



# VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS TRUSTEE TOPICS

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Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am excited to announce that once again Clarendon Hills was voted #1 Best Place to Live in Illinois by Niche.com. Niche compiles a set of factors based on the quality of schools, walkability, transit, amenities, local businesses, and crime rates. It is no surprise to anyone living here that we excel in each of those categories. That does not mean we should rest on our laurels. One area I would like to address is the safety of the community.



Village President

Len Austin

Although statistically we are an extremely safe community, sometimes I feel that lends to a sense of complacency. Just last month, there was an armed carjacking at Standard Market in Westmont. That is NOT a normal occurrence, but there are plenty of crimes that are. Over the last few years, we have experienced a number of car burglaries, including several car thefts when keys were left in the cars. Please conscientiously take your car fob/keys with you when exiting your car and then **LOCK YOUR CARS**. One trick to make sure you haven't left your keys in the car is to learn to lock your car with your key fob. While hitting the lock button once might activate the locks and passive alarm, hitting that lock button twice gives you the audio and visual confirmation that your car is locked. With newer model vehicles, accidentally or unknowingly leaving an extra key fob in the car and attempting to lock the car with a second fob, doesn't work. Please check your owner's manual for specific details on your vehicle's locking/alarm system. Consider keeping your house keys separate from your auto key fob. Perhaps keep copies of your insurance and registration on your phone (and other authorized drivers) and not in your vehicle. Finally, don't leave anything of value in your vehicles. In the end, it may just be a small property crime, but leaving property unsecure makes our town attractive to criminals and encourages future criminal behavior. It only takes a small escalation for one of these burglaries to turn violent and have something truly tragic happen.

With everything going on, please be careful. Lock your car, lock your house, lock your garage door into your house, and stay present when you are in public areas such as parking lots where crime can occur. Be situationally aware of your surroundings. Our Police Department is ramping up communications to try and keep people aware of what is happening. Together we can help deter crime in our community.

Additionally, I'd like to express my appreciation to our residents for shopping local, wearing masks and keeping their social distance when possible during this unusual time in history. As a community, I believe we are doing our part here in DuPage. To the young residents of our community who are following the mask requirements, I'm impressed and ask that you keep it up as long as the health department recommends it.

We have a lot to be proud of here in Clarendon Hills and I have to say our residents are at the top.

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See you around town!



Len Austin  
Village President

# Back to School Safety

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. **They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus.** A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

## Keep a look out for Pedestrians

Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a stop sign or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.

- In a school zone, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas. Watch for children near parked cars. They may run out from between them.
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Always use extreme caution when driving near pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.

## Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on a two lane, undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars.
- Check side mirrors before opening your door.

**Please note that in the state of Illinois all cell phone use is prohibited while driving in a school zone.**

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

# School Safety during Covid-19

One of the biggest challenges right now is how we let our kids be a kid safely during the pandemic. Whether your kids are at home or in the classroom we need to reinforce the everyday precautions to enjoy this school year safely.

- **Social distancing** limits the risk of getting sick via the infectious respiratory droplets a person with COVID-19 releases nearby while breathing, talking or coughing. You should also remind your kids not to share food, drinks, or anything, for that matter, with their friends. It's just not safe.
- **Wearing a mask** helps contain any potentially infectious respiratory droplets that may be released while breathing, talking or coughing, especially when social distancing is more challenging and even if the person doesn't yet know they're sick. Wash masks regularly and supply your kids with more than one.
- **Washing hands** limits the risk of getting sick by touching a contaminated surface and then spreading the virus to the eyes, nose or mouth if one touches their face. Hand sanitizer is a great option when washing hands is not an option.
- **Know the symptoms** of COVID-19 and do not send your kids to school or out to be social if they have any, especially a fever. If your child has been in contact with someone with COVID-19, err on the side of caution.
- **Stay positive and listen to your kids** but seek outside assistance if need be to help kids that are stressed or have extreme anxiety about the changes happening. Most kids are resilient and will adapt. Being flexible and patient as a parent will help our kids excel this school year.

## Around Town



### Board Meetings

Sept. 7th cancelled  
Sept. 21st at 7 PM\*  
Oct. 5th at 7 PM\*  
Oct. 19th at 7 PM\*

\*Due to Covid-19 these meeting are subject to time change of 6:30pm and being virtual. Resident can participate by signing into the link provided on each meetings agenda and/or submit comments through the Public Meeting Comment Form found on the Village's website.

### ZBA/Plan Commission

Sept. 17th at 7:30 PM  
Oct. 15th at 7:30 PM

### Farmers Market - Chamber Event

Thursdays 7 AM to 2 PM  
Downtown on Prospect Ave.

[www.clarendonhillschamber.com](http://www.clarendonhillschamber.com)

### Library

September 17th at 10 AM  
Virtual Live Hero Story Time  
Must visit this Facebook group prior to 9/17/20 to participate live  
[www.facebook.com/groups/CHPLStorytime](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CHPLStorytime)

[www.clarendonhillslibrary.org](http://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org)

### Park District

September 26th at  
8-8:45 AM or 9-9:45 AM  
Fishing Derby at Prospect Park Pond  
Pre-registration required.  
Bring your fishing pole, bait, and a bucket. Trophy for longest fish in each age bracket.

[www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org](http://www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org)

# Parkway Obstructions

Now that sufficient time has passed since the last major road program, the Village is requiring the removal of all above grade parkway obstructions. Although the Village's ordinance always prohibited such "improvements", the Village Board made the decision to allow a grace period to allow the ground to settle and harden after the road program. Rocks, boulders, concrete, rebar, or whatever permanent or semi-permanent obstructions are a safety hazard and force people to choose different areas to park. Fiberglass and Plastic Reflector sticks will only be allowed in extenuating circumstances such as in areas where new homes are under construction, there is new sod or grass seed or a clear safety need exists, as they are unsightly. Please remove these as soon as possible, the Village will be sending letters to those with parkway obstructions soon.

The Village is still discussing the possibility of permitting some below grade armoring such as brick pavers or in the ground stones. Design and material standards are in the planning stages. As such, any existing below grade armoring will be allowed to remain until such standards are finalized.

As part of this enforcement, once the weather has turned cooler, the Village will be deploying a new dirt spreading machine to bring parkway edges up to grade with the concrete ribbons throughout the Village's parkways. This machine should allow the public works department to fix ongoing tire rut issues on a semi-annual basis (one full sweep in the fall and spring during grass growing seasons). The hope is that this provides a sufficient push to maintain the parkways indefinitely.

The Village knows many of these "improvements" were made by residents trying to protect the grass. However, ultimately, parkways should be kept free of obstructions for safety and to keep the clean look of the Village. Thank you for your cooperation as this issue is addressed.

## Weekly Updates

**Weekly Manager and Department Head reports are posted Fridays on the Village website at [www.clarendonhills.us/weekly](http://www.clarendonhills.us/weekly)**

Police Chief  
Weekly Report

This report is part of the weekly department reports that can be found on the village website  
[www.clarendonhills.us/weekly](http://www.clarendonhills.us/weekly)



The Police Chief weekly report is part of the main weekly reports but is also now posted on our Village's Facebook page and on the Police Departments webpage at [www.clarendonhills.us/police](http://www.clarendonhills.us/police). Once there, find this image and click to be directed to just the Police Chief's weekly department reports.

*Remember don't text while driving and lock your car doors!*

## No Sticker For Leaves!!!

For the months of October and November, **leaves only** in yard waste cans or paper yard waste bags may be placed out on Tuesdays with your other garbage without a sticker. Other yard waste (grass clippings, sticks, weeds, etc.) must have a sticker. Yard waste stickers are \$2.75 each. Stickers are sold at Village Hall, Clarendon Hills Hardware and Jewel on 55th.



## Village Hall Closed

Weekdays from Noon to 1 PM for lunch

Due to Covid-19 in person visits are by appointment only and only if necessary.

**Trustee Topics****Village of Clarendon Hills**

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## Halloween Activities

Normally at the end of October, we see goblins and ghouls wander the meandering streets of Clarendon Hills in hopes of a candy bar or two. This year, however, we may need to alter our Halloween traditions due to Covid-19. We ask that the residents follow the guidelines provided by the DuPage Health Officials and the Governor.



***If Health Guidelines allow,***

***Clarendon Hills Trick or Treating hours are October 31st from 3 pm to 7 pm***

Be sure the gremlins wear proper shoes, face coverings and that their costumes are not too long which can create tripping hazards. Remind them to stop and look prior to crossing streets and keep social distancing in mind when out with your group. Of course, masks and hand sanitizers are encouraged! Be sure kids wash their hands prior to diving into their favorite treats. It's highly recommended to avoid having kids touching doorbells. It's best to find creative, safe ways to hand out candy this year.

*If for any reason, you don't care to have pirates, witches and superheroes knocking on your door, simply don't decorate your yard, keep outside lights off and close curtains. This is a clear polite sign for them to move on to the next enchanted home.*

**7th Annual Clarendon Hills Park District Halloween House Decorating Contest**

Contact [valeriel@clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org](mailto:valeriel@clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org) by Wednesday, October 21st to register for this event. The Clarendon Hills Park District will be judging between 6 pm and 7:30 pm on Thursday, Oct. 22nd to select three homes for prizes. All houses will be judged on creativity, originality and the arrangement of seasonal designs. All decorations must be placed by the homeowner and/or immediate family members. Restaurant gift cards will be awarded to the top three winners.

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Building Dept.: Press 3

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Police: 630-286-5460

Fire: 630-286-5430

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**Community Numbers:**

Park District: 630-323-2626

Public Library: 630-323-8188

**Online Transaction Safe****Zone Location:**

Police Station (448 Park Ave.)

**Find Recent Village Board Actions at**  
[www.clarendonhills.us/AgendaCenter](http://www.clarendonhills.us/AgendaCenter)