

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS TRUSTEE TOPICS

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November/ December 2021

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to Fall! Thank you all for your patience, as the downtown business district undergoes a super cycle of development spurred by the Downtown TIF and public improvements funded predominately by grants. The Open Door Taproom & Bottle Shop opened in October, Hamel Dental is nearly finished, and it looks as though II Mio, MyCroft Row and Tierra Distillery/Coffee Shop are making great progress. COVID has impacted both public and private development alike, but I am hopeful we will see the first phase of private improvements completed before the winter and a vast majority of the public improvements (including the Metra train station and Burlington Plaza) completed by then as well. A second round is already starting with the remodel of the old Ebenezer's space by the English Garden. By the time the new wildflower plantings bloom this spring, we will have an enhanced community asset for all of us to enjoy.



Village President
Len Austin

In recent months, the Village has seen record participation at its board meetings. We always welcome people to be involved in the community and to express their opinions. The Board and I place a lot of weight on what our residents' desire. We are a group of seven volunteers and local residents like yourselves that do our best to set the policy direction and vision for the Village. There are no secret agendas, hidden goals or backdoor politics...everything is fully transparent and accessible for all.

The first issue that seems to have raised the most passion is the discussion of the ladder truck and its possible replacement. Last year, the Village commissioned a study from an outside expert consultant that raised a lot of questions and made recommendations about our fire equipment and operations. The Village Board directed staff to explore some of these options including sharing a ladder truck with one of our neighbors. The Village released a Frequently Asked Questions that can be found on the front page of the Village website at www.clarendonhills.us that addresses the issues more fully. I hope that both sides of the issue can remain civil. Reasonable people can disagree and there is no emergency in any way or form as the current ladder truck is in operation. A decision regarding the truck is expected by year end.

The second issue is a potential gas station on 55th Street at the former Tracy's Tavern site. The developer of this project took the proactive step of meeting with nearby residents in October to give them an opportunity to look at various ideas and provide feedback. The Village Board has not seen any details of any potential project and the Zoning Board has not received any applications to amend zoning. Please allow the process to take its course. If a proposed project requires it, there will be ample time and notice for residents (including posted signs, a mailing to nearby residents, and notice in the newspaper) to provide feedback to both the Zoning Board, possible additional commissions, and ultimately the Village Board.

As we look forward to the next couple of months, I'm excited to say that the Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce is bringing back the Christmas Walk. In honor of its 65th anniversary, they are introducing a Holiday market this year. See more about this exciting event in this issue of Trustee Topics and please have a safe and healthy holiday season. We have a lot to be thankful for here in Clarendon Hills.

Stay warm and see you around town,



Len Austin
Village President



Luminaria Sales

The Clarendon Hills Auxiliary Chapter of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago (CHIW) invites you to participate in the annual tradition of Luminaria Lighting this Christmas Eve. Once again, the CHIW will donate hundreds of Luminaria to the Village and the members of Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops #51 will light the luminarias in downtown Clarendon Hills on Christmas Eve.

CHIW luminaria kits will be sold in December during regular business hours at the Clarendon Hills Bank and Kramer Foods; as well as the Lions pool parking lot during specific hours.

Check for times at <https://clarendonhillsinfantwelfare.org/luminaria>

Order on-line at <https://clarendonhillsinfantwelfare.org/luminaria-orders-online>

Standard kits consist of five candles and bags being sold for \$6.00. The funds raised through the sale of CHIW Luminaria in Clarendon Hills help support the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago's full-service clinic for mothers and children that cannot afford health insurance. Please join the community and light each candle for a child on Christmas Eve.

Enter your Home for the “Most Festive House”



The Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce is excited to ADD an additional Horse Carriage Route during our 65th Anniversary Christmas Walk this year! The additional carriage route will load passengers up to 6 riders at Village Hall, go North up Prospect Ave, east onto Norfolk Ave, and South on Golf Ave going back to Village Hall.

If you have a Home along this route, we would love for you to join us in the Holiday spirit and enter your home into the “Most Festive House” decorating contest where passengers on the carriage ride will enter their vote to determine who wins the Chamber basket!

Homes interested in being judged, please email jsander@birches.net your name, address, phone, and email. Due date to sign up is

Christmas Tree Clean Up

Lakeshore Recycling Services (LRS) offers free recycling for Christmas Trees during the month of January. All decorations must be removed. Place trees only for recycling at the curb.



Winter Snow Reminders

Residents are required to park off the Village streets if the weather predicts 2 or more inches of snow fall. This is to allow for proper snow removal. *(It's recommended snow be removed from the top of your vehicle prior to driving!)*

No person shall dump snow onto any public road, public sidewalk or fire hydrant.

Garbage cans should be placed at the end of your driveway and not on the street which includes the concrete ribbons. This makes it easier and safer for our crews to clear the streets of snow and allows cars to go around garbage trucks picking up cans.

No Stickers For YARD WASTE!!!

For the month of November, Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) is providing unlimited collection of yard waste containers without stickers for the purpose of leaf collection. To avoid any confusion, all bagged yard waste (leaves, mixed grass leaves, fall clean up, etc.) shall be picked up at no charge during the rest of November. Simply place out with your other garbage without a sticker.



Around Town



Board Meetings

Nov. 8th at 6:30 PM (note time)
Nov. 22nd at 6:30 PM
Dec. 6th at 6:30 PM
Dec. 20th at 6:30 PM (tentative)

ZBA/Plan Commission

Nov. 18th at 7:30 PM
Dec. 16th at 7:30 PM
www.clarendonhills.us

Christmas Walk - Chamber Event

Dec. 3rd at 5 PM with Holiday Market to Downtown Business District
then 6 PM at Village Hall Plaza for tree lighting

www.clarendonhillschamber.com

Library

November 17th - 7 PM to 8 PM

Movie Music Romance II

John LeGear for virtual presentation of sensational songs & dances from the past 100 years of film history.

Adult Program (virtual)
Registration Required.

630-323-8188

www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

Check out their website for all the programs offered for residents of all ages.

Dec. 14th from Noon to 2 PM

Holiday luncheon for Senior Residents
At Community Center (315 E. Chicago)
Registration required.

Park District Number: 630-323-2626
www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org

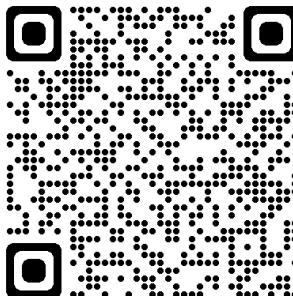
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Please take the Clarendon Hills Library Community Survey

The Library is conducting a survey to find out more about ways the library could better serve the community and focus its resources.

Surveys are due by December 19, 2021. Access the survey by scanning the QR code with your cell phone. Questions regarding this survey should be directed to the library at 630-323-8188.

Please know that the library is a separate taxing body than the Village.



PARKING AT METRA LOT

With all the new restaurants and businesses downtown in the Village, residents should know that there is FREE parking at the Metra lot weeknights after 6 PM and during the weekends. Please don't leave valuables in the car and be sure to lock your vehicles.



Be Smart. Stay Safe.

- Always keep valuables out of sight or in the trunk
- Never leave valuables in unattended vehicles
- Always lock your vehicle
- Notify the police of any suspicious activity

Village Hall Closed

Weekdays from Noon to 1 PM for lunch

Nov. 11th in observance of Veterans Day

Nov. 25th and 26th in observance of Thanksgiving

Dec. 23rd and 24th in observance of Christmas

Dec. 31st in observance of New Year's Day!

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65th Anniversary Christmas Walk December 3rd!

This year, the Chamber of Commerce is celebrating their 65th Anniversary Christmas Walk and introducing our first Holiday Market. This exciting event will be held Friday, December 3rd. The Holiday Market will begin at 5 p.m. with local businesses &

merchants to support your holiday needs and our traditional Christmas Walk begins with the lighting of the Village Hall Plaza Trees at 6 pm in front of the Village Hall along with the lighting of the Chamber donated trees in the downtown. Stroll through town where the shops and Market stay open late, restaurants serve holiday features & refreshments, visit with Santa, sing with the carolers, take a horse carriage ride through town, taste roasted chestnuts cooked on an open-fire, catch photo-ops with the Grinch and Scrooge, reminisce with the Historical Society's display featuring the growth of Clarendon Hills, and soak in the holiday spirit. Everything needed to kick off the holiday season will be here in downtown Clarendon Hills. The event ends at 9 pm. Find more info at www.clarendonhillschamber.com

The Chamber of Commerce is looking for families, groups and or businesses to give the downtown business district some Christmas spirit. Trees will be up in town for the entire month of December for all our residents to see. For a \$120 donation to the Chamber of Commerce, a tree will be placed with your groups name and ready to be decorated by your group. Some may be lit depending on their location. First come, first serve.

Check out <https://www.clarendonhillschamber.com/trees>

Lion Club Christmas Tree Sales

The Clarendon Hills Lions Club sells Christmas Trees starting the Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 26th) at the Lions Park Pool located at 100 Byrd Court. The lot is open Monday - Friday from 6 PM to 8 PM and Saturday and Sunday 9 AM to 6 PM.



Find Recent Village Board Actions at www.clarendonhills.us/AgendaCenter

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Finance Dept.: Press 2

Building Dept.: Press 3

Administration: Press 4

Public Works: 630-286-4750**Non-Emergency:**

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.)