

# VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS

## TRUSTEE TOPICS

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January/February 2023

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

I'm proud to say that 2022 was a great year in the Village. Finishing the Downtown Revitalization project is something we can all be proud of! New challenges face us now with economic headwinds like inflation and labor shortages but our Village is in strong financial shape. We have seen a growing tax base, high levels of real estate investment, quality infrastructure investment and new businesses opening throughout the year. Even as the economy slows, the Village is in a great position to weather any short-term economic softness and continues to provide a high level of service to the residents of Clarendon Hills. The Village Board and staff are confident in the fiscal strength of the Village and just passed a budget with a property tax level increase of only 2%, which given the growth in property values and new construction will be less than 1% for most homeowners. This is very significant in that we could have levied up to 5% but continued our conservative approach to taxing and budget control. Although the Village tax is a small portion of your property tax bill, given the record inflation everyone is experiencing, every bit helps. I will stress again that the biggest factors driving our success in 2022 are the growth of our small business community and a tight control on spending.



Village President  
Len Austin

When I look at the Clarendon Hills businesses on Ogden Avenue, Downtown and 55<sup>th</sup> Street, I see innovative family and corporate entrepreneurs that have weathered the tough years of Covid and made investments in their businesses. We all need to thank them by supporting their businesses and shopping local. We have become a destination with unique businesses like Tierra Distilling Co. & Cafe and The Open Door Taproom & Bottleshop welcoming customers to enjoy a beverage before or after enjoying a meal at Village Gourmet-Café & Catering, Thassos Greek Restaurant, Za Za's Italian Trattoria & Pasteria, Il Mio, Little Creperie, Brama La Pizza, Domino's Pizza, Country House and soon, Wasabi Restaurant and Bar. We are looking forward to the opening of La pearl Cafe which promises to be a popular and refreshing choice.

We are also happy to see the new English Garden flower shop with all of the updates. While doing a large renovation, the owners preserved the historic building, including the original windows and flooring to maintain its unique, historic charm. We appreciate seeing the collaboration between our businesses as well. Il Mio and Vintage Charm partnered for a lunch as did Il Mio and the Park District. Barre3 has worked with Root & Bloom Chiropractic on various workshops as has Tierra Distillery Co. & Cafe. Root & Bloom Chiropractic supports our local businesses with their "12 Days of Christmas" where they shop local and then gift the items to a patient.

It was nice to see everyone at the Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Walk and Market. As I walked around, it was great to see our market tent, Santa's corner, shops and restaurants full of families enjoying everything this community has to offer. Thank you to our public works department for all their work on the trees, decorations, and the various preparations that the holiday entails.

As we begin 2023, here's to a healthy and prosperous year for all!

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

The English Garden flower shop moved to 10-14 S. Prospect in November of 2022. The owners have done a great job of restoring the beauty of the original building and bringing the building up to the current building codes. This building should last another 100 years.



Mycroft Row is another beautiful addition to the Village located at 225 Burlington. Within walking distance to the Metra train and the downtown, this finished project has six row houses, each being between 2,750-2,850 sq. feet, and having 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, spacious open concept living space and kitchen, terrace, attached 2-car garage and an in-unit elevator. Ground level office spaces from 400 to 2,400 sq. feet with private parking available. New businesses are already moving into this location.

We are excited to welcome two new businesses to the Village. Please check them out, as they are expected to be opening soon!

La pearl, which will offer bubble tea (a Taiwanese cold drink made with tea, sweetened milk or other flavorings, and balls of tapioca) at 29 S. Prospect and Wasabi Restaurant and Bar which will offer fish for sushi that is as fresh as possible, yakitori, which is a style of Japanese barbecue; a fully-stocked bar, with craft beers at 31 S. Prospect.



## Around Town



### Board Meetings

January 3rd cancelled  
 January 17th at 6:30 PM (rescheduled  
 due to MLK day 1/16)  
 February 6th at 6:30 PM  
 February 21st at 6:30 PM  
 (rescheduled due to Presidents Day 2/20)

### ZBA/Plan Commission

January 19th at 7:30 PM  
 February 16th at 7:30 PM  
[www.clarendonhills.us](http://www.clarendonhills.us)

### Library

January 30th at all day  
 National Puzzle Day  
 Drop by the library to do puzzles

### February 13, at 7 PM

*An Unfinished Journey: African  
 American Music in it Pivotal Decades  
 with Clarence Goodman  
 Adult Program -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 2023 program brochure  
 on-line.

Park District Number: 630-323-2626  
[www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org](http://www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org)

## Our Zoning Code

Our Zoning Code is an important part of our community's past, present and future. Culminating in 2019, the Village modernized the Zoning Regulations (Chapter 20 of the Municipal Code). This was overall a good process and result, but as often happens with such extensive efforts, improvements and changes become evident once we began using the code. Therefore in 2021 and 2022, a variety of parts and portions of the code, such as fence regulations, permitted use table, permitted encroachments, group homes and single-family residential use standards have been reviewed and approved by staff, the Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission and, ultimately, the Village Board.

If you are curious about the various zoning changes and how they may affect you, your neighbors or the wider community, please contact the Community Development Department at 630-286-5410.

## Expected 2023 Projects

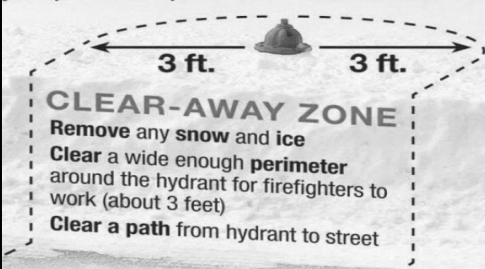
- Pedestrian Gate Improvements at the Prospect Train Crossing (ICC mandated)
- Ann Street and Eastern Avenue Resurfacing and Sidewalk Work.
- Ann Street and Byrd Court Street Project
- Burlington Avenue Watermain Replacement Project
- Burlington Avenue Resurfacing Project



5-11 S. Prospect building (Former Coldwell Banker Realty office) property sold in 2022 . We look forward to a new business in the 5-7 S. Prospect Ave spaces.

## KEEP THEM CLEAR

If there's a **fire hydrant** near your house, do your part to keep it accessible this winter:



## Village Hall Closed

Weekdays from Noon to 1 PM for lunch

Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents Day.

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- 2 S. Prospect Ave (Primarily the former Quinn's Coffee House)
- 200 Park Ave (Former 5/3 Bank)
- 140 Burlington Ave (For sale)
- 223 Burlington Ave (Mycroft Row development second phase land)
- 1 Walker Ave building (Various upper story office spaces)
- 95 Park Ave tenant space (Prime small incubator space)

## 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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Dawn Tandle 630-286-5403

### Village Hall:

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:

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### Online Transaction Safe

### Zone Location:

Police Station (448 Park Ave.)