

Trustee Topics

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

January, 2003



Rob Bahan

New Village Manager

Welcome Rob Bahan

On November 18, 2002, the Clarendon Hills Village Board appointed Rob Bahan as Village Manager. Rob officially began his duties on December 9, 2002.

Rob holds a Bachelors Degree in Political Science and a Masters Degree in Public Administration/Urban Management from Northern Illinois University. During his career Rob has worked for the Villages of Lisle, Wilmette and most recently has been Assistant Village Manager of the Village of Woodridge. Rob and his wife, Anne, have one child, Brendan. Please stop by the Village Hall and meet the new manager.

Business Licenses

Due January 1

Business License Fees are due January 1. Business license applications were mailed to all businesses in early December. If you did not receive one, please contact the Village at 323-3500, ext. 15.

Required licenses include those for contractors and home occupations as well as regular businesses. Effective this year, special permits will also be required for businesses having outdoor seating and decorations on the public sidewalk adjacent to the business property location.

The business license ordinance provides for a penalty of one-half the original fee for any business that does not obtain a license within 30 days of the due date (January 1 for existing businesses).

Village Offices will be closed
Wednesday, January 1st

Village Board meetings dates

have been changed to:

Tuesday, January 7

Tuesday, January 21

Winter Rules!

Making a Safe Village

Cold weather and a little bit of snow is enough to remind us that a real winter with snow and ice is a strong probability. Here are some reminders that will make local cold weather traveling safer for you and for your neighbors.

Clean leaves out of the parkway ditches. They will freeze and block the water flow.

Check your driveway culverts to ensure that they are not blocked or stopped up by leaves.

When you plow, blow or shovel snow from your driveway, please keep it in your parkway. Do not push it into the street or the opposite parkway. Be sure that commercial snow removal services don't push snow across the street onto the adjacent parkway. Violators may be fined.

The Village encourages the removal of snow and ice from public walkways. However, it is not required by ordinance. Village crews remove snow from the sidewalks abutting public buildings and the BNSF commuter station, and Central business section are cleaned by a contractor.

Restrictions on parking during snowfall

If snow is in the weather forecast it's 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.

Plowing Village Streets

Village crews first spread salt at intersections, curves, hills, at stop signs and fire hydrants. Work starts on the main streets (Chicago, Prospect, Norfolk, Burlington, Woodstock north of Chicago, Middaugh, Holmes, Harris, Walker, Western, South Richmond, Park and the central business district).

Plowing begins when salting is complete. If the snowfall is light, build-up is monitored until plowing is necessary. Normally three or four passes are made on each street. More may be made depending on the severity of the storm. The State plows Ogden and Route 83. The County handles 55th Street.

Christmas Tree and Wreath Removal

Free Pickup

BFI will have free pickup of Christmas trees and wreaths on Mondays, January 6 and January 13. Trees and wreaths **must** be free of tinsel and ornamentation and are to be placed on the parkway.

Trees or wreaths with tinsel and/or ornaments and trees in plastic bags or wraps will require a household or yardwaste sticker.

After January 13, Christmas trees to be picked up will require a sticker.

Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission

Agenda, January 16

Workshop on subdivision ordinance

Zoning Activity, December 19

Workshop on subdivision ordinance



“Keep The Wreath Red”

Fire Prevention At Home

This holiday season, the Clarendon Hills Fire Department has joined other local Fire Departments in the “Keep the Wreath Red” program. The purpose of this program is to remind residents and business owners of extra fire prevention efforts which should be taken during the holiday season. All residents should be aware of the increased danger for fires during the winter holiday season.

From December 1st through January 1st, a wreath with red lights burning is displayed at the Fire Station, 316 Park Avenue. If a holiday related fire occurs in the Village, a red light will be replaced with a white one. As of publication time, December 20, there have been no December fires in the Village. Let’s keep up the good work in fire prevention. Even though Christmas is over, we should not let down our guard. Please don’t burn wrapping papers in the fireplace and be sure to keep your natural Christmas tree watered. Carefully dispose of the boxes and plastic wraps that accumulate at this time.

Water Bill Payments

Use the Direct Debit Plan

Want one less check to write? Use the Village Direct Debit option to pay your water bill! Call the Village Hall, write or stop in for a direct debit form. Attach a voided check to the form and return it to the Village Hall, Water Department. Your water bill will then be paid by direct debit to your checking account each month and you will receive a marked bill by mail before each due date.

2002 Village Tax Levy

Approved By Village Board

On December 16, 2002, the Village Board approved the 2002 tax levy. The total levy request for the Village is \$2,240,627. This is a 4.78% increase over the 2001 levy. This year the levy was capped at a 1.6% increase over the prior year. This is the lowest increase allowed since the Tax Limitation Act went into effect in 1991. The projected tax rate is .7865 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Last year’s tax rate was .7856 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The taxes that the Village levies are used to partially fund police and fire protection, street maintenance, pensions and liability insurance. The taxes levied by the Village account for 14% of a homeowner’s total property taxes.

2002 Year End Report

Focused On Infrastructure, Equipment and Economic Development

During 2002 the Village activities focused on infrastructure improvements, equipment upgrades and economic development.

After studying alternatives, the Police Advisory Committee recommended construction of a new Police facility. The Village has been successful in securing several grants from the State of Illinois totaling \$1,000,000 for the project.

Fire apparatus was purchased in 2002, replacing a 1977 and 1985 engine and tele-squirt truck. A \$975,000 installment contract was issued to cover the cost of the apparatus. Standard & Poor’s (S&P) reaffirmed the Village’s excellent unlimited-tax credit rating of AA+. According to S&P, the rating reflects the strong economic base, the community’s high income levels, and continued strong financial performance.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Village have agreed upon a development plan for Chicago Avenue following extensive resident input and incorporation of their suggestions. DuPage County has presented design plans for County owned 55th Street. Initial construction extends from the Route 83 bridge to Holmes Avenue and will occur in 2003. Construction, from Holmes Avenue to Downers Grove is expected to occur in 2005 or later.

Sadly, the Middaugh Mansion was razed to make way for Notre Dame’s Parish development. The over \$4,000,000 necessary to relocate and renovate the facility proved too costly for a community of our size.

The Economic Development Committee conducted a business focus group session. Over forty participants from businesses within the Village took part in the group. The goal of the EDC is to enhance the business environment within the community. The Downtown Concert series continued to be a great success with eight concerts being held during the summer months. This is the second year in a row the Village has sponsored an Octoberfest in the Central Business District. Despite the chilly weather, it was a fun-filled evening with many residents enjoying the concert and German food that was served.

After a six month search the Village welcomed a new Village Manager, Rob Bahan. Rob brings over 15 years experience in local government.

In 2003 economic development will play an increasingly important role in the Village’s upcoming activities. In an effort to reduce our reliance on property tax, we will seek to identify economic development opportunities within the Village, including those in our downtown and along Ogden Avenue.

Construction of the new Police facility will begin after land acquisition is complete. It is anticipated that construction would be completed within a year. Design work has already begun.

The County’s reconstruction of 55th Street from the Route 83 bridge to Holmes Ave. is scheduled to begin in spring of 2003. The Village will exercise appropriate oversight. We will also be vigilant in evaluating the County’s plans west of Holmes.

Citizens' Police Academy

Graduated Its Second Class

The Citizens' Police Academy completed its last class on November 20. The ten week course, which started on September 18, had twelve graduates. During that ten weeks, the students studied various aspects of the duties of the police department including parking and traffic enforcement, criminal court procedures, firearms training and the use of force issues, drug enforcement and Driving Under the Influence (DUI) regulations.

The graduates received their diplomas from Village President Ryan and Trustee Pocius. Alumni from the class of 2001 were also present to share in the festivities.

Student Bill Schweitzer wrote a letter commenting, "All of the officers, prosecutor and support staff did an exceptional job in presenting to 12 citizens how they work, think and handle their very important and sometimes dangerous duties in the community. We should all be thankful that we have such a professional group of men and women on staff."

Library Notes

Clarendon Hills Public Library:

Phone - 323-8188

Fax - 323-8189

E-mail - cns@sls.lib.il.us

From Youth Services

Registration for the Winter session of Children's Programs will begin on Saturday, January 4, 2003. Programs will begin January 13. Offerings include:

Baby Time: Mondays 10:00 a.m.

A 45 minute program for children Birth to 18 months old with an adult companion. This program uses stories, rhymes, songs and action games as an introduction to the library for babies and their caregivers. It will be followed by freeplay with books and age appropriate toys.

LapSit Story Time: Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

A 30 minute interactive program designed for children 3 years of age and younger with an adult companion. It features 20 minutes of stories, fingerplays, music and action games, followed by 10 minutes of freeplay with an opportunity to choose library books for checkout.

Preschool Story Time: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

A 30 minute program designed for 3-5 year olds including stories, music and fingerplays.

Book Pals: Wednesdays 4:00 p.m.

A 30 minute program designed for five, six and seven year olds which will include stories, rhymes and activities.

Sweet Treats Family Fun: Thursday, February 6, 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Valentine's Day early with some sweet activities...stories and rhymes and some sweet treats to eat. This 45 minute program is designed for toddlers through age 6 and their families. No registration is required.

Recent Gifts and Memorials

The following Juvenile Reference Materials have been purchased with gifts to the Joseph J. Bujan Memorial Fund: *World Book Encyclopedia* (22 vols.), *Endangered Animals* (10 vols.), *World of Animals: Mammals* (10 vols.) and *A*

Storytime Year: A Month-To-Month Kit For Preschool Programming.

The grand-daughters (Elisabeth and Catherine) of Robert and Margaret Wearne have provided funds for the purchase of the books: *Baking in America: Traditional and Contemporary Favorites From the Past 200 Years* and *What Bears They Were: Chicago Bears Greats Talk About Their Teams, Their Coaches, and the Times of Their Lives*, in celebration of the Wearne's 60th Wedding Anniversary.

The following books have been purchased with a gift from Jim & Janet Kolzow: *Caring For Your Dog: The Complete Canine Home Reference*; *Wrigley Field: A Celebration of the Friendly Confines* and *Patterns of Home: The Ten Essentials of Enduring Design*.

The books, *A Concise History of Australia*; *Eyewitness New Zealand* and *The Dig Tree: A True Story of Bravery, Insanity, and the Race to Discover Australia's Wild Frontier*, have been purchased with a gift from Eve Huson in fond memory of Irma T. Davison.

Library Happenings

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| Jan. 1 | | Library Closed for New Year Holiday. |
| Jan. 4 | 9:30 a.m. | Registration begins for Children's Story Times. |
| Jan. 8 | 10:00 a.m. | <i>The Kay Carlson Book Discussion Group</i> will discuss <i>Plainsong</i> , by Kent Haruf. |
| Jan. 9 | 7:00 p.m. | Policy Committee of the Board of Trustees Meeting. |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Board of Trustees Meeting. |
| Jan. 13 | 10:00 a.m. | Baby Time. Every Monday through Feb. 17. |
| Jan. 14 | 10:00 a.m. | Pre-School Story Time. Every Tuesday through Feb. 18. |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Same as above. |
| Jan. 15 | 10:00 a.m. | LapSit Story Time. Every Wednesday through Feb. 19. |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Same as above. |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Book Pals. Every Wednesday through Feb. 19. |
| Jan. 16 | 7:00 p.m. | <i>The Thursday Night Readers</i> will discuss <i>A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius</i> , by David Eggers. |
| Jan. 20 | 7:00 p.m. | <i>The Game's Afoot Mystery Group</i> will discuss <i>The Skeleton's Knee</i> , by Archer Mayor. |

Tax Forms and Information

The library has the most common state and federal tax forms on hand. Some of the more exotic Federal forms can be found in reproducible binders and publications. We have also "bookmarked" the IRS Website on our Reference Computer. Copies are ten cents per page. Once again, we want to remind you that 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

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BULK RATE
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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

January Meeting Schedule

- **Monday, January 1**
Villages Offices Closed - New Year's Day
- **Tuesday, January 7**
Village Board/Committees 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, January 9**
Economic Development Committee
Clarendon Hills Bank 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, December 13**
Park District Committee Meeting
Community Center 7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, January 15**
Police Station Advisory Committee 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, January 16**
ZBA/PC 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, January 21**
Village Board/Committees 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, January 27**
Park District Board Meeting
Community Center 7:30 p.m.

Agenda Matters

Please note the regular Village Board meetings for the month of January have been moved from Monday January 6 and Monday January 20 to Tuesday January 7 and January 21.

Building Code Changes

Consideration of changes to current building codes to increase contractor compliance. Penalties or fines will be considered for failure to complete exterior work within a specified time frame. Consideration of regulations to reduce dust and vibrations from construction sites. **Land Use Committee and Village Board, Tuesday, January 7.**

Martin Luther King Day Resolution

A resolution honoring Dr. Martin Luther King will be presented. **Village Board, Tuesday, January 7.**

Purchase of Police Vehicles

Consideration of the purchase of two replacement squad cars for the Police Department. **Public Safety and Village Board, Tuesday, January 21.**

Village Phone Numbers

Village Manager - Robert M. Bahan
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 - 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
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.