

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS

TRUSTEE TOPICS

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March/April 2023

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

As we make our way toward Spring, I'm happy to report that the development in town has not slowed down. Wasabi opened in early February, serving sushi, ramen, and a Japanese grill menu. They plan on opening the second part, the bubble tea restaurant La Pearl once the weather gets warmer. We are excited to see those two spaces filled after much anticipation. I know many of you work from home now, so please remember our restaurants in town when you take a lunch break. The Little Creperie, Village Gourmet, Thassos Greek Restaurant, Brama La Pizza, Wasabi, ZaZas Italian Trattoria & Pasteria, Country House, Domino's and Sakura Nami all have lunch hours now, giving a wide variety of options and price points. #eatlocal



Village President
Len Austin

Unfortunately, we have also gotten wind of Starbucks closing their downtown location sometime this summer. I have heard from many residents about the closure, and like the community, we are saddened to see it go. We are still pursuing ways with Starbucks corporate for them to stay, including finding them more space to update to their new standard. Following this news, I personally met with Tierra Distillery and Café about expanding their coffee and food offerings. Tierra is also implementing new technologies, such as remote ordering, to make your experience easier.

Village staff are always meeting with businesses that want to open a location in our downtown or expand their businesses. Given the small businesses, local property owners and unique historic buildings that make up the town, the Village spends a lot of time working with these businesses and prospective businesses about how they can fit in and what the Village can do to help fill vacancies. This month, the Zoning Board is reviewing a code amendment that makes it easier to fill small vacancies that are off the main stretch of Prospect Ave with service businesses. We believe that this change, plus some projects that are in the planning stages, will fill the vast majority of the downtown. There are a couple of storefronts still actively being marketed. One thing to keep in mind is, even if you don't see any activity, there is quite a bit going on behind the scenes to get certain projects done. There are also opportunities to construct bigger projects that utilize long vacant, or underdeveloped properties that the Village is exploring in accordance with the Village's Downtown Master Plan developed by our residents in 2014.

This Trustee Topics issue also addresses the Village's financial strength. We continue to be financially stable with an AAA bond rating, while providing high quality services at low cost. We do this by keeping the Village's staff headcount low, proactively maintaining capital assets in the Village, encouraging economic development, seeking grant funding and utilizing a Fire Department staffed by paid-on-call/part-time employees.

In February, the Village Board authorized issuing a \$174,000 surplus from the Ogden TIF to the school districts and other taxing bodies. We are excited the TIF was a huge success for the Village, removing an eyesore motel and pet shop, while bringing Infiniti of Clarendon Hills along with Band & Wire to the community. In future years, after a few minor improvements are finished, the taxing bodies will benefit every year from additional increments created by the redevelopments, which can then be used to reduce the tax burden on our property owners. The Village will continue to benefit from the sales tax generated by the Infiniti car dealership. The Village officials believe that this is a preview of the success the Downtown TIF is already starting to generate.

See you around town,

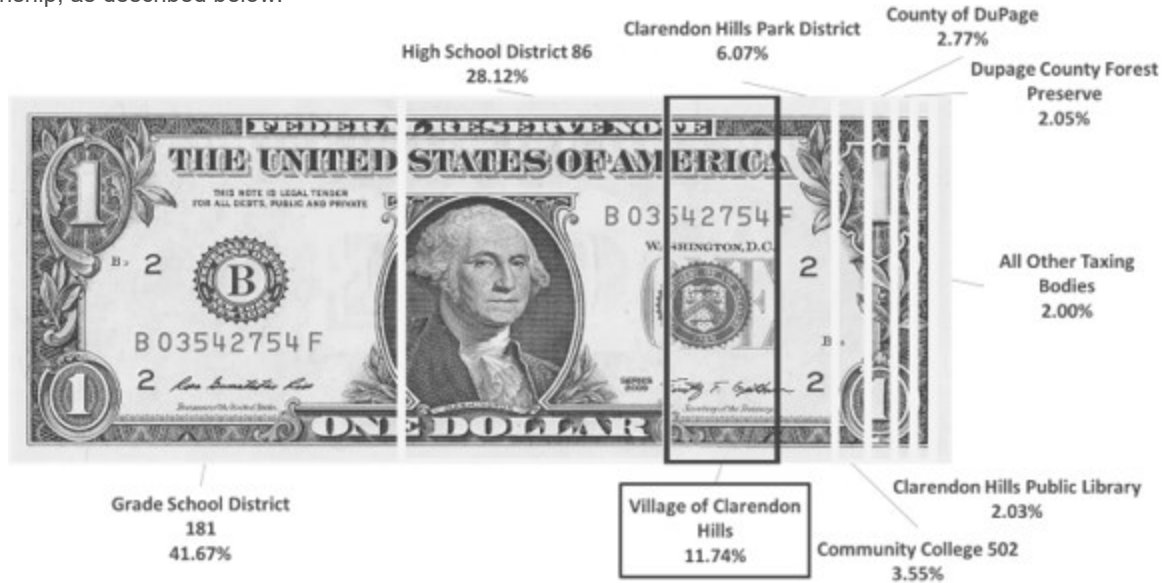

Len Austin
Village President

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

Where do your property taxes go?

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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 12% 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 88% supports the various school districts, park district, DuPage County, and Downers Grove Township, as described below.



Tax Levy

Property taxation can be confusing. The property taxes you will be paying in 2023 are for what is called the “2022 Tax Levy Year”.

Tax Rate

The tax rate results of 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 2022 tax levy rate (exclusive of the Library) is estimated to be 0.6799, a decrease of 0.0170 from the prior year rate of .06969.

The estimated increase in the Village's 2022 equalized assessed valuation (EAV) would be the ninth increase since the 2014 levy as the overall EAV declined in levy years 2012 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
2022	Calendar Year 2023	632,928,754	0.6799
2021	Calendar Year 2022	626,662,133	0.6969
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

Around Town



Board Meetings

March 6th at 6:30 PM

March 20th at 6:30 PM

April 3rd at 6:30 PM

April 17th at 6:30 PM

There is a virtual option for all Board meetings. www.clarendonhills.us/agendacenter

ZBA/Plan Commission

March 16th at 7:30 PM

April 20th at 7:30 PM

www.clarendonhills.us/agendacenter

Historical Society

Open 2nd Saturday each month
From Noon to 2 PM

www.clarendonhillshistory.org
630-915-5009

Library

March 16th at 7 PM

In Hiding: A Virtual Tour of Anne Frank's Secret Annex (Adult Program)
Registration Required

630-323-8188
www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

April 8th 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 2023 program brochure on-line.

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

Village Hall Closed

Weekdays from Noon to 1 PM for lunch

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 3 PM and weekends for FREE! Please be sure to lock your doors and keep valuables out of sight.

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ESTIMATED 2022 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 \$1,772. This estimate assumes a residential exemption of \$6,000.

	Estimated 2022 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]	\$0.6799
Property Tax Paid to the Village [DxE/100]	\$1,772.27

Yard Waste Pickup

It's almost that time of year when we get to smell fresh green lawns. We can dream right? Starting April 3rd and 4th, 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 \$2.92 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

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 signup on-line at

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.

Street Parking Reminder

Village Code Section 41.14: MANNER OF PARKING:

A. Parallel Parking: No person shall park a vehicle on a street other than parallel with the edge of the street or curb in the direction of authorized traffic movement, and with the two (2) right wheels of the vehicle within twelve inches (12") of the edge of the street or curb, except on one-way streets where either the right or left wheels of the vehicle shall be within twelve inches (12") of the edge of the street or curb, and except also on streets marked for angle parking. In no event shall any motor vehicle be parked on grass in the parkway portion of the street.



ORDINANCE 98-10-33 was passed in October of 1998. Please note that the flat concrete ribbon along the edge of pavement is part of the street. The Village Municipal Code can be read in its entirety at www.clarendonhills.us/code. If you have contractor work and/or landscaping service, please make them aware of this Village Code.

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 1, 2023. **Deadline to register for this one day pick-up is April 27th!**

Residents can register for their items to be picked up on Monday, May 1st at www.LRSrecycles.com/ewaste **IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER - YOUR ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP!**

 **Schedule E-Waste Pickup**

Check registration form for allowable 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.



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

March/April 2023 Trustee Topics

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Water/Finance Dept.: Press 2

Permit/Building Dept.: Press 3

Manager's Office: 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.)