

Trustee Topics

The Village of Clarendon Hills, 1 North Prospect Avenue, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514 (630) 323-3500

April, 2001

Middaugh Mansion

Moving And Relocation Plans, Costs

BauerLatoza Studio recently completed moving plans and cost estimates for the Middaugh Mansion. The Friends of the Middaugh Mansion and the Middaugh Mansion Foundation have reviewed the plans prior to finalization. Plan detail concerns have been raised and will be dealt with as the project moves forward.

The most recent estimate of cost for the project is \$2,449,606. This does not include land acquisition estimated at \$1,250,000; cost of moving the mansion at \$700,000, and \$80,500 if the project were financed. The new total estimate for moving and relocating the Mansion to a new site is \$4,480,106. Previous estimates were approximately \$5,000,000.

The Middaugh Mansion Foundation is undertaking the efforts to preserve the Mansion.

D.A.R.E. Family Challenge Run

Saturday, April 21

Loosen up your muscles for the Spring running season! D.A.R.E. is having its 9th Family Challenge Run, 5k and 1 mile run/walk on April 21 at Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville. Entry forms with complete details are available at the Police Station.

Yard Waste Collection

Starts Monday, April 2

It's time to start picking up the winter debris. Yard waste collections resume on Monday, April 2, and lasts through December 10.

- Grass clippings, brush, leaves, plant materials, and weeds will require a yard waste sticker attached for collection.
- Yard waste must be placed in 33 gallon biodegradable paper bags (plastic bags not accepted) or 33 gallon cans
- Brush and tree trimmings may be tied into bundles not more than 4 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter.
- One yard waste sticker must be attached to each bag or bundle.
- 90 gallon toter service for the collection of yard waste is currently available for \$17.97 per month, which includes the rental of the toter and the cost of collection. That rate will increase to \$18.87 on July 1.

A Reminder:

There will be an annual Amnesty Day pick-up on May 14. Amnesty Day is your opportunity to dispose of all of the extra trash that accumulates over a year's time. Details will be in next month's Trustee Topics.

Hydrant Flushing

All Streets North Of Tracks

The Spring hydrant flushing program will start on Monday, April 23. All streets north of the BNSF tracks will be affected. The flushing will take place between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. week-days for approximately 6 to 8 weeks. There may be a slight discoloration in your water which can be flushed from the line by running the water a few moments before using it.

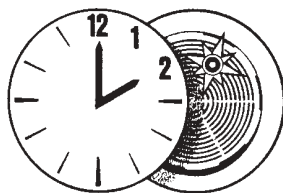
New Business

Nami Sushi and Grill

Sushi and French Cuisine

439 Ogden Avenue - 630-230-0100

Spring Forward!



*Daylight Savings Time
Begins Sunday April 1st.
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.
A message from your fire department.*

Election Day

April 3

Polls Are Open

6 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Please Vote!

Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission

Agenda, April 19

Discussion

R-1 Bulk Regulations

Zoning Activity, March 15

Discussion of R-1 Bulk Regulations

Spring Brings Out Skates

But Some Areas Are Out Of Bounds

The traffic code prohibits the use of wheeled devices (roller skates, skateboards, coasters, toy vehicles or similar devices) in the General Business and Retail Business Districts. This area includes the train station property, including the train platforms, the commuter station, the South Commuter Parking Lot and any sidewalks adjacent to these facilities.

Wheeled devices are allowed on the sidewalk that runs along the south side of Burlington Avenue from Prospect to the eastern Village limits and on Prospect Avenue from Burlington to Ann Street. These devices may be operated on other sidewalks with due care exercised at all times by the rider. The rider, in all cases, must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians using the sidewalks.

Commercial Real Estate Inventory

Economic Development Committee Project

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) is finalizing a compilation of the commercial real estate inventory in the Downtown Business District. The list will include addresses, sizes of the buildings, and other pertinent information. A brochure which will be used to help market retail space in the village is being printed, and will be distributed to building owners, brokers, and prospective retailers. Finally, the EDC continues to work on the Downtown Design Review Guidelines. A review of the EDC's planned projects will be presented to the Village Board at the April 2nd meeting.

Time To Think About Planting

How About A Tree?

Last Spring we published a list of trees suitable for planting in this area. We are repeating the list again this month for your consideration as we approach the planting season. When properly selected and planted, trees live long healthy lives and provide many benefits to you and to the community. Just consider that properly positioned on the south and west sides of your home, trees can reduce your cooling costs by up to 50 percent, they can remove carbon dioxide and particulate pollutants from the air, and they help to control soil erosion. Moreover, trees can add considerably to the value of your home. Of course, they also provide all of the aesthetic benefits that we have come to enjoy in a mature suburb like Clarendon Hills.

In making your tree selection, keep in mind the importance of diversity. The Morton Arboretum found that only six tree species make up 86 percent of all the urban trees in Illinois! That is a poor example of diversity. Planting a wide variety of species is important so that no single disease (i.e. dutch elm) or insect problem (i.e. Asian long-horned beetle) can destroy a large percentage of the tree population. While there are many trees that will grow well in this region, the following trees are recommended by the Morton Arboretum for planting:

Native to Illinois: Blue Ash, Cucumbertree Magnolia, Black Maple, Bur Oak, White Oak, Sourgum, Tuliptree, Kentucky Coffeetree, Chestnut Oak, Swamp White Oak, Pecan, Sweetgum, Yellowwood.

Not Native to Illinois: European Beech, Lacebark Elm, Turkish Hazelnut, Miyabe Maple, Japanese Pagodatree, Yellow Buckeye, Hybrid Elm, Japanese Tree Lilac, Shantung Maple, Shingle Oak.

Each of these trees offers unique qualities - from handsome, rugged bark to beautiful fall color. Some have lovely, fragrant flowers, while some provide an abundance of fruit that attract wildlife. All are sure to provide years of enjoyment.

To assist in the selection process, ask your local nursery questions about which tree may be best for you. There are certain things to consider, such as whether the soils in your yard are generally wet or dry, how much sun the tree will get, and whether you will be planting in a confined space, or near wires overhead.

If you're interested in planting a tree in your parkway, you should first contact the Public Works Department at 323-6673. The Village is a member of TreeCity USA and has a wonderful tree-planting program.

Many answers about specific tree species can be found in the Morton Arboretum publication *Selecting & Planting Tree*. This handy little 25-page handbook will help you to select a tree and tell you all you need to know about planting trees and caring for them. It provides a list of helpful reading materials and where to go for first-hand advice on tree planting and maintenance. For a copy of the handbook, call Morton Arboretum at 630-968-0074 or stop in at the Arboretum bookstore. Check out their website at www.mortonarb.org for more information.

Our thanks again to Jonathan Beck of the Beautification Committee for his input on this article.

DuPage Safe Food

A New Internet Web Site

The DuPage County Health Department has developed a new internet web site devoted to providing consumers and the retail food industry with food safety information. The "DuPage Safe Food" web site address is www.dupagehealth.org/safefood.

A variety of subjects are covered: Food Safety Tips, New to Chew, Germ of the Month, seasonal Food Safety and more.

The Food Industry pages feature a wealth of information for restaurants and food stores.

The site offers an easy way to contact the Health Department using the internet and also includes Food Recalls affecting DuPage County. Restaurant Ratings will be posted in the future.

Gas Bill Assistance

Some Help Available

U.S. natural gas prices reached historical highs this heating season. There is help available for those on low and moderate incomes. If you qualify or think you know a person or family that may qualify, please note these programs.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) was covered in last month's issue of Trustee Topics. This program provides energy assistance for customers who are at or below 150 percent of the federally established poverty level.

Nicor Gas Sharing program assists customers who don't qualify for LIHEAP by providing a \$325 grant each year to eligible households. Sharing is administered by the Salvation Army and is available to families who have an annual income above 150 percent, but not exceeding 200 percent, of the federally established poverty level.

Applicants for this program must apply in person and bring the following documents: proof of income (check stub, social security letter or unemployment letter), proof of residence (driver's license), and a current NICOR bill. The most convenient Salvation Army office is located at 1S415 Summit, Villa Park.

The Budget Plan is a new plan designed to help customers manage the effects of the high cost of natural gas this year. Customers can sign up at any time during the year. The amount due is calculated by estimating the gas use and gas prices for the next year and by taking into account any balance customers have on their account. This amount is divided by 12 to arrive at the minimum recommended monthly payment. For further information on the plan, please call 888-NICOR4U.

Special Events Committee

New Member

Holly Renehan, 26 Chestnut, has been appointed to the Village Special Events Committee. Welcome to the committee, Ms. Renehan.

Library Notes

Thanks To The Friends Of The Library!

The Adult level has a fresh, new look thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library. The furniture has been re-upholstered and not only looks good, but is comfortable too.

Over the last year, the Friends have also provided new window treatments throughout the library, a refrigerator which adds to the versatility of the meeting room, a scanner for the children's department, sponsored the Volunteer of the Week Program and many other programs and amenities.

The Library Board of Trustees, staff and patrons appreciate all of these "extras" provided by the Friends of the Clarendon Hills Library.

Be on the lookout . . .

for artistic bookmarks created by local students in celebration of National Library Week, April 1 through 7. Entry forms were distributed through the schools in Clarendon Hills and were also available at the Library. The contest was open to students in grades 3 - 8, who live in or attend school in Clarendon Hills. Winning designs will be selected from each grade and the winners will receive 10 copies of their bookmark for family and friends.

Library Happenings

- April 3, 2:00 P.M. *Pre-School Story Time* (meets every Tuesday during April).
- April 4, 10:00/11:00 A.M. *Lapsit Story Time* (meets every Wednesday during April).
- 10:00 A.M. *Kay Carlson Book Discussion Group* will discuss *Angela's Ashes*, by Frank McCourt. The selection for the May 2nd meeting will be *A Walk In The Woods*, by Bill Bryson.
- April 5 4:00 P.M. *Book Pals* (meets every Thursday during April).
- April 16, 7:00 P.M. *The Game's Afoot Mystery Book Discussion Group* will discuss *This Dog For Hire*, by Carol Lea Benjamin.

Tax Forms and Information

While they last, the library has state and federal tax forms. Some of the more exotic Federal forms can be found in reproducible binders. Copies are ten cents per page. The library stocks tax forms and materials as a courtesy to our patrons. Please do not ask staff to chase forms or give tax advice.

Other sources for forms and instructions are:

- IRS Forms & Publication Orders, **1-800-829-3676**
IRS Tax Information & Inquiries, **1-800-829-1040**
IRS Web, **WWW.irs.ustreas.gov**

Convenient Passport Agency

Available At Downers Grove Township Office

The Downers Grove Township office, 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, has been certified as a Passport Acceptance Agency. Passport applications and information may be picked up Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Passport applications will be accepted Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For more information, please call Diane Konicek at (630) 968-0451.

Park District Offices Now Located At 315 Chicago Avenue.

Call 323-2626 for information.

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1 North Prospect Avenue

Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

BULK RATE
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Clarendon Hills,
Illinois 60514
Permit No. 45

Village President - Robert Ryan - Ext. 81

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Ann Hamman - Ext. 82

Bill Kolleck - Ext. 83

Paul Flood - Ext. 84

David Roach - Ext. 85

Terry Pocius - Ext. 86

Tom Karaba - Ext. 87

Clerk - Mary Arnold - Ext. 21

CARRIER ROUTE PRESORT

POSTAL CUSTOMER
CLARENDON HILLS, IL 60514

April Meeting Schedule

• **Monday, April 2**

Firefighters Pension Board 9:00 a.m.

Village Board 7:00 p.m.

Committees 7:00 p.m.

• **Tuesday, April 3**

Election Day 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

• **Thursday, April 5**

Economic Development Committee

Clarendon Hills Bank 7:00 p.m.

• **Monday, April 9**

Beautification Committee 7:00 p.m.

Park District Committee 7:30 p.m.

Community Center

• **Monday April 16**

Village Board 7:00 p.m.

Committees 7:00 p.m.

• **Tuesday, April 17**

Special Events Committee 7:00 p.m.

• **Wednesday, April 18**

Mosquito Abatement 7:00 p.m.

• **Thursday, April 19**

ZBA/PC 7:30 p.m.

• **Monday, April 23**

Park Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Community Center

• **Thursday, May 3**

Economic Development Committee

Clarendon Hills Bank 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Matters

Tax Levy

Review of the 2000 property tax levy as extended by DuPage County.

Finance Committee and Village Board, Monday, April 2.

Budget

Review and adoption of the fiscal year 2001-2002 Village budget. **Finance**

Committee, Monday, April 2 and Public Hearing and Village Board,

Monday, April 16.

Intergovernmental Agreement

Consideration of an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of West-

mont for stormwater improvements to the Dallas Street detention facility

located on Richmond Avenue. **Public Services Committee and Village**

Board, Monday, April 2.

Natural Landscaping Regulations

Recommendations for regulations on the use of natural landscaping on resi-

dential property in the Village. **Land Use Committee, Monday, April 2.**

Park Avenue Park

Review of proposed intergovernmental agreement with the Park District and

plans for construction of a park at the Park Avenue Detention facility.

Improvements would be paid for in part with developer donations for recre-

ation facilities. **Community and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

and Village Board, Monday, April 2.

Ambulance Service Fees

Continuing discussion and consideration of new federal regulations for bill-

ing Medicare patients using the ambulance. The new regulations require

acceptance of assignment and may prevent billing of Medicare patients for

unpaid balances. The fees charged for ambulance use may need to be

revised to allow for itemized billing. **Public Safety Committee, Monday,**

April 16.

Village Phone Numbers

Village Manager - Joseph E. Breinig

Director of Finance - Kathy T. Redding

Director of Public Works - John W. Hays

Director of Community Development -

Michael J. Brown

Police Chief - Thomas M. Reasoner

Fire Chief - Brian D. Leahy

Village Office: 323-3500

Building and Public Works - Ext. 6

Finance and Water Billing - Ext. 7

Village Administration - Ext. 9

Central Business District

Beautification - Ext. 80

Recorded Village Information - Ext. 88

Fax: 323-3512

Business Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

TDD: 323-1325 (hearing impaired line)

Web Page: www.clarendon-hills.il.us

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-emergency:

Police 323-2153

Fire 654-1414

Park District: 323-2626

Pool: 325-1040