

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS TRUSTEE TOPICS

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Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

What an eventful summer filled with celebrations coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce, our Village staff, and the volunteers in our community. Clarendon Hills knows how to celebrate and we do so often and in a variety of ways. Daisy Days, Daisy Dash, and Dancin' in the Street summer concert series continued to engage and entertain all who attended. These events help showcase the variety and vibrancy of our businesses.

Events planned by Tierra Distilling Co & Café and Open Door Taproom and Bottle Shop presents opportunities to get-out-of-your-house to enjoy all that is going on close to home. This includes Food Trucks on weekends (not a regular schedule, be sure to check their websites), Open Mic Nights, various tastings, and special releases.



Village President
Eric Tech

During all of these events Clarendon Hills is beautifully on display with the colorful array of raised flower beds within the downtown. Many people do not know, the majority of the cost of the flowers planted each year are funded by local donors and planted by our very own English Garden Flower Shop. We recognize our Planting Partners for truly creating a welcoming, eclectic environment.

As Autumn rolls around and we begin to enjoy the beauty of the fall season, our events continue with Oktoberfest on September 9th, the Witches Ride and Annual Halloween Walk on October 28th. The Chamber of Commerce's Farmers Market also continues every Thursday until mid-October.

As I heard from many of you in my first few months of Village President, people are seeking lower taxes and fees. In July the Village Board voted to discontinue requiring vehicle stickers. This change will be effective July of 2024. Residents who have not bought their 2023 stickers still need to do so by visiting clarendonhills.us/stickers or stopping by the Police Department or Village Hall. This is the last sticker and features our 100th-year logo, so be sure to purchase yours to commemorate the founding of our wonderful community. We will continue to look for ways to streamline our operations.

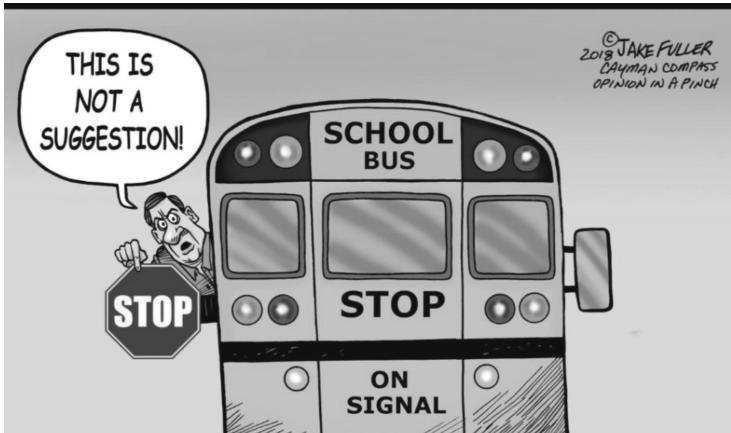
Despite only increasing property taxes by 2% last year, we were able to remove the vehicle sticker license fees due to increasing village revenues from our successful and growing restaurant core including old favorites like Country House, ZaZa's Italian Trattoria & Pasteria, and Sakura Nami Japanese Restaurant outside of the downtown. Please make sure to patronize these businesses.

As we start to meet with the new Village Board and Village management, we are in the midst of a boom of new ideas and new energy. This includes a refocused effort to create and expand the tax bases on 55th Street and expand the downtown further on Burlington Ave in the north and beyond Prospect Ave on the south. In the last two meetings, the Village Board approved a package for the second phase of Mycroft Row on Burlington Ave, gave a preliminary review to a new townhome development on Park Ave, and saw plans for the new coffee shop to replace and enhance the old Starbucks space. As we expand economic activity, we are also looking at how to make public spaces work better. One way we are researching is the possibility of removing one leg of the southbound triangle in the downtown. We expect to see the results of a traffic analysis soon, but preliminarily it looks to add parking, increase pedestrian safety, add an event staging space to lower impact of events on businesses, provide additional outside seating, and provide a new visual enhancement to the downtown.

I look forward to celebrating our 100th year Anniversary next year with events large and small, as well as accomplishments of our businesses, residents and staff. The celebration throughout 2024 affords us the opportunity to reaffirm why Clarendon Hills has been, remains, and always will be worth celebrating.



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Back-to-school time ...

is busy for parents, children and bus drivers, so each one must do their part to help make the roads safer and look out for others around them. Clarendon Hills is a very walkable community. This means that many children do walk to and from school. Parents need to teach their children to look for cars and be aware when crossing streets. Drivers need to be aware of all pedestrian traffic as well. Obey the speed limits especially within the school zones, and put down the phone. If you are texting your student as to where you are when picking them up, wait until you have parked. **DO NOT DRIVE AND TEXT.**

We also have many students that take a bus. Please obey the STOP sign that pops out when the buses stop. Be patient and wait. **NEVER pass a stopped school bus.**

Garbage Pickup Delays

Due to Labor Day on Monday September 4th, Garbage pickup will be pushed back a day for all residents the week of September 4th.

Please plan accordingly.



The Sears Homes

Wednesday, October 18 • 7:00 p.m.

CH Historical Society • 50 Sheridan Road

The Clarendon Hills Historical Society welcomes Lara Solonicke an expert on everything dealing with Sears Homes.

This 20th century DIY project started with a catalog order to Sears Roebuck and Company and ended with a family move-in day! The Sears Modern Homes catalog debuted in 1908 and it offered all the material and blueprints needed to build a house. The pieces that arrived in the mail were meant to fit together sort of like Legos, so buyers could build the kit houses themselves or hire contractors. We have some in Clarendon Hills!

Everyone is welcome to this presentation.

DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, September 12th at 7 pm at Village Hall

In June, the Village Board authorized a study by a consultant from Christopher B. Burke Engineering to explore options to simplify downtown traffic flow by potentially closing the southbound leg of Prospect Ave next to the Sloan Triangle to possibly create a plaza space, similar to the one created in front of Village Hall as part of the Downtown Revitalization project. The Plaza could be used for events and outdoor dining. A key area of concern is safety, and making sure there is enough street capacity for cars clearing the tracks between slightly offset trains. This may require added safety improvements to the pedestrian crossing on South Prospect Avenue. Also, any potential changes to the area should remain parking space neutral. If parking spaces are to be eliminated with a re-orientation, then replacement parking spaces will be added in close proximity. A proposed plaza that could be created would need to be functional, allowing for a semi-permanent stage set-up area during summer events without having to close the street during set up. This has been an ongoing issue for businesses in the retail district that do not see a direct benefit from the concerts and lose their limited on-street parking for such events.

All interested parties are welcome to attend. It is anticipated that the Village Consulting Engineer will provide a brief presentation of the traffic study and provide answers to any traffic related questions.



FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE!

Come see the fire trucks and fire demonstrations at the Fire Station on Saturday, October 7th from 11 AM to 2 PM. Stop by for some food, refreshments, and meet our firefighters along with Sparky the Fire Dog!

The Fire Station is located at 316 Park Avenue.

Around Town**Board Meetings**

Sept. 5th Cancelled

Sept. 18th at 6:30 PM

October 2nd Cancelled

October 16th at 6:30 PM

ZBA/Plan Commission

September 7th at 7 PM

October 5th at 7 PM

Downtown Design Review Meeting

September 12th at 7PM

Village Hall Board Room

www.clarendonhills.us

Farmers Market - Chamber Event

Thursdays 7 AM to 1 PM

Village Hall Plaza at 1 N. Prospect

www.clarendonhillschamber.com

Library

October 4th 3PM to 4PM

Microsoft Excel Basics

Registration Required

(Adult Program)

www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

September 22nd @ 6:30 PM

Prospect Park Campfire with Smores!

Bring flashlights and your own roasting sticks.

Free to Clarendon Hills residents only

Check out the many activities offered by the Park District by viewing their program guide on-line.

www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org

Village Hall Closed

Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day

Weekdays from noon to 1 pm for lunch

Clarendon Hills

***Trick or Treating hours are
Tuesday, October 31st
from 3 pm to 7 pm***

Howl-oween night will be upon us soon and we will see goblins and ghouls meandering the streets of Clarendon Hills. We ask that drivers please keep a look out for the master pumpkin carvers at play as they shuffle from house to house in hopes for some treats that day.

Be sure the gremlins, mummies and monsters wear proper shoes and that their fang-tastic and fabulous costumes are not too long which can create tripping hazards. Remind them to stop and look prior to crossing streets and not to travel alone.

If for any reason, you don't care to have pirates, witches and superheroes knocking on your door, simply don't decorate your yard, keep outside lights off and close curtains. This is a clear polite sign for them to move on to the next enchanted home.

ADDITIONAL HALLOWEEN EVENTS
Clarendon Hills Chamber Halloween Window Painting

Downtown, Monday, Oct 24th from 3:30 pm to 5 pm (Oct. 25th rain date)



Clarendon Hills Chamber Halloween Walk

Downtown, Saturday, Oct. 29th from 11pm to 2pm

Find out more details for these Chamber events at www.ClarendonHillsChamber.com

10th Annual Clarendon Hills Park District Halloween House Decorating Contest

The Park District is looking for the best decorated houses in town. All houses will be judged on creativity, originality and arrangement. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Winners will receive a gift card to a local restaurant. Registration is required by Monday, October 16. Houses will be judged on the evening of October 17 and 18th between 4-7pm. All decorations must be put up by you and your family in order to participate. Winners will be announced via the Clarendon Hills Park District Facebook page. Free for all Clarendon Hills residents. Register at www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org code 865300-10

No Stickers For YARD WASTE!!!

For the months of October and November, Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) will provide 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 these months. Simply place out with your other garbage without a sticker.

Trustee Topics**Village of Clarendon Hills**

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CLARENDON HILLS ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION



Please note that the Clarendon Hills residents will be allowed to place accepted electronic waste items at their curb for collection by LRS if they call **844.NEED.LRS** or submit a request at <https://LRSrecycles.com/ewaste>. Residents who don't request and/or enroll for this service may not have items collected. When residents enroll, they are required to list the items for pick-up.

Date of collection is **October 23, 2023.**

This event will take place for **one day only**, and you **must enroll**.
Enrollment deadline is October 19th.

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, VCRs, MP3s, network cables, computer cords.

SMALL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES:

Blenders, microwaves, toasters, alarm clocks, hair dryers (most small corded items).

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 an allowable item is too large to handle, or needs special consideration, LRS may not be able to take it, or reschedule for a different day.

QUESTIONS?

For more information, questions and to arrange for services, please call LRS Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at **844.NEED.LRS** or email Service@LRSrecycles.com.

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

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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
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.)