

# VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS TRUSTEE TOPICS

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Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

This issue of the Trustee Topics addresses the financial and community health of the Village. The Village received a AAA bond rating again last year with a clean audit. Maintaining this outstanding level is the culmination of decades of quality decision making by our Village Boards and staff. Finance Director Potempa and her team continue to do an exceptional job digitizing our internal processes and creating new ways for residents to do Village business online/electronically. Our Finance team has excelled in establishing internal controls that protect Village funds, while wearing all the hats still required to meet our legal and financial obligations. Thank you to our finance team.

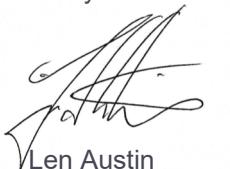


As you may be aware, the suburbs continue to see elevated levels of criminal activity, further highlighting our need to stay vigilant about our surroundings. The Village Board recently authorized increasing staff in the Police Department to provide more patrol resources and additional staff time for completing investigations. Additionally the Village joined regional working groups that provide supplementary resources and personnel when needed. Having said that, the Police Department cannot be everywhere at once. The Village is increasing community awareness through publishing the Police Chief's report and broadcasting public safety messaging campaigns. Connect with us here on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VillageofCH>. Residents can help, too. The easiest way to help is to keep your belongings out of sight and lock up your cars at night. Although theft of property from cars is a relatively a minor crime, the simplicity of this crime makes it very attractive to criminals who may then continue on to commit a more serious offense while in town.

Another major topic of conversation at the board level is the Fire Department. We recently established new goals working with Fire Department personnel to move forward with ways to preserve our paid-on-call model, which is by far the most cost-effective model in the region. We also continue the fact gathering process for determining when and what to buy when it comes to replacing the Village's two frontline fire apparatuses (the pumper and the quint with a ladder). Although the process has been slower than many would have liked, we are still on pace to get the equipment ordered, if not delivered, in this calendar year, which is the year in which it was budgeted. In the meantime, we continue to have two apparatuses that are within their service life. The supply chain crisis has hit fire apparatus manufacturers too, which is an additional complication to an already complex subject.

Downtown redevelopment continues progressing. The English Garden Flower Shop started rehabbing the former Ebenezer's space which has been vacant since 2018. They hope to open their new shop doors in late spring/early summer. The Village Board also recently authorized some funding for the Chamber of Commerce to enhance events in the downtown. Our downtown is a hidden gem, and by continuing to create events and grow our businesses, the Village and Chamber hope that people will discover a reason to come back again and again.

See you around town,



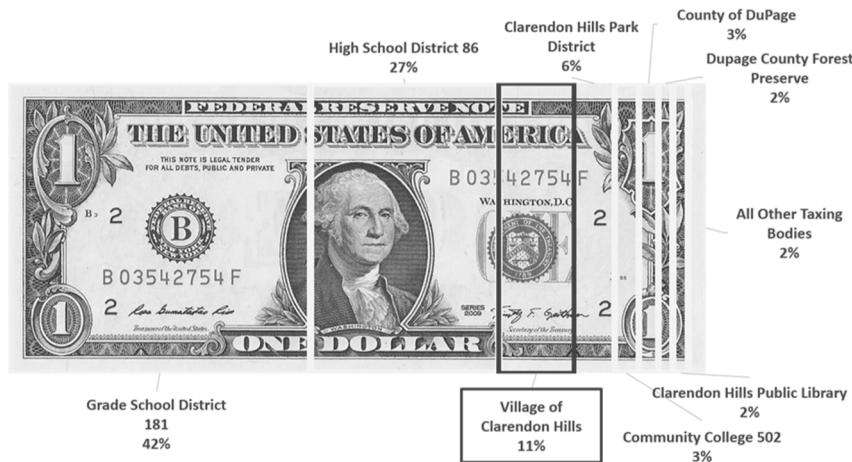
Len Austin  
Village President

**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

# Where Do Your Property Taxes Go?

We hope you find this information helpful in interpreting the actual value and purchasing power of the property taxes you pay. As you can see from the chart, the Village of Clarendon Hills portion of your tax bill is just 11% of a property owner's real estate tax bill that funds the Village's core services. The Village continues to provide outstanding value for your tax dollars by keeping the streets and public areas neat and well maintained, providing police and fire protection, reliable water service and doing these efficiently as possible. As the chart illustrates, the remaining 89% supports the various school districts, park district, DuPage County, and Downers Grove Township, as described below. The Village share from residents within different school districts is about 1% less.



## Tax Levy

Property taxation can be confusing. The property taxes you will be paying in 2022 are for what is called the "2021 Tax Levy Year".

## Tax Rate

The tax rate results from dividing the tax levy by the assessed value and multiplying that number by 100. It is the common factor applied to a property's billing value to determine the tax contribution. Given the estimated assessed value and the recommended tax levy, the Village's 2021 tax levy rate (exclusive of the Library) is estimated to be 0.6808, a decrease of 0.0292 from the prior year.

The estimated increase in the Village's 2021 equalized assessed valuation (EAV) would be the eighth increase since the 2014 levy as the overall EAV declined in levy years 2011 through 2013. The following is a ten-year history of the Village's tax rates and assessed valuations.

Tax Levy Year	Year	EAV	Tax Rate
2021	Calendar Year 2022	619,486,004	0.6808
2020	Calendar Year 2021	613,352,479	0.7100
2019	Calendar Year 2020	594,274,371	0.7107
2018	Calendar Year 2019	589,886,781	0.6946
2017	Calendar Year 2018	566,649,956	0.7009
2016	Calendar Year 2017	530,825,045	0.7240
2015	Stub Year 2016	495,292,137	0.7618
2014	Fiscal Year 2016	457,578,882	0.7809
2013	Fiscal Year 2015	453,437,001	0.7687
2012	Fiscal Year 2014	463,340,982	0.7309
2011	Fiscal Year 2013	495,348,509	0.6575

## Around Town



### Board Meetings

March 7th at 6:30 PM  
 March 21st at 6:30 PM  
 April 4th at 6:30 PM  
 April 18th at 6:30 PM

*Currently there is a virtual option for all Board meetings.*  
[www.clarendonhills.us/agendacenter](http://www.clarendonhills.us/agendacenter)

### ZBA/Plan Commission

March 17th at 7:30 PM  
 April 21st at 7:30 PM  
[www.clarendonhills.us](http://www.clarendonhills.us)

### Historical Society

Open 2nd Saturday each month  
 From Noon to 2 PM  
*June, July & August by appt only*  
 630-988-2850

[www.clarendonhillshistory.org](http://www.clarendonhillshistory.org)  
 630-915-5009

### Library

March 29th & April 26th all day  
*Take It Tuesday*  
 First come, first serve, activity bags for the youth.

630-323-8188  
[www.clarendonhillslibrary.org](http://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org)

### Park District

April 9th 10:30 AM & 11 AM  
*Easter Egg Hunt in Prospect Park*  
 Registration required.

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

## Property Taxes continued..

### ESTIMATED 2021 LEVY YEAR PROPERTY TAX BILL

Based on an average home value of \$800,000 in Clarendon Hills, taxes paid to the Village in 2022 would be \$1,775. This estimate assumes a residential exemption of \$6,000. Contact the Finance Director, Maureen Potempa at 630-286-5400 if you have questions.

	Estimated 2021 Tax
Average Sale Value [A]	\$800,000
Equalized Assessed Value [A/3=B]	\$266,667
Residential Exemption [C]	(\$6,000)
Billing Value [B-C=D]	\$260,667
Tax Rate/\$100 of Assessed Value [E]	\$0.6808
Property Tax Paid to the Village [DxE/100]	\$1,775

## Yard Waste Pickup

It's almost that time of year when we get to smell fresh green lawns. We can dream right? Starting April 4th and 5th, depending on your day of refuse pickup, yard waste pickup will begin. Residents are required to use a sticker when placing out yard waste. Per the contract with LRS, yard waste stickers will be \$2.83 starting April 1st. Please take note that residents refuse fees are also increasing a small bit, starting April 1st. Fees can be found at [www.clarendonhills.us/refuse](http://www.clarendonhills.us/refuse)

## VACATION WATCH

Before leaving for your next vacation, stop at the Police Department and fill out a Vacation Watch/ Unoccupied Residence / Business form. By filling this out, it will help us to contact you in a quick manner if an emergency occurs while you are away, or sign up on-line at

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



## Garbage Cans

Garbage cans should be placed at the end of your driveway and not on the street which includes the concrete ribbons. This keeps our narrow streets as wide as possible for cars to safely go around garbage trucks and other vehicles. It also makes it easier and safer for our crews to clear the streets in case of a snow event.

## Restaurant Parking at Metra Lot

With so many new restaurants and businesses in the downtown, patrons are welcome to park at the Metra lot weeknights after 6 PM and weekends for FREE! Please be sure to lock your doors and keep valuables out of sight.

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# Electronic Waste Collection

Clarendon Hills residents who are serviced by Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) will be allowed to place accepted electronic waste items at their curb for collection by LRS on Monday, May 2, 2022. **Deadline to register for this one day pick-up is April 28th!**

Residents can register for their items to be picked up on Monday, May 2nd at [www.LRSrecycles.com/ewaste](http://www.LRSrecycles.com/ewaste)

**IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER -  
YOUR ITEMS WILL NOT BE  
PICKED UP!**

**ALLOWABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:**

TV's, printers, computers, computer monitors, laptops, gaming consoles, fax machines, scanners, stereo equipment, cell phones, keyboards/mice, extension cords, telephones, cameras, network cables, computer cords. Blenders, microwaves, toasters, alarm clocks, hair dryers (most small corded items).



\*If an allowable item is too large to handle, or needs special consideration, LRS may not be able to take it.

**NOT ACCEPTED:**

Electronics containing liquids/hazardous materials (these items include air conditioners, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, etc.), batteries for cars, boats, sump pumps, etc., smoke detectors, thermostats, lightbulbs, gas-powered items.

If you have additional questions for LRS, please contact their customer service staff weekdays during business hours at 844-633-3577 or simply email them at [Service@LRSrecycles.com](mailto:Service@LRSrecycles.com).

## Contact Us

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Meredith Lannert 630-286-5425

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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

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

**Community Numbers:**

Park District: 630-323-2626

Public Library: 630-323-8188

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

Police Station (448 Park Ave.)