



CLARENDON HILLS

March/April 2024

DAISY DIGEST



Dear Neighbors,

What a kickoff to our year of Centennial celebrations! At the Village Board Meeting on January 22nd, which is the same day the Village was incorporated in 1924, all attendees were treated to a great performance by the Clarendon Hills Middle School Jazz Band, led by Director Eric Morong. A proclamation was read, there was cake, and a preview of the Centennial Documentary which is expected later this year was shown. Thank you to the Centennial Committee and Village Staff for organizing this event and giving us a glimpse of Clarendon Hills through the years. Please visit the website at www.clarendonhills.us/Centennial to view more exciting events planned for our Centennial year.

The arrival of Spring signals a time for growth and opportunity. Before we know it, Summer will be here. The Village Board continues to be focused on downtown revitalization. In preparation for warmer weather at the January meeting, the Board approved a proposal with Gary R. Weber & Associates to create a site plan and conceptual drawing for outdoor dining. The current barriers were installed during the pandemic as a temporary measure. The goal is to have guidelines and create a more aesthetically pleasing environment that all who visit and dine in our downtown can enjoy. The Board has also tried to be responsive to the needs of the business community and those who visit downtown by changing the non-permit parking hours of the Metra parking lot from 3 pm to noon on weekdays. Parking wayfinding signage is also a focus for the Board.

As I mention the change in seasons and plan for our downtown, it is important we all embrace the rights of seasonal passage. Several Village Departments are entering a change in season. We are conducting a statewide search for a new Fire Chief. Chief Leahy is officially set to retire. In addition, several Department members are separated from the department. We wish them all well.

On February 20, 2024, Ed Leinweber was sworn in as the new Police Chief. Ed has been with the Village for 23 years and I'm confident he will continue the Department's tradition of excellence in our Police Department. We applaud and thank our outgoing Chief of Police Paul Dalen for his 30 years of service. He has dedicated his career to helping make Clarendon Hills a safer and better community. For that, and for everything Chief Dalen accomplished, we owe him a huge debt of thanks. Chief Dalen is well respected, and it is for that reason the Village Board plans to have him continue to serve the Village as Director of Public Safety. My hope is that his insight and wisdom can guide the Village's Public Safety Departments through this change of season.

Finally, we know Spring is also when many residents take on home improvement and yard projects. Thank you for taking pride in your properties and adding to the beautification of Clarendon Hills



Eric Tech
Village President

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



88 Park Avenue

Where do your property taxes go?

The Village of Clarendon Hills portion of your tax bill is about 12% of a property owner's real estate tax bill which 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 as efficiently as possible. The remaining 88% of the taxes property owners pay, supports the various school districts, park district, forest preserve, library, DuPage County, and Downers Grove Township as stated on property tax bills.

Property Taxation - Tax Levy

The property taxes you will be paying in 2024 are for what is called the "2023 Tax Levy Year".

Tax Rate

The tax rate is derived from dividing the tax levy by the assessed value and multiplying that number by 100. It is the common factor used to determine the tax contribution of a property. Given the estimated assessed value and the recommended tax levy, the Village's 2023 tax levy rate (exclusive of the Library) is estimated to be 0.7001, an increase of 0.0035 from the prior year rate of .06966.

The estimated increase in the Village's 2023 equalized assessed valuation (EAV) would be the tenth increase since the 2014 levy as the overall. The following is a ten-year history of the Village's tax rates and assessed valuations.

Tax Levy Year	Year	EAV	Tax Rate
2023	Calendar Year 2024	645,680,332	0.7001
2022	Calendar Year 2023	639,287,457	0.6966
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

ESTIMATED 2023 LEVY YEAR PROPERTY TAX BILL

Based on an average home value of \$800,000 in Clarendon Hills, taxes paid to the Village in 2024 would be \$1,824.93 This estimate assumes a residential exemption of \$6,000.

	Estimated 2023 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]	\$0.7001
Property Tax Paid to the Village [DxE/100]	\$1,824.93

- Make Water Bill Payments
 - View your Bills and Usage
 - Manage Multiple Accounts
- at

www.clarendonhillsutilities.com

Around Town

Board Meetings

March 18th at 6:30 PM

April 15th at 6:30 PM

ZBA/Plan Commission

March 7th at 7:30 PM

April 4th at 7:30 PM

Library

March 12th at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Movie Showing: *A Haunting in Venice*
Film based on Agatha Christie's book
The Halloween Party

No registration required - just drop in.

630-323-8188

www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

Check out the many activities offered by the Park District by viewing their Program brochure on-line.

Park District Number: 630-323-2626

www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org

Historical Society

March 9 @ Noon to 2 PM

Open House

Heritage Hall at 50 Sheridan Rd.

Pre-Order your copy of the Clarendon Hills Centennial History Book at

<https://www.clarendonhillshistory.org/order-book>

www.clarendonhillshistory.org

Village Hall Hours

Monday - Friday

9 AM to 4:30 PM



Centennial Happenings

We had a great kick-off to our Centennial on January 22, 2024 with a performance from the Clarendon Hills Middle School Jazz Band prior to our Village Board meeting. In addition, we viewed a trailer of the documentary being created in celebration of our Centennial by resident film maker Jake Youngman.

This year is full of fun events. You can find out more about these events all year at <https://www.clarendonhills.us/centennial>



Centennial Art Competition

"What inspires you most about Clarendon Hills?" Students in 4th-8th grades who live in Clarendon Hills or go to a Clarendon Hills school are eligible to participate in this two-dimensional art competition. One top winning entry will be chosen from each grade level. See the official entry form and rules at <https://www.clarendonhills.us/centennial>

One Author/One Community: Agatha Christie

In March, the library celebrates the author Agatha Christie who published two books in 1924 - *Poirot Investigates* (a collection of short stories that is counted as the third book featuring detective Hercule Poirot) and *The Man in the Brown Suit*. The library will give away copies of these two books and hold some Agatha Christie-related events.

Centennial Merchandise

Support the Clarendon Hills Historical Society by shopping for 100 year merchandise. Check out the shop at <https://www.clarendonhills.us/shop>

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 6, 2024. **Deadline to register for this one day pick-up is May 2nd!**

Residents must register for their items to be picked up on Monday, May 6th by May 2nd online at

<https://www.lrsrecycles.com/schedule-clarendon-hills-e-waste-pickup/>

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

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.

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Public Parking at Metra Lot

Patrons of our local shops and restaurants are welcome to park at the Metra lot weekdays after Noon and weekends for FREE! Please be sure to lock your doors and keep valuables out of sight.

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. In addition, cans should be brought up from the curb the day of collection.

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 at your home while you are away, or signup on-line at

www.clarendonhills.us/vacationwatch

Yard Waste Pickup

It's almost that time of year when we get to smell fresh green lawns. We can dream right? Starting April 1st and 2nd, 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 \$3.00 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

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

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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

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.