

# Trustee Topics

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

April, 2003

## Tornado Season

### *From March Through August*

We are now in the tornado season which lasts from March through August. When a tornado alarm sounds, you have only a short amount of time to make important decisions. Advance planning and a quick response are the keys to surviving a tornado.

### **Here are tips to help you plan.**

Stay tuned to your radio or TV during threatening conditions and be prepared to take shelter. Keep a flashlight and battery operated radio handy.

### **Locate shelter**

- At home - your basement or if you do not have a basement, an interior room or hallway on the lowest level. Get under a sturdy table, if possible.
- Outside of the home - learn the designated shelter area in the shopping center, school or public buildings you frequent.

**When a tornado is sighted within a five mile radius of Clarendon Hills the tornado warning siren will sound a continuous signal for two minutes. You should go to a place of shelter. The warning is effective for one hour. There is no "all clear" signal. If another tornado is sighted, the siren will again sound for two minutes, extending the warning period for one hour.**

***When the siren activates, please do not call the Fire or Police emergency or non-emergency numbers to inquire about the warning. The telephone lines must be kept open during emergencies.***

The Fire Chief is the Village Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. He can be contacted on the Fire Department **non-emergency number (654-1414)** during working hours to answer preparedness questions. ***Please do not call the non-emergency number during a tornado emergency!***

## Special Events Committee

### ***Seeking Volunteers***

The Special Events Committee currently has three vacancies to fill to replace members who are unable to continue on the committee.

Committee members are responsible for attending committee meetings, assisting in the planning of summer concerts and staffing the concerts.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cheryl Pierce at the Village Hall, 323-3500, extension 19 or email at [cpierce@village.clarendon-hills.il.us](mailto:cpierce@village.clarendon-hills.il.us).



## Village Elections

Tuesday, April 1

**Please Remember to Vote**

## Refuse Amnesty Day

### *May 5*

The Refuse Amnesty Day will be held Monday, May 5. Amnesty Day is part of the agreement negotiated with BFI, our waste hauler. The program includes only single family residences. Material from multiple family and commercial buildings is not included. Amnesty Day is a one-time annual event. If you miss the pick-up, it may 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, etc., 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, each bundle not longer than four feet, tied with rope and 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.

Items that will not be accepted are: riding lawn mowers, snow blowers, boats, snowmobiles, large car parts, used motor oil, household hazardous waste, medical waste, bricks, concrete, stone, fences, unhardened paint, tires, batteries, car parts or loose or unpackaged unbundled waste. Absolutely no liquids will be accepted.

Please separate your refuse from your weekly recycling and yard waste for easy identification for the drivers. If you have any questions or would like to request a list of acceptable items, please call (630) 510-2810.

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.



***Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday April 6th.***

***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.***



# Frequently Asked Questions

## *Answering Questions Regarding Construction Rules*

With springtime comes an increase in construction activity around the Village. While new development represents a reinvestment in the community, building permit holders must be aware and respectful of their neighbors.

### **What are the rules for construction in Clarendon Hills?**

There are a number of rules dealing with construction found in Village codes, as well as national codes that the Village has adopted. The Village codes may be found at the Village's website. National codes may be viewed at the Building Department. Recently, Village staff held a meeting with local contractors regarding construction issues. The rules of construction were reiterated at that time. It is important that contractors keep streets and sidewalks clean, passable and safe. Any issues should be reported immediately to the Building Department or the Police Department.

### **What hours may construction equipment be used?**

Construction hours are as follows:

- Use of heavy equipment is permitted from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, and is prohibited on Sundays and federal holidays.
- Outside or open structure use of hand, power and other tools is permitted from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday and from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Sundays and federal holidays.

### **What were the new rules that were adopted recently?**

On February 18, 2002, the Village Board passed new rules that address several construction-related concerns brought to their attention by residents. These include: placing a one-year time

## **Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission**

### *Agenda, April 17*

Case #378 (123 Ogden Avenue)  
Request to rezone to R1A (Residence and limited office district).  
Subdivision Ordinance Workshop.

### *Zoning Activity, March 20*

No meeting due to lack of quorum.

## **Block Parties**

### *The Season Is Here*

It is time to start planning your neighborhood block party! With the warm weather 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.

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.clarendon-hills.il.us](http://www.clarendon-hills.il.us).

limit in which to complete exterior work on single-family residential building permits, providing penalties for projects that fail to proceed within the listed time frames, requiring protective fencing around the entire construction site, limiting the use of wrecking balls and similar equipment for demolition, and requiring dust controls during demolition and masonry cutting.

These provisions, along with other recently implemented changes, such as requiring construction rule signs at job sites and mailing notice of demolitions to surrounding property owners, are intended to mitigate some of the impacts of construction on its neighbors.

### **What if a contractor damages my property or parkway?**

If a contractor building a new home damages your property, contact the general contractor and/or the Building Department. Builders of new homes are required to carry insurance, a certificate of which is on file with the Department. Most builders will repair the damage, but if the builder does not, the insurance certificate is available for you to file a claim. Damage to public property, such as the parkway, parkway tree, sidewalk, or street should be reported to the Building Department to ensure the repairs are made.

### **Whom should I call if I see a construction-related problem?**

If residents see an unsafe situation or violation of construction hour rules, they are encouraged to call the Building Department (323-3500 extension 6) or the Police Department (dial 911 or 323-2151) during regular business hours. If the violation occurs outside of business hours, please call the Police Department directly.

## **Yard Waste Collection**

### *Starts Monday, March 31*

It's time to start picking up the winter debris. Yard waste collections resume on Monday, March 31, and lasts through November 24.

- 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 \$19.81 per month, which includes the rental of the toter and the cost of collection.

## **Certificates of Award**

### *To Fire Department Personnel*

On March 10 Firefighter EMT Rick Musil and Firefighter Paramedic Jennifer Meister saved the life of a one-year old infant who was unconscious and not breathing. The team was able to get the infant breathing again in about two minutes. Without their efforts this infant would not have survived.

An award for their service was presented to the two by President Bob Ryan at the March 17 Board Meeting.

## Hydrant Flushing

### *All Streets North of the Railroad*

The spring hydrant-flushing program will begin on Monday, April 21. The areas affected are all streets north of the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks. The flushing will be done between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for approximately 6 to 8 weeks.

Residents might notice a slight discoloration in their water which can be flushed from the line by running a cold water tap for a few minutes before using the water.

As in previous years hydrant flushing on the south side will begin in the fall and will be noted in Trustee Topics prior to that time.

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## Automatic External Defibrillator

### *Presented to Police Department*

At the March 17 Board meeting, the Clarendon Hills Fire Department presented an Automatic External Defibrillator to the Village Police Department for use in a squad car. The Fire Department was given the device by the American Heart Association and Phillips AED. Automatic External Defibrillators are located in Village buildings, the Fire Department ambulance, one fire truck and, now, one police squad car. The goal is to equip all squad cars as well as work with large public facilities and businesses to encourage them to acquire defibrillators and be trained in their use by the Fire Department.

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## Skates and Small Wheels

### *Certain Restrictions Apply*

The traffic code prohibits the use of wheeled devices (roller skates, skate-boards, coasters, toy vehicles or similar devices) in the General Business and Retail Business Districts ("the downtown"). 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.

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## Library Notes

### *Bookmark Contest 2003*

Calling all 3rd thru 8th graders! Design a bookmark for the library! Entry forms will be available and accepted at the Children's Department desk between March 31 and April 12. One winning design will be selected for each grade. The design will be printed and used throughout the year. Winning artists will receive 10 copies of their Bookmark to distribute to friends and family.

### *Teamwork for Teens*

Clarendon Hills Public Library and Hinsdale Public Library are teaming together once again to provide **Teens Take Over**. This fun program will be held at the Hinsdale Public Library on Friday, April 25th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. The program is for teens in 6th grade and up.

For four hours, teens and their friends will compete at relay races and other games for a chance to win cool prizes, eat pizza, have their fortune told, play miniature golf and more.

Registration is required and begins April 11 at the Hinsdale Public Library. If you have questions, please call the Children's Departments of the Clarendon Hills Library, 323-8188 or the Hinsdale Library, 986-1976.

### *Baby Changing Tables*

Thanks to a gift from the Friends of the Library, Baby Changing Tables have been purchased for both the Men's rest-room and the Women's rest-room. Special thanks go to Myles Laffey and Tom Kelly for installing the tables.

### *"Walk-In" Internet Service for Area Visitors*

The Library is offering Internet Service to visitors to the area for \$1.00 per half hour. Visitors must read and sign the "Acceptable Use Policy, Rules and Procedures..." policy and surrender their driver's license or photo ID while they are using the Internet.

### *Welcome To New Library Trustee*

Steve Ostrodka has been appointed to fill the un-expired term of recently deceased trustee, Dick Minnick. Steve is a library volunteer and a long time library patron. Welcome, Steve! Steve will be joined by three new board members after the April 1st election.

### *Is Anyone There?*

A new telephone system will be installed in the library on April 23, 2003. Please be patient if there are telephone problems on that day. Thank you.

### *Recent Gifts and Memorials*

The Friends of the Library have funded the purchase of *The New Encyclopedia Britannica*. The following Large Print Books have been purchased with a gift from the Clarendon Hills Lions Club: *Prey*, by Michael Crichton and *The King of Torts*, by John Grisham.

### *Library Happenings*

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| April 1  | 10:00 a.m. | Pre-School Story Time. Every Tuesday through April 22.                                       |
|          | 2:00 p.m.  | Same as above.   |
| April 2  | 10:00 a.m. | <i>The Kay Carlson Book Discussion Group</i> will discuss <b><i>Snow in August</i></b> .     |
|          | 10:00 a.m. | LapSit Story Time. Every Wednesday through April 23.   |
|          | 11:00 a.m. | Same as above  |
|          | 4:00 p.m.  | Book Pals. Every Wednesday through April 23.   |
| April 7  | 10:00 a.m. | Baby Play Group. Every Monday through April 21.  |
| April 12 | 4:00 p.m.  | Bookmark Contest entries due   |
| April 17 | 7:00 p.m.  | <i>The Thursday Night Readers</i> will discuss <b><i>The Heartsong of Charging Elk</i></b> . |
| April 21 | 7:00 p.m.  | <i>The Game's Afoot Mystery Group</i> will discuss <b><i>Hearts and Bones</i></b> .          |
| April 22 | 7:00 p.m.  | Policy Committee of the Board of trustees Meeting.   |
|          | 7:30 p.m.  | Board of Trustees Meeting, Public hearing on Library budget.                                 |

### *Help Wanted*

The Library is looking for a friendly, energetic person to work 15 hours per week. Duties would include working at the circulation desk and in the Technical Services Department. Candidates should be comfortable with computers. Starting salary is \$8.00 per hour. For more information, please call Peg Brandon at 323-8188.

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Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

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U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Clarendon Hills,  
Illinois 60514  
Permit No. 45

**Village President** - Robert Ryan - Ext. 81

## Trustees

Ann Hamman - Ext. 82

Taps Gallagher - Ext. 83

Paul Flood - Ext. 84

Don O'Toole - Ext. 85

Terry Pocius - Ext. 86

Tom Karaba - Ext. 87

**Clerk** - Dawn Tandle - Ext. 21

## CARRIER ROUTE PRESORT

POSTAL CUSTOMER  
CLARENDON HILLS, IL 60514

## April Meeting Schedule

- **Tuesday, April 1**  
Village Elections
- **Thursday, April 3**  
Economic Development Committee  
Clarendon Hills Bank 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, April 7**  
Firefighters Pension 9:00 a.m.  
Village Board/Committees 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, April 14**  
Park District Committee Meeting  
Community Center 7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 16**  
Mosquito Abatement Committee 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 17**  
Beautification Committee  
Lower Level Conference Room 7:00 p.m.  
ZBA/PC 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, April 21**  
Village Board/Committees 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, April 28**  
Park District Board Meeting  
Community Center 7:30 p.m.

## Agenda Matters

### Resolution DuPage Water Commission

Resolution affirming the Principles of the DuPage Water Commission Act 1985 and the Water Purchase and Sales Contract of June 11, 1986. **Administrative/Legislative Committee and Village Board, Monday, April 7, 2003.**

### Creation of Special Service Area

First consideration of an ordinance proposing the creation of a Special Service Area for construction of a water main for seven homes along Traube Avenue.

**Public Services Committee and Village Board, Monday, April 7, 2003.**

Second consideration of an ordinance proposing the creation of a Special Service Area for construction of a water main for seven homes along Traube Avenue. **Public Services Committee and Village Board, Monday, April 21, 2003.**

### Fiscal Year 2003-04 Budget Ordinance

First consideration of the Village's Fiscal Year 2003-04 Budget ordinance.

**Finance Committee and Village Board, Monday, April 7, 2003.** Public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Budget, **Monday, April 21, 2003.** Second consideration of the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Budget, **Finance Committee and Village Board, Monday, April 21, 2003.**

### Revision to the Village's Pay Plan

Consideration of an ordinance revising the Village's Pay Plan for Fiscal Year 2003-04. **Finance Committee and Village Board, Monday, April 7, 2003.**

## Village Phone Numbers

**Village Manager** - Robert M. Bahan  
**Director of Finance/Asst. Village Manager** -  
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 - Ext. 6  
Finance and Water Billing - Ext. 7  
Village Administration - Ext. 19  
Recorded Village Information - Ext. 88  
**Fax: 323-3512**  
**Public Works: 323-6673**  
**TDD: 323-1325** (hearing impaired line)

**Web Page:** [www.clarendon-hills.il.us](http://www.clarendon-hills.il.us)  
**Emergency: 9-1-1**  
**Non-emergency:**  
Police 323-2153  
Fire 654-1414  
**Park District: 323-2626**

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