



# VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS TRUSTEE TOPICS

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January/February 2022

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you and your family had a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. What an exciting finish to the year we just had! I want to start by thanking the Chamber of Commerce for all of their work throughout the year to get events restarted in our community. The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Walk was by far the best one that I have been to and I was very excited to see our downtown packed with people in all the new businesses. The Witches Ride and SantaCon were also unique events started by residents that were fun for participants while getting people downtown. I am excited to see what everyone comes up with next year.



Village President  
Len Austin

For 2022, I am proud to announce that many of our property owners should see a small decrease in the Village portion of their property taxes. We passed a budget with only a 1% property tax increase, which is below the expected increase in property value from new construction. Those newly constructed properties' tax bills more than offset the increase in the overall Village tax levy. This represents the culmination of many, many cost saving efforts our Village staff and Board have found over the years including staff reductions, restructuring departments, employee benefit changes, vendor changes and technology improvements. Over the last decade, the Village has decreased fulltime staff by 12% even as the population has grown 14%. These cuts were made without a fundamental change in services. In fact, service quality improved by providing better communications, allowing residents to do most everything online, more support for events, increased our on-duty fire personnel and through capital improvements such as the train station, storm water improvements and new concrete ribbons. Moving forward, increasing economic development, and growing the tax base should help to further shift the tax burden off of homeowners. I am thrilled to see continued progress on those fronts.

As we approach snowy season, I want to thank our public works crews who do a fantastic job of keeping the streets safe for us. I also want to remind everyone to eat and shop local.

See you around town,



Len Austin  
Village President



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

For questions, contact the Village Hall at (630) 286-5400

# Downtown Improvements and Vitality



Burlington Plaza – Under Construction  
(SW corner of Prospect Ave & Burlington Ave)



The English Garden Flower Shop is moving to 14 S. Prospect Ave. (former Ebenezer's Gifts) in 2022! [www.egflowershop.com](http://www.egflowershop.com)



The George Restaurant now open at  
1 Walker Avenue! [www.thegeorgech.com](http://www.thegeorgech.com)



The Open Door Spirits Retailer and Tap Room is open  
for business and thriving at 20 S. Prospect Avenue  
[www.theopendoortaproom.com](http://www.theopendoortaproom.com)



IL MIO Italian Restaurant at 30 S. Prospect expects to be  
open in 2022! [www.eatilmio.com](http://www.eatilmio.com)

**Remember to shop and eat local!**

## Around Town



### Board Meetings

January 3rd cancelled

January 18th at 6:30 PM (*rescheduled due to MLK day 1/17*)

February 7th at 6:30 PM

February 22nd at 6:30 PM

(*rescheduled due to Presidents Day 2/21*)

**Currently there is a virtual option for all Board meetings.**

### ZBA/Plan Commission

January 20th at 7:30 PM

February 17th at 7:30 PM

[www.clarendonhills.us](http://www.clarendonhills.us)

### Library

January 24th at 7 PM to 8 PM

*American History and Today, Part 1*

*World War I - World War II*

Adult Program - thru Zoom

*Registration Required.*

January 31st at 7 PM to 8 PM

*American History and Today, Part 2*

*1970's - 2020*

Adult Program - thru Zoom

*Registration Required.*

630-323-8188

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

### Park District

Check out the many activities offered by the Park District by viewing their Winter/Spring 2022 program brochure on-line.

Park District Number: 630-323-2626

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

## Village Hall Closed

Weekdays from Noon to 1 PM for lunch

Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents Day.

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Might you know someone wanting to invest in Clarendon Hills? Check out these opportunities:

2 S. Prospect Ave (Former Quinn's Coffee House)

200 Park Ave (former 5/3 Bank)

140 Burlington Ave (Root & Bloom building)

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## Reducing Complexity and Improving Transparency

The Village recently removed the costly complexity from the permitting process. For many decades the Village required cash deposits accompany permit applications and permit issuance. Although these deposits were refundable, they could be a significant cash expenditure creating undue carrying costs. In addition to this imposition on the private community members, these permit and construction deposits became more hassle than an advantage, so the Village Administration and the Village Board agreed to remove these overly bureaucratic portions of the permitting process to streamline the efficient and safe improvement to the Village's houses and businesses.

## Reassurance Program

The Clarendon Hills Police Department offers a "Reassurance Program" for residents who need a daily health and/or safety check. Participants, once enrolled, are required to call the non-emergency dispatch number daily between 6am-10am to the Clarendon Hills Police Department at (630) 323-2151.

Active participants in the program whom do not contact the Clarendon Hills Dispatch by 10:00 am will be called by the Police Department. If no response is forthcoming, an officer is dispatched to the person's residence for a wellness check. Persons eligible to participate in this program must be a Clarendon Hills resident, complete an application, supply a key to the residence (*to be kept at the Police Department*), as well as a recent picture of the applicant. All of these are required to begin this service.

The program is not limited to any one category of persons. The program is available to any person, subject to the requirements discussed above, claiming a need for this service; i.e. senior citizen, handicapped, bed ridden, etc.

*The information provided on the application is kept confidential.*

If you would like an application or have any additional questions regarding the program, please call the Clarendon Hills Police Department at (630) 286-5460 ext. 0.

## Downtown Improvements and Vitality continued...

Tierra Distilling Company at  
211 Burlington opening in late 2022.  
[www.tierradistilling.com](http://www.tierradistilling.com)



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

1 North Prospect Avenue  
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Clarendon Hills,  
Illinois 60514  
Permit No. 45

## Christmas 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 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. Snow should be removed within 3 feet of fire hydrants.

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.

## Stay in the Know

Ever wonder how your neighbor knows what's going on in the Village in between Trustee Topics issues?

- Email [admin@clarendonhills.us](mailto:admin@clarendonhills.us) to be added to the General Email list for things like refuse service changes, train breakdowns, etc. or sign up directly from the "How do I" tab on the Village website [www.clarendonhills.us](http://www.clarendonhills.us).
- Check our Village website's home page News and Events at [www.clarendonhills.us](http://www.clarendonhills.us).
- Read weekly Manager/Staff reports every Friday under at [www.clarendonhills.us/weekly](http://www.clarendonhills.us/weekly)
- Attend or listen to our Board Meetings [www.clarendonhills.us/AgendaCenter](http://www.clarendonhills.us/AgendaCenter).
- Follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram at VillageofCH. We love sharing the happenings going on in Clarendon Hills!

## Contact Us

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**Village Clerk: (Tues & Fri AM)**

Dawn Tandle 630-286-5403

**Village Hall:** 630-286-5400

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.)