



# VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS

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November/December 2023

## Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

With Labor Day in the rear-view mirror and the start of school, I always think of autumn as a time of fresh starts and new beginnings. Fall is a busy time for many and it is certainly so for the Village. Village staff is working hard to wrap up this year's construction projects and complete our Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Budget while working on new and exciting opportunities. I'm happy to provide you with a few updates on important topics for us in the Village:



Village President  
Eric Tech

With the downtown TIF (Tax Increment Finance) District driving economic development and assisting businesses in our downtown, the 55<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor area presents an opportunity for redevelopment. In September, the Village Board approved an Economic Development Study. If the results of the study recommend a TIF, this area of town could see water infrastructure, stormwater improvements, and traffic improvements that could ultimately bring about additional economic opportunities. The goal is to improve infrastructure and create another economic corridor to lower the property tax burden on the entire community. A redevelopment plan puts the Village in the driver's seat for any future development whether commercial or residential in keeping with the 55th Street Subarea Plan the Village undertook in 2016.

The final touches are being put on our downtown revitalization project. Other public infrastructure improvements completed this year include the installation of a new water main on Burlington from the Water Tower to a new connection with Westmont, the resurfacing of Burlington Avenue west of Prospect Avenue, Ann Street from Prospect Avenue to Harris Avenue and Byrd Court from Ann Street to the Lion's Pool Parking Lot. The work on Byrd Court and Ann Street includes the installation of concrete ribbons. The installation of these ribbons completes the almost 20-year Special Service Area (SSA) Ribbon Installation project. The first SSAs of this cycle are starting to expire as well, which means a reduction in property taxes for those homes and businesses.

Effective January 1, to better serve the community, Village Hall will be changing business hours. Village Hall will be open to the public from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. The change will mean Village Hall will be open through the lunch hour to better serve the residents.

As our community enters the second year of events post-pandemic, we are seeing record participation from businesses and residents for our local events. Oktoberfest and Halloween Walk were a huge success. Many thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for planning, organizing, and growing these events. Our Public Works and Police Department do an amazing job of supporting our events as well.

It's obvious from the record numbers of families at our events and realtors' signs that we have a number of new families in town. It's vital for any community to have new families join its ranks. They bring energy, dedication, and new perspectives to their hometowns. If you are one of our newest residents, I'd like to extend a personal welcome to our community. I hope you will enjoy living here as much as my family has. Please make a point of introducing yourself should our paths cross and please think about joining any of the many community organizations which make Clarendon Hills the very special place it is.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood and especially at our Annual Holiday Walk which will take place on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at Village Hall and throughout our downtown. This event is filled with holiday spirit, from carolers to sleigh rides, and even a visit from the guy in the red suit. I wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season!



Eric Tech  
Village President

# Holiday Walk

This exciting Chamber of Commerce event will be held Friday, December 1st. The lighting of the Village Hall Plaza Trees will be held at 6 pm in front of the Village Hall along with the lighting of the Chamber donated trees in the downtown. Stroll through town where the shops may stay open late, restaurants serve holiday features & refreshments, visit with Santa, sing with the carolers, take a horse carriage ride through town, taste roasted chestnuts cooked on an open-fire, catch photo-ops with costumed characters, and soak in the holiday spirit. Everything needed to kick off the holiday season will be here in downtown Clarendon Hills. The event ends at 9 pm. Find more info at [www.clarendonhillschamber.com](http://www.clarendonhillschamber.com)

The Chamber of Commerce is looking for families, groups and or businesses to give the downtown business district some Christmas spirit. Trees will be up in town for the entire month of December for all our residents to see. For a \$160 donation to the Chamber of Commerce, a tree will be placed with your groups name and ready to be decorated by your group. Some may be lit depending on their location. First come, first serve.

Check out <https://www.clarendonhillschamber.com/trees>



## Luminaria Sales

The Clarendon Hills Auxiliary Chapter of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago (CHIW) invites you to participate in the annual tradition of Luminaria Lighting this Christmas Eve. Once again, the CHIW will donate hundreds of Luminaria to the Village and the members of Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops #51 will light the luminarias in downtown Clarendon Hills on Christmas Eve.

CHIW luminaria kits will be sold in December during regular business hours at the Clarendon Hills Bank and Kramer Foods; as well as the Lions pool parking lot during specific hours.

Check for times at <https://clarendonhillsinfantwelfare.org/luminaria>

Order on-line at <https://clarendonhillsinfantwelfare.org/luminaria-orders-online>

Standard kits consist of five candles and bags being sold for \$6.00. The funds raised through the sale of CHIW Luminaria in Clarendon Hills help support the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago's full-service clinic for mothers and children that cannot afford health insurance. Please join the community and light each candle for a child on Christmas Eve.



## Lions Club Christmas Tree Sales

The Clarendon Hills Lions Club sells Christmas Trees starting the Friday (Nov. 24th) after Thanksgiving at the Lions Park Pool located at 100 Byrd Court. The lot is open Monday - Friday from 6 PM to 8 PM and Saturday and Sunday 9 AM to 6 PM.

## Christmas Tree 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. Please remove tree from bag once at curb.

## Garbage Pickup Delays

Due to Christmas Day on Monday, December 25th, Garbage pickup will be pushed back a day for all residents the week of December 25th.

Due to New Year's Day on Monday, January 1st, Garbage pickup will be pushed back a day for all residents the week of January 1st.

**Please plan accordingly.**

## Around Town

### Board Meetings

Rescheduled to

November 13th at 6:30 PM

December 4th Cancelled

December 18th at 6:30 PM



### ZBA/Plan Commission

November 2th at 7 PM

December 7th at 7 PM

**ZBA/PC meetings are only held if there are agenda items so check Village website for cancellations**

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

### Library

November 13th 6:30 PM to 8 PM

*Holiday Card-making workshop*

Registration Required

(Adult Program)

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

630-323-8188

### Park District

December 12th Noon to 2 PM

*Holiday Luncheon*

Registration is required

Code 840300-14

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](http://www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org)  
630-323-2626

## Village Hall Closed

**November 10th** in observance of Veterans Day.

**November 23rd and 24th** in observance of Thanksgiving.

**December 22nd and 25th** in observance of Christmas Holiday

**January 1, 2024** in observance of New Year's Day.

Weekdays from noon to 1 pm for lunch until December 31, 2023.

## CHFD Explorer Program

Introducing today's youth to firefighter and emergency medical services operations, community service and civic involvement through positive mentoring, training, education, and career development. The Fire Explorer program gives first-hand experience in what it mentally and physically takes to be a professional firefighter. This Explorer program gives participants beneficial knowledge, experience, and discipline that can apply to any career field. Basic Requirements for participation must be between 14–20 years of age, maintain a 2.0 grade point average in school, ability to work as a team member, and residency not required. For more information or to learn more about the CHFD Explorers check out [www.clarendonhills.us/explorers](http://www.clarendonhills.us/explorers) or contact Deputy Chief Roger Krupp at [Rkrupp@clarendonhills.us](mailto:Rkrupp@clarendonhills.us) or 630-286-5302.



## Clarendon Hills turns 100!

On January 22, 2024 the Village of Clarendon Hills will turn 100 years old! In celebration of this great Village, residents will see some improved events and added activities throughout the new year! Below are just a few to expect in January.

First change is the Village offices will have new hours to better serve its' residents. The offices will no longer be closed for lunch. **The new hours in 2024 are 9 AM to 4:30 PM.**

Celebratory banners will be hung within the Village.

The Village's website will be [www.clarendonhills.gov](http://www.clarendonhills.gov) in order to be more secure. Village Board/staff emails will also be changing to [@clarendonhills.gov](mailto:@clarendonhills.gov)

Trustee Topics in 2024 will be renamed "*The Daisy Digest*" and in color!

There will be an on-line store where residents can purchase merchandise to celebrate the 100th anniversary. [www.clarendonhills.gov/Shop](http://www.clarendonhills.gov/Shop)

Souvenir Centennial Passport Adventure Books will be available in 2024 for residents of all ages. These books can be used to collect stamps from Village businesses and events throughout the year. Those who participate can enter a drawing that will occur at the 2024 Holiday walk for prizes.



As part of the celebration, historian Jim Gibbons will present: ***The 1920's Flappers, Speakeasies & Coolidge*** on Wednesday, January 17th at 7 PM at 50 Sheridan Road, home of the CH Historical Society. Everyone is welcome. For more information go to [www.jimgibbonshistorian.com](http://www.jimgibbonshistorian.com)

**The Historical Society is looking for new members.  
Please attend this event to find out more!**

## No Stickers For YARD WASTE!!!

For the months of November and first week of December, Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) will provide unlimited collection of yard waste containers without stickers for the purpose of leaf collection. All bagged yard waste (leaves, mixed grass leaves, fall clean up, etc.) shall be picked up. Yard waste pickup ends with December 4th and 5th pickup.

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## Winter Snow Reminders

Residents are required to park off the Village streets if the weather predicts 2 or more inches of snowfall. This is to allow for proper snow removal. (*It's recommended snow be removed from the top of your vehicle prior to driving!*)

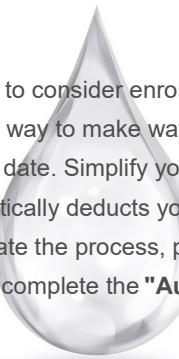
No person shall dump snow onto any public road, public sidewalk or fire hydrant.

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.



## WATER BILLS

If you haven't already done so, we strongly encourage you to consider enrolling in our **Auto Debit program**. It's not only the quickest and easiest way to make water bill payments but also guarantees that you'll never miss a due date. Simplify your life by taking advantage of this hassle-free service, which automatically deducts your water bill amount from your checking or savings account. To initiate the process, please visit our Village Website at [www.clarendonhills.us/autopay](http://www.clarendonhills.us/autopay) and complete the **"Automatic Payment Application."**



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

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Water/Finance Dept.: Press 2

Permit/Building Dept.: Press 3

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**Public Works:** 630-286-4750**Non-Emergency:**

Police: 630-286-5460

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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.)