No registration required for Story Time programs—just drop in!

### **Tiny Tot Art**

Mondays at 10 am OR Wednesdays at 4 pm for children from 18-30 months with adult

Come with your tiny tot for songs, a story and an art project. Registration begins September 14th; limit 12 children at each time

### **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.

September 3rd (register beginning August 31st)

October 1st (register beginning September 28th)

### **Programs for Adults**

**Mother Jones: The March of the Mill Children – Monday, September 14th, 7 pm**

In remembrance of Labor Day, actress Betsey Means portrays labor leader Mary Harris Jones (Mother Jones) in a dramatic re-telling of the May 1903 march she led from Pennsylvania to President Roosevelt’s home on Long Island to publicize the crime of child labor.

Sponsored by *The Friends of the Library*. Register at the circulation desk or by calling 630-323-8188.

### **Library Film Series: “Books to Movies”**

**Harper – Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 pm** (based on the book *The Moving Target* by Ross MacDonald which is the September selection for *The Game’s Afoot Mystery Group*.)

### **Burnham Plan Exhibit continues through September**

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” developed by Daniel Burnham and Edward Bennett 100 years ago. The 10-panel exhibit display continues in the Library Meeting Room during regular business hours. Come in and enjoy! For more information on the Burnham Centennial celebration, visit [www.burnhamplan100.org](http://www.burnhamplan100.org)

### **What They’re Reading...Book Discussion Groups**

#### ***Kay Carlson Book Group***

- No September meeting
- Wednesday, October 7th, 10 am *The Commoner* by John Schwartz
- Wednesday, November 4th, 10 am *Sin in the Second City* by Karen Abbott

#### ***Thursday Night Readers***

- Thursday, September 10th, 7 pm *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski
- Thursday, October 8th, 7 pm *Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein
- Thursday, November 12th, 7 pm *The House of Mondavi: The Rise and Fall of an American Wine Dynasty* by Julia Flynn Siler

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

- Monday, September 21st, 7 pm *The Moving Target* by Ross MacDonald
- Monday, October 19th, 7 pm *The Sultan’s Seal* by Jenny White
- Monday, November 16th, 7 pm *Blackening Song* by Aimee and David Thurlo

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 generous gift.
- Jon and Lois Kessler for their generous gift which will be used to expand the Library’s DVD collection.
- Jerry Gura and the Amsted Industries Foundation for funds used to purchase the books: *City By Design: Chicago* and *One Giant Leap: Apollo 11 Remembered*.

#### ***In memory of . . .***

- Randy W. Fossenden, the book *Tear Soup: A recipe for Healing After Loss*, has been given to the Youth Services Department by the Schlatter and Cordero families.
- Tom “Red” Thuerk, the CD’s, *Led Zeppelin II* and *Powerage* by AC/DC have been purchased with a gift from Larry Bojack.
- Viva Harris, the children’s book, *Mr. Bear Squash-You-All-Flat* has been given to the Youth Services Department.

Watch your mailbox for the library newsletter, ***Books, Bytes and Beyond*** for more library news.

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BULK RATE  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
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Illinois 60514  
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## Trustees

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## CARRIER ROUTE PRESORT

POSTAL CUSTOMER  
CLARENDON HILLS, IL 60514

## September Meeting Schedule

- **Monday, September 7**  
**Labor Day - Villages Offices Closed**  
No Village Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, September 8**  
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, September 14**  
Park District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, September 17**  
ZBA/Plan Commission 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, September 21**  
Village Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, September 25**  
Heritage Hall Groundbreaking 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, September 28**  
Park District Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## September 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).

**Acceptance of the monthly treasurer's report** for the month ending June 30, 2009. **Finance Committee** and **Village Board**. *Tuesday, September 8.*

**Approval of an ordinance levying taxes** for payment of principal and interest on general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source) of Special Service Area Number 15. **Finance Committee** and **Village Board**. First consideration, second consideration and passage, *Tuesday, September 8.*

**Approval of an ordinance approving a six month extension** in regard to a final planned unit development plan for 5-23 Walker Avenue (The Pointe at Clarendon Hills). **Land Use Committee** and **Village Board**. First consideration, *Tuesday, September 8.* Second consideration and passage, *Monday, September 21.*

**Approval of a proclamation** recognizing Fifth Third Bank, local subs-sponsors, and the volunteer members of the Special Events Committee for their involvement and support of the 2009 Dancin' in the Street concerts. **Village Board**. *Monday, September 21.*

## September Events Mark Your Calendar!

### Oktoberfest

Sponsored by the Lions Club  
Saturday, September 12th  
Lions Park Pool Grounds - 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### Concert in the Park

Sponsored by the Park District  
Saturday, September 19th  
Prospect Park - 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### Heritage Hall Groundbreaking

Sponsored by the Historical Society & Village  
Saturday, September 25th  
50 Sheridan Avenue - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

ADVANCED BIONICS, LLC

1 WALKER AVENUE, 2ND FLOOR SALES OFFICE

JAMES SUREK—661-362-1400

## 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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**Web Page:** [www.clarendonhills.us](http://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.**