

Trustee Topics

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

December, 2006

President's Message

Dear Clarendon Hills Residents,
December is upon us and as we head into the busy Holiday season, I hope you will take time out to enjoy some community celebrations in our Village on Friday, December 1st. At 6:00 p.m., come join us for our Third Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on the front lawn of Village Hall; refreshments will be available until 9:00 p.m. The Christmas Walk will follow the Tree Lighting from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy our shops and refreshments and wait for the arrival of our very special guest, Santa Claus, in the Ken Sloan Triangle at 7:00 p.m.!

This holiday season, the Clarendon Hills Fire Department is once again taking part in the "Keep the Wreath Red" program to encourage residents to take an active role in fire prevention. The purpose of this program is to remind residents and business owners of efforts that should be taken during the holiday season to prevent holiday fires. Remember to celebrate safely when decorating for the holidays!

Happy Holidays,
Diane Hiller, Village President

Parental Responsibility Act

Points to Consider

As we approach the Holiday season, parents should be aware that the law governing their liability, associated with the behavior of their children, has changed. Effective July 7, 2005, the limitations on damages for lawsuits filed under the Parental Responsibility act has been raised from \$2,500 to \$20,000. Under this law, parents can be sued for willful damage or injury caused by their minor children. This law also applies to damages or injuries resulting from the illegal service of alcohol at underage drinking parties.

We would ask that you share the following information with your teenage daughters and sons.

- Alcohol is a factor in each of the four leading causes of death among 10 to 24-year olds: motor vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide, and suicide.
- Girls have begun drinking at a younger age than in the past. In the 1960's, 7% of 10 to 14 year old females used alcohol. By the early 1990's that figure had risen to 31%.
- The vast majority of high school students do not know that a person can die from an overdose of alcohol.

Chicago Avenue Reconstruction

Two-Way Traffic Opened November 22nd!

The reconstruction of Chicago Avenue by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is now substantially complete. Two-way traffic along the entire length of roadway was reopened on Wednesday November 22, 2006.

Construction began in the summer of 2004 with the relocation of AT&T ductwork. In September of 2005, a new water main was installed and was followed by the installation of storm sewers, sidewalks, curbs, concrete pavement, a new traffic signal at N. Prospect, and upgraded traffic signal equipment at Woodstock and Middaugh. The value of Chicago Avenue reconstruction for the Clarendon Hills section of the project totals close to \$5,000,000 in which the Village's share for traffic signals, emergency vehicle preemptive devices, countdown pedestrian signals, and new sidewalk between Oxford and N. Richmond was less than \$100,000. With IDOT's assistance, the Village's share of a necessary water main installation was less than \$18,000.

In the spring of 2007, the contractor will install trees in various parkways, rebuild the Norfolk triangle, and complete punch list items. After all items are successfully completed and accepted by the Village, the roadway including the associated right-of-way will be jurisdictionally transferred from the State to the Village.

Thank you to all residents for their patience and cooperation during this major construction. Chicago Avenue is sure to be a roadway that will last well into the future.

Autopulse CPR Device For Fire Dept.

Grant Received From Firemen's Fund Insurance

In November the Fire Department received a \$16,000 grant from the Firemen's Fund Insurance Company Heritage Grant program for the purchase of a Zoll AutoPulse CPR device.

The Zoll Medical Corporation AutoPulse is an automated portable device with a simple, load adjusting LifeBand that squeezes the entire chest in a consistent, uninterrupted "hands free" manner, delivering maximum blood flow to the heart and brain. This device also frees up our EMT-B's and Paramedics to focus on other life saving interventions. This device will provide excellent CPR, much better than a human can perform, while also providing increased blood flow for the patient.

Several fire departments that carry this device on their ambulances have reported that there have been many "patient saves" using this device.

The AutoPulse will be placed on the Fire Department's Advanced Life Support ambulance.



Join in the Festivities!

Friday, December 1st

Tree Lighting Ceremony - 6:00 P.M.

Christmas Walk - 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.



Villages Offices Closed

Christmas Holiday

Friday, December 22 & Monday, December 25



ZBA/Plan Commission

December Meeting Cancelled

Zoning Activity, November 16

Case 413 - Text amendment B-2 and B-3 District use lists, recommended approval

Workshop discussion - Design review process

Business License Fees Due January 1

Applications to be Mailed to Businesses in early December

Required licenses due January 1st include those for contractors and home occupations as well as regular businesses. 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.

Worst Storm to Hit CH in 50 Years

Village Departments Respond Quickly

According to the rain gauge equipment at the Public Work Department, 2.64 inches of rain fell within an hour during the recent storm that took place on October 2nd and 3rd. As a result, Village streets were blocked by flooding and downed trees, numerous ComEd electrical wires were down and the majority of the village lost power, many areas of the Village flooded for the first time, and homeowners throughout the Village experienced flooded basements.

Because of the severity of the storm, Clarendon Hills Fire, Police and Public Works Departments responded to over 100 emergency and non-emergency calls for assistance during a three-hour period. These calls were primarily in response to power lines being down, sparking wires in trees, two structure fires related to electrical problems, drivers stranded/trapped on flooded streets, electrical and water damage to homes, and trees blocking driveways and roadways. The Fire Department also maintained contact with ComEd during the storm and provided them with information regarding electrical power lines that were down and the power outages associated with them.

During and after the storm, some residents questioned why the Village could not help them with their electrical power outages and flooded basements. Unfortunately, the Fire, Police or Public Works Departments do not own any portable generators that can be used for private residences. In addition, the pumps on the fire trucks cannot be used to pump out flooded basements because the debris in this type of water will damage the pumps.

With a total of 3.16 inches of rainfall, the storm on October 2nd and 3rd was the worst the Village has experienced during the last 50 years and the Village understands the frustration of the residents who had flooded basements and/or other water related damage. During and after the storm, the Village attempted to mitigate damage by clearing inlets that were blocked with leaves. After the storm, the Village arranged for Allied Waste to collect storm damaged material from homes at no additional cost to the resident. Further, the Village contracted with a private tree removal service to remove trees, branches and limbs. Most, if not all, of the Village was cleared within a week. The total cost for these additional services was approximately \$25,000.

“Keep The Wreath Red”

Fire Prevention At Home

The Clarendon Hills Fire Department is again participating in a Holiday Fire Safety campaign called “Keeping the Wreath Red”. Since November 26, the Clarendon Hills Fire Station has displayed a large wreath with multiple red lights affixed to it. The lights will remain red throughout the holiday season, unless there is a fire in town that is related to a holiday decoration or display. For each occurrence of this nature, a red light will be replaced by a white light.

The wreath will be on display through January 1, 2007. Fire safety should be practiced every day of the year, however the Fire Department stresses the importance of holiday fire safety due to the large number of residential fires that occur during this time of year. This program is a constant reminder for residents to use proper care when putting up lights, electrical cords, candles, Christmas trees and other holiday decorations. For more information about “Keeping The Wreath Red” or holiday fire safety, please contact Fire Inspector Rick Musil at 654-1414, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Safety Tips

According to Fire Inspector Musil, “During this holiday season and throughout the year, our primary message, first, last and always is fire prevention.” If you remove the fire hazards from your home, you can limit the risk to yourself, your family, your neighbors and firefighters. Over the last few years, candles have become increasingly popular. While candle sales have climbed, so have the number of candle-related fires and deaths. If you choose to use candles, please use them safely. The Clarendon Hills Fire Department recommends the following safety tips to help ensure a safe and happy holiday season:

Make sure you have a working smoke detector on every level of your home.

Choose a freshly cut tree. LIVE TREES NEED WATER! Check and refill water often.

Keep your tree away from heat sources, sparks, or flames.

Do not leave Christmas tree lights on while unattended.

Avoid accidents by using wire or cord to secure your tree to the wall or ceiling (this will prevent it from toppling over near small children or pets).

Check all light sets before use. Do not use damaged light sets or extension cords.

Avoid overloading electrical connections.

Use only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved lights on your tree. DO NOT USE CANDLES.

Promptly remove all discarded packages and wrappings from the home.

Never leave the house with candles burning.

Never leave children or pets unattended with a lit candle (the candle can easily be knocked over).

Never use candles near combustible materials such as curtains, drapes, bedding, and cabinets.

Free Christmas Tree Pick-up

After the Holidays

Free Christmas tree pick-up will be on Tuesday, January 2nd and on Monday, January 8th. There will be no garbage collection on Monday, January 1st.



Toy Express

Clarendon Hills Fire Department to be a Drop-off

Toy Express is up and running again this year. Last year Toy Express distributed toys to more than 3,000 underprivileged children in our area. With your help, we hope to distribute toys to more than 3,500 children this year.

Once again, Clarendon Hills Fire Station at 316 Park Avenue will be a drop-off site for donations. Unwrapped toys will be accepted at this location until January 8, 2007. If you are aware of any family who is in need of assistance, please contact Fire Prevention Officer Rick Musil at 654-1414, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and we will direct you to the Toy Express Center. From all of the officers & firefighters of Clarendon Hills Fire Department, we thank you again for your support.

New Business
Cabinets by Design
55 Ogden Avenue, 630/825-5557
Susan Kazi, owner

Library Notes

Plan to begin your holiday season at the library!

Your library offers a variety of activities to get you in the spirit:

- ***A Christmas Carol – the movie*** – Friday, December 1st, 2 pm

Come enjoy a free screening of the 1938 version of *A Christmas Carol*. Refreshments will be served. No registration necessary.

- ***Holiday Book Sale – through December 9th*** **More days to shop!**

Browse through a large selection of books, many in “like new” condition, at great prices. Shop from 10 am – 5 pm and 6 pm – 9 pm on Friday, December 1st, and during regular library hours through December 9th. Be sure to check out our special silent auction items as well! All proceeds benefit the library.

- ***Clarendon Hills Christmas Walk*** – Friday, December 1st, 6 pm – 9 pm

Make the library your first stop on the Christmas Walk. You can enjoy live music of the season, have some refreshments, shop the holiday book sale, and children can write letters to Santa. We will again offer a “Book-Lover’s Gift Package” drawing. The package will include books, other items for bibliophiles and a Borders Books & Music gift card. Stop by and fill out an entry form. Finally, bring back all those overdue books—there will be amnesty on all overdue fines on Clarendon Hills Library materials that night!

- ***The Polar Express – the movie*** – Saturday, December 2nd, 1 pm

All ages will enjoy this magical tale of a young boy who still wants to believe in Santa even though his friends have “grown out of it.” Rated PG; 100 minutes. (*Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.*) No registration necessary.

Friends of the Library invite you to Shop and Share

Help out the Friends of the Library when you do your grocery shopping at Jewel on December 4th through 6th. Just pick up a “Shop & Share” coupon at the library, and tuck it in your

wallet for your next shopping trip.

What They’re Reading...

Kay Carlson Book Group:

- Wednesday, December 6th, 10 am: ***Even After All This Time*** by Afschineh Latifi
- Wednesday, January 3rd, 10 am: ***Kalahari Typing School for Men*** by Alexander M. Smith

The Game’s Afoot Mystery Group

- **Special Movie Screening: Thursday, December 7th, 7 pm: *The Maltese Falcon***
- Monday, January 15th, 7 pm: *Title to be announced*

Thursday Night Readers:

- Thursday, December 14th, 7 pm: ***The Bee Season*** by Myla Goldberg
- Thursday, January 11th, 7 pm: ***Profiles in Courage for Our Time*** edited by Caroline Kennedy

Remembrance Garden Commemorative Bricks for Sale:

The gift for the person who has everything

This past spring we added 27 new commemorative bricks to our Garden walkway. We will install more new bricks next spring. Make one of them yours! Purchasing a commemorative personalized paver is a great way not only to memorialize a loved one, but to celebrate a special event such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or the birth of a child or grandchild. The proceeds of these brick sales go to enhance and maintain our garden. For more information, stop in and pick up an order form or speak to a librarian.

Looking ahead to Winter Story Time

Storytimes for infants, toddlers and preschoolers will resume starting January 15th. Registration will begin on January 3rd. We will once again offer Baby Time on Mondays at 11am, LapSit Storytime for children under 3 on Wednesdays at 10 am or 11 am, and Preschool Storytime for 3-5-year-olds on Tuesdays at 10 am or 2 pm. For more information, please contact Youth Services Librarian, Krista Devlin at 630-323-8188.

Recent Gifts and Memorials

Thank you to . . .

- Lin Shi, for funds to purchase the children’s book, ***Tools***.
- Elizabeth Wilcox for the book, ***Dog Heroes of September 11th***.

In memory of . . .

- Susan Miller, a gift to the Library Memorial Fund, from Joseph C. Gagnon.
- Margaret Wearne, the books ***Beethoven: His Life and Music & The Collector’s Encyclopedia of American Art Glass***, have been purchased with a gift from Mary Eleanor Honeywell. The book ***Dear John***, has been purchased with a gift from Lois Pede.
- Judith and Homer Edwards, the book, ***City 2000***, has been purchased with a gift from Marianne Doherty.

The BigRead 2007 is coming!



The March by E. L. Doctorow has been selected for this year’s Big Read. Watch for more information on a wide variety of programs related to this novel set during the time of General Sherman’s “March to the Sea” during the Civil War.

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1 North Prospect Avenue

Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

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Trustees

Diane Robertson - Ext. 82

Paul Pedersen - Ext. 83

Paul Flood - Ext. 84

Don O'Toole - Ext. 85

Allan Alongi - Ext. 86

Tom Karaba - Ext. 87

Clerk - Dawn Tandle - Ext. 21

December Meeting Schedule

- **Friday, December 1**
Tree Lighting Ceremony/Christmas Walk 6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, December 4**
Village Board/Committees 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 7**
Economic Development Committee 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, December 11**
Park District Committee Meeting
Community Center 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, December 12**
Mosquito Abatement 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, December 18**
Village Board/Committees 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 21**
ZBA/PC 7:30 p.m.
- **Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25**
Christmas Holiday - Offices Closed
- **Monday, January 1, 2007**
New Year's Day - Offices Closed

December Agenda Matters

2006 Tax Levy

Public hearing and Second consideration on 2006 Tax Levy.

Village Board, Monday, December 4.

International Building Codes Ordinances

Ordinances adopting the International Building Codes, second consideration. **Land Use Committee and Village Board, Monday, December 4.**

General Business District and Highway Business District Ordinance

Ordinance revising permitted, special and prohibited uses in the B2 general business district and B3 highway business district, First consideration. **Land Use Committee and Village Board, Monday, December 4.**

Hotel/Motel Business Licensing

Ordinance setting standards for Hotel/Motel business licensing, First consideration. **Administrative and Legislative Committee and Village Board, Monday, December 4.**

Announce Village Hall closings, December 22 and December 25. Monday, December 4.

RECENT VILLAGE BOARD ACTIONS

Passage of Ordinances: (1) approving a temporary waiver from the Village Code regarding installation of a fire sprinkler system at 2, 4, and 6 Walker Avenue; (2) authorizing the sale of certain Police Department equipment and seized vehicles through e-Bay auction; (3) amending the Village Code by adding a new Chapter 28 entitled "Condominium Conversions;" and (4) amending the Village Code in relation to adopting amendments to the Countywide Stormwater and Flood Plain Ordinance.

Approval of Resolutions: (1) authorizing the Village Clerk to make certain closed session meeting minutes available for public inspection; and (2) approving a condominium conversion regulations schedule of compliance.

Authorization to: (1) issue a raffle license for the November 17th Notre Dame Parish raffle; (2) approve the Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Preparedness Training; (3) approve a proposal by PAR Group, Inc. to assist the Village in conducting a Fire Service Study; (4) purchase an AutoPulse CRP device; and (5) amend the special provisions for the reconstruction of the Norfolk triangle planter and approve a change in scope and cost from Martam Construction, Inc.

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 - L. Patrick Anderson

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)

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

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www.clarendon-hills.il.us

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-emergency:

Police 323-2151

Police Records 323-2153

Fire 654-1414

Park District: 323-2626