

# Trustee Topics

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

December 2007

## Message from the President and Board

Dear Fellow Clarendon Hills Residents:  
December is upon us and as we head into the busy holiday season, I hope you will participate in the wonderful events that will take place within the Village. The annual Christmas Walk and Tree Lighting Ceremony sponsored by the Village of Clarendon Hills, Chamber of Commerce, and Park District, will be held on Friday, December 7th from 6:00 pm. to 9:00 p.m. The following day, the annual Home Tour for Clarendon Hills Charities will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On December 24th, take part in and enjoy the breathtaking luminaria display benefiting the Infant Welfare Society.

During this holiday season, the Clarendon Hills Fire Department is encouraging residents to take an active role in fire prevention through the "Keep the Wreath Red" program. 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. For more information, please see the article contained within this issue of *Trustee Topics*. Please remember to celebrate safely when decorating for the holidays!

### Happy Holidays,

Thomas F. Karaba, Village President

## Telephone Numbers Have Changed

### Please Note The Following New Numbers

Recently, a Village-wide VOIP telephone system was installed at the Village Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, and Public Works Facility to enhance communication and reduce monthly service costs. During the installation of the telephone system, the Village was able to secure new telephone numbers that would make contacting Village employees more efficient. **The new numbers are as follows:**

Village Hall:	(630) 286-5400
Fire Station (non-emergency):	(630) 286-5430
Police Station (non-emergency):	(630) 286-5460
Public Works:	(630) 286-4750

The old numbers for each building are currently in working order but will eventually be phased out. Previous extension numbers do not work. For more information, please check the back page of this and future issues of *Trustee Topics* or

## Leaf and Yardwaste Pick-ups End

December 3rd and 10th

Free leaf pick up has been extended to December 3rd. Yardwaste pick-up ends on Monday, December 10th. As always, one yardwaste sticker is required for each bag, can or bundle.

## Keep The Wreath Red

### Fire Prevention At Home

The Clarendon Hills Fire Department once again will participate in a holiday fire safety campaign called "Keep the Wreath Red". During the months of November, December and January, the Clarendon Hills Fire Department will display a large wreath affixed with red lights. 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 white light will replace a red light.

The Clarendon Hills Fire Department stresses the importance of holiday fire safety due to a large number of residential fires that occur during this time. On page 2 is a list of holiday safety tips provided by Fire Prevention Officer Musil. For more information, contact Officer Musil at 286-5430.



## Annual Christmas Walk and Tree Lighting

Friday, December 7th

The annual Clarendon Hills Christmas Walk will be held on Friday, December 7th. **The evening will begin with the 4th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. This year, residents Dr. and Mrs. Mendelsohn and their children Brooke and Bradley graciously sponsored the tree that will be lit up on the front lawn of the Village Hall.** Following the Tree Lighting Ceremony, refreshments will be served until 9:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room.

The Christmas Walk, hosted by the Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Clarendon Hills Park District, is a long-standing family tradition in the Village. An evening of holiday fun for the entire family, it's an event you won't want to miss. The evening wouldn't be complete without a visit from Santa and his elves! Santa arrives at 7:00 p.m. sharp in the Ken Sloan Triangle so don't be late!

During the Christmas Walk, the Chamber of Commerce will be featuring "Passport to the Village of Clarendon Hills." Please see this month's insert for details on this fun and exciting event!

Clarendon Hills merchants will be open from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for holiday shopping and a bit of Christmas cheer. Mark your calendars for Friday, December 7th, and join your fellow friends and neighbors for this holiday kick off.



VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AND 25TH  
FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
AND  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY

## **ZBA/Plan Commission**

*Agenda, December 20*

### **Case 426**

107 Ogden Avenue  
Special use permit for new office building

### **Case 427**

211 Coe Road  
Minor subdivision plat

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*November ZBA/Plan Commission Meeting was cancelled*

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## **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 and clothing to more than 2,600 underprivileged children in our community. With your help, we hope to distribute to more than 3,000 children this year.

Once again, Clarendon Hills Fire Department is a drop off site. Residents can drop off unwrapped toys at the Fire Station located at 316 Park Avenue. An alternate drop off is located at the Toy Express Center in the Westmont Village Center (Cass & 63rd St.) Residents with questions can call Fire Prevention Officer Rick Musil at (630) 286-5430 Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

As in the past, we primarily rely on LOVE Christian Clearinghouse, Hinsdale Community Services, Head Start, The Women and Infant Care programs and local schools to identify families in need. However, if you are aware of any families who need assistance, please contact the Fire Department and we will direct you to the Toy Express Center.

From all the Officers & Firefighters of Clarendon Hills Fire Department, we thank you again for your support and wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

## **Restrictions for Young Drivers**

### **Effective January 1, 2008**

Beginning January 1, 2008, new restrictions for younger Illinois drivers will take effect.

### **Driving Curfew**

A driver under the age of 18 may not, for the first twelve months he or she holds the license, drive with more than one passenger in the vehicle unless the passengers are family members.

An instructional permit or a driver's license held by a person under the age of 18 is **invalid** during the following hours:

11:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 a.m. Saturday

11:00 p.m. Saturday to 6:00 a.m. on Sunday

10:00 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday, to 6:00 a.m. on the following day

Exemptions exist for employment, emergencies, religious activities, and drivers accompanied by a parent.

### **Wireless Phone Use Restricted**

A person under the age of 19 who holds an instructional permit or driver's license **may not drive** a motor vehicle on a roadway while using a wireless phone.

### **Parents Can View Child's Driving Abstract**

Parents of drivers who are under 18 and hold an instructional permit or driver's license have the right to view their child's driving abstract through the Illinois Secretary of State's office. This service is provided over the Internet.

## **Holiday Safety Tips**

**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.

### **VILLAGE BOARD ACTIONS –NOVEMBER 2007**

Mac Birch was honored for his outstanding service as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals/Planning Commission since 1992. Len Austin was appointed to fill Mac Birch's unexpired term.

Passage of Ordinances: (1) amending the Village Code regarding parking permit fees for the Burlington Northern commuter lot; (2) amending the Village Code regarding the definition of new construction; (3) annexing property belonging to the Christian Church of Clarendon Hills to the Village; and (4) approving the Village's 2007 tax levy, SSA tax levies, and abatement of debt service levy.

### **Christmas Ornaments**

*By Hinsdale Artist Meg Morel*



**Available for purchase at**

Village Hall, Ashley's Custom Stationery & More,  
and The Ceramic Attic  
by

**Clarendon Hills Historical Society**  
for the renovation of Heritage Hall

**Cost: \$10**

Limited Availability:

Village Hall during the Christmas Walk

## ***Abuse and Exploitation of Older Citizens***

The abuse and exploitation of older adults in suburban Chicago is a serious issue and one that is not often discussed. Illinois law not only makes the physical or emotional abuse of older citizens a crime, it also makes the financial exploitation of an older person a crime. Financial exploitation is defined as the misuse or holding of an older person's resources by another, to the disadvantage of the elderly person or the profit or advantage of someone else. To learn more about this issue and other forms of elder abuse, call Senior Protective Services in DuPage County at 1-800- 942-9412 or the Clarendon Hills Police Department.

## ***Free Christmas Tree Pick-up***

### ***Dates Set***

Free Christmas tree pick-up will be on Monday, January 7th and Monday, January 15th. No yard waste sticker will be required. Please remove all ornamentation, tinsel, and garland before placing your tree at the curb.

## ***Library Notes***

### **"A Taste of Clarendon Hills" @ your library during the Christmas Walk**

*Friday, December 7th, 6:00 – 9:00 pm*

Walnut Cups, Cinnamon-Orange Cranberry Sauce, Party Mashed Potatoes, Apricot Bars...Is your mouth watering yet?

Come sample these and other delights homemade from the kitchens of our volunteers and staff when you visit "The North Pole" (aka the library) during this year's Clarendon Hills Christmas Walk. We'll even give you the recipes to take home. Children are welcome to write letters to Santa while everyone enjoys beautiful music of the season. Take a few moments to browse through a selection of books on holiday entertaining, cooking and crafts that will be on sale as well. Finally, bring back all those overdues—there will be amnesty on fines all evening!

### **Programs for Children and Families**

#### **"Read to the Dogs"**

*First session Thursday, December 6th, 7:00 – 8:00 pm*

For a child, reading aloud can sometimes be a little scary. However, when children have the opportunity to read aloud to a trained therapy dog, they tend to forget their inhibitions and have fun instead of regarding reading as a chore.

Together with the Hinsdale Humane Society, the Library offers a chance for children to "Read to the Dogs" each month beginning December 6th. Please sign up for a 15-minute slot by calling the library at 630-323-8188. Registration begins December 3rd.

### **Winter Storytimes are coming!**

Programs for babies, toddlers and preschoolers will begin January 14th and continue through February 23rd. Registration will begin Wednesday, January 2nd. Mark your calendar!

### **What They're Reading...**

*Thursday Night Readers*

- December 13th, 7 pm *House of the Spirits* by Isabel Allende
- January 10th, 7 pm *Einstein: His Life and Universe* by

Walter Isaacson

*The Game's Afoot Mystery Group*

- No December meeting
- January 21st, 7 pm *Play Dead* by David Rosenfelt

*Kay Carlson Book Group*

- December 5th, 10 am *The Optimist's Daughter* by Eudora Welty
- January 2nd, 10 am *The Full Cupboard of Life* by Alexander McCall-Smith

### **Recent Gifts and Memorials**

***Thank you to . . .***

- The Clarendon Hills Lions Club for funds to purchase the following Large Print books: *Creation in Death* by Nora Roberts, *The Chase* by Clive Cussler, *Book of the Dead* by Patricia Cornwell and *Now & Then* by Robert B. Parker.
- Jim and Janet Kolzow for their gift used to purchase the books, *China A to Z* by May-lee and Winberg Chai, *Sayers: My Life and Times* by Gale Sayers, *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court* by Jeffrey Toobin and *American Creation: Triumphs and Tragedies at the Founding of the Republic* by Joseph J. Ellis.
- Jerry Gura and Amstead Industries for funds used to purchase *Furniture Restoration* by Ina & Allen Marx, *Knife Skills Illustrated: A Users Manual* by Peter Hertzmann and *Warrior: A Visual History of the Fighting Man* by R. G. Grant

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

- Jean Reynolds, the book *The Human, the Orchid, and the Octopus: Exploring and Conserving Our Natural World* by Jacques Cousteau.
- Anita Dunlop, the books *Artful Reading* by Bob Racaka and *Artist to Artist: 23 Major Illustrators Talk to Children about Their Art*, have been purchased with a gift from Larry Bojak.
- Vivian Mizia, the book *The Complete Guide to Painting on Porcelain & Ceramic* by Pricilla Hauser and the cook books *Casseroles* and *Ice Cream and Frozen Desserts*, have been purchased with money from the Vivian Mizia Memorial Fund.
- Margaret Wearne, the books *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to follow the Bible as Literally as Possible* by A. J. Jacobs, *The Oxford Bible Atlas* and *A Christmas Beginning*, by Anne Perry, have been purchased with funds from the Margaret Wearne Memorial Fund.
- Virginia Jaeger, the book *Schulz and Peanuts: A Biography*, by David Michaelis, has been purchased with a gift from Lois Pede.
- Rosalie Rohozka, the books *Temples, Tombs & Hieroglyphs: A Popular History of Ancient Egypt* by Barbara Mertz, has been purchased with a gift from the Rosalie Rohozka Memorial Fund.

### **New 15-minute Internet Station now available**

For those times when you just need a minute or two on the internet to check email or look something up: Now you can walk in and use our new "15-minute" internet station—a stand-up terminal just across from the circulation desk. No registration required! Check it out.

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1 North Prospect Avenue  
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

**Village President** - Tom Karaba - Ext. 5420

**Trustees**

Allan Alongi - Ext. 5421

Paul Flood - Ext. 5422

Don O'Toole - Ext. 5423

Paul Pedersen - Ext. 5424

Diane Robertson - Ext. 5425

Steve Wallace - Ext. 5426

**Village Clerk** - Dawn Tandle - Ext. 5403

## December Meeting Schedule

- **Monday, December 3**  
Village Board/Committees 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 6** 7:00 p.m.  
Economic Development Committee
- **Friday, December 7**  
**Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas Walk**  
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Monday, December 10**  
Park District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, December 11**  
Mosquito Abatement 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, December 17**  
Village Board/Committees 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 20**  
ZBA/PC 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday and Tuesday, December 24 & 25**  
Christmas Holiday, Office Closed
- **Tuesday, January 1, 2008**  
New Year's Day, Office Closed

**BE SURE TO SEE  
THIS MONTH'S INSERTS ON  
LUMINARIA SALES,  
CHRISTMAS WALK  
AND  
HOME TOUR**

## 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).

**Approval of an ordinance** approving a final planned unit development at 103 S. Prospect Avenue. **Land Use Committee** and **Village Board**. Second consideration and passage, *Monday, December 3*.

**Acceptance of the monthly treasurer's report** for the month ending October 30, 2007. **Finance Committee** and **Village Board**. *Monday, December 3*.

**Approval of the 2007 Tax Levy Ordinance**. **Finance Committee** and **Village Board**. Second consideration and passage, *Monday, December 3*.

**Approval of a resolution** adopting the DuPage County Hazard Mitigation Plan. **Public Safety Committee** and **Village Board**. *Monday, December 3*.

**Approval of an ordinance** approving an amended preliminary and a final planned unit development at 5-23 Walker Avenue. **Land Use Committee** and **Village Board**. First consideration, *Monday, December 3*. Second consideration and passage, *Monday, December 17*.

**Approval of an ordinance** creating a special service area for the property located at 1 Walker Avenue. **Finance Committee** and **Village Board**. First consideration, *Monday, December 17*.

**Acceptance of a proposal** for fabricating a dump body and snow and ice control equipment for an existing 1.5 ton truck chassis for Public Works. **Public Services Committee** and **Village Board**. *Monday, December 17*.

**Acceptance of a proposal** for a replacement Case 580 Super-M Loader/Backhoe for Public Works. **Public Services Committee** and **Village Board**. *Monday, December 17*.

## New 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

**Village Office: 630/286-5400**  
Finance: Press 2  
Building: Press 3  
Administration: Press 4  
Current Village Information: Press 8  
**Fax: 630/286-5409**  
**Public Works: 630/286-4750**

**Web Page: [www.clarendonhills.us](http://www.clarendonhills.us)**  
**Emergency: 9-1-1**  
**Non-emergency:**  
Police: 630/286-5460  
Police Records: 630/286-5463  
Fire: 630/286-5430  
**Park District: 630/323-2626**

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