



## DAISY DIGEST



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Dear Neighbors,

Thank you to everyone for your support and attendance at all our fantastic community events this summer. The Chamber of Commerce did a wonderful job organizing Daisy Days and the Dancin' in the Street Concert Series. We had record attendance. The festivities continue into the Fall with the weekly Farmers Market, Oktoberfest, the Centennial Concert, and Fall Fest hosted by the Park District. Please stay tuned to the Village's website and social media for more information on events.

Our events make our downtown and community vibrant and fun, with many families walking to our downtown to enjoy entertainment, food and drinks. With school starting and children walking to school, it is important that we keep our downtown a pedestrian-friendly destination. Per ordinance 18-05-12, pedestrians are required to walk their bikes through the downtown district. Remember that we all have a role to play in keeping our community safe. The Village Board is also exploring options to make additional areas in the community more pedestrian-friendly.

During the fall season, the Village staff and Board will focus on the upcoming year's budget. The Village continues to be well positioned financially with strong reserves, a solid economic base, and sound financial management and planning. The Board will work to appropriately balance taxes and fees with investment in vital public infrastructure and the preservation of high-quality services for our community. With this in mind, the Village Board will be considering the redevelopment of the property located at 104 Walker Ave, the swampy wooded lot on the corner of Park and Walker Avenues. The proposed rezoning of this property aims to develop it into a mixed-use building, with a restaurant and dwelling units; a decision that could bring significant opportunities for our downtown and the business community.

Another project being proposed is creating a TIF district in the 55<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor. The 55th Street Proposed TIF District is generally located along the north and south sides of 55th Street between Western Avenue to the west and Holmes Avenue to the east, and also includes certain parcels on the east and west sides of Western Avenue and Bentley Avenues, and the west side of Virginia and Clarendon Hills Avenues, all south of 55th Street. The uses within this area are commercial and residential. TIF is short for Tax Increment Financing. TIFs work by designating an area (the district), setting a "base" property tax value to properties within the district, and reinvesting any increase beyond the "base" value into improvements for the district. Taxing bodies, including the schools and the Park District, still receive their share by taxing the "base" value of the properties throughout the TIF's lifespan while the increases are used for economic or infrastructure purposes. This is not to allow for eminent domain. TIFs are a common tool used by communities. We have had success with our existing TIF on Ogden Avenue, which used to bring in Infiniti of Clarendon Hills, and the TIF in the downtown business district which has assisted many of the local businesses we frequent daily. I believe a TIF will be useful to maintain, renovate, and sustain the character of our community.

At our August Village Board meeting we recognized the Clarendon Hills Little League Softball 2024 State Champions of the 11U and 12U levels. These young residents represented our community respectfully on a larger stage and we are so proud of their accomplishments.



I thank you all for making Clarendon Hills such a great community and look forward to seeing you at our remaining events this year!



Eric Tech, Village President



## Development

The Village has experienced great interest from developers as far back as 1924. The Village Staff and Board have been and is always interested in the developments that best serve the residents of Clarendon Hills as a whole. Although development isn't always perceived as a positive by some, it is important to understand that it helps the values of current residential homes, can help prevent tax increases, helps to attract and support local businesses, and adds to the overall appeal of Clarendon Hills.

As we celebrate our Centennial, it is great to reflect on how the Village has changed over the years, yet the things that matter most has not, like the sense of community and the desire to provide a wonderful place to raise a family.

Village Staff and Board are very transparent about the potential developments within our community. It may not be on a flyer slipped under your door, but it can be found on our website. On the website you can read the Manager's weekly reports, read Board meeting agendas and see the whole packet of information provided to the Village Board. Even listen to the recordings of past meetings. Many projects are introduced to sub-committees months prior to going to the Village Board for a final vote. Please remember these committees and Boards are made up of community residents volunteering their time.

In addition, rumors are often the result of misinformation or fear of change, and often lead to more misinformation. Please visit our website or call the village if you have questions; 630-286-5400.

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

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

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

## Trick or Treating October 31st 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.*

### Clarendon Hills Chamber Halloween Walk

Downtown, Saturday Oct. 26th

Find out more details for these Chamber events at  
[www.ClarendonHillsChamber.com](http://www.ClarendonHillsChamber.com)



## FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE!

Come see the fire trucks, fire demonstrations, and meet our new Fire Chief, Michael Korzen at the Fire Station on Saturday, October 5th 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

September 16th at 6:30 PM  
October 21st at 6:30 PM

### ZBA/Plan Commission

September 5th at 7 PM  
October 3rd at 7 PM

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

### Library

September 12th at 11:30 AM  
Farmers Market Story Time  
Village Hall Lawn

October 10th at 11:30 AM  
Farmers Market Story Time  
Village Hall Lawn

630-323-8188  
[www.clarendonhillslibrary.org](http://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org)

### Park District

September 21st from 3 PM to 6 PM  
Fall Fest

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](http://www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org)

### Historical Society

September 9th at 9 AM to Noon  
Pickup pre-ordered Centennial Books  
Heritage Hall at 50 Sheridan Rd.

September 14th Noon to 2 PM  
Open House at Heritage Hall

Buy your copy of the Clarendon Hills Centennial History Book from the Historical Society

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

## Village Hall Hours

Monday - Friday  
9 AM to 4:30 PM

## Village Hall Closed

Friday, September 13th at Noon for an Employee Event.

## Centennial Happenings

Find out about the Centennial events at <https://www.clarendonhills.us/centennial>

The Centennial Committee is prepping for the Centennial Celebration in Prospect Park on Sunday, September 8th. This is a free event for residents which includes drone show!

The Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce continues to make our traditional events even more special due to our Centennial. Be sure to attend Oktoberfest in the downtown on September 14th from 6PM to 10PM and the Halloween Walk on October 26th!

Want to learn more about the history of Clarendon Hills? If so, check out the following:

- Centennial Documentary created by resident Jake Youngman with the assistance of the Clarendon Hills Historical Society - <https://www.clarendonhills.us/centennial>
- 100 Year house tours - <https://www.clarendonhillshistory.org/house-tours>
- Visit the Historical Society at 50 Sheridan Road during Open Houses
- Buy a copy of the Clarendon Hills Centennial History Book from the Historical Society

## Centennial Merchandise

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

## 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.

## Bikes in the Downtown

Please remind our young residents that, per Village Code, no person shall ride a bicycle/scooter on a sidewalk in the business district at any time.

**Bikes and scooters should be walked through the downtown business district.**



## Back-to-school time ...

can be 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 and bike to and from school. Please inform your bike

riders that they need to walk their bikes in the downtown business district, especially after school. We ask parents to teach their children to look for cars and be aware when crossing streets and the train tracks. Drivers also need to be aware of all pedestrian traffic as well. Obey the speed limits especially within the school zones, and ***put down the cell phone***. If you are texting child as to where you are when picking them up, wait until you have parked.

***DO NOT DRIVE AND TEXT.***

There are 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.

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**Village of Clarendon Hills**  
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# CENTENNIAL CONCERT

## SAVE THE DATE

SEPT 8, 6PM-10PM

Clarendon Hills residents are invited to celebrate 100 years of our village with a spectacular Ravinia-style concert in Prospect Park!

GRAMMY-NOMINATED BAND AND DRONE LIGHT SHOW!



## 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, October 21, 2024.

**Deadline to register for this one day pick-up is October 17th by 5PM!**

Residents must register online at

<https://www.lrsrecycles.com/schedule-clarendon-hills-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](mailto:Service@LRSrecycles.com).

**IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER**

**YOUR ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP!**



**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

Manager's Office: Press 4

### Public Works: 630-286-4750

### Non-Emergency:

Police: 630-286-5460

Fire: 630-286-5430

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

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