

# CLARENDON HILLS

November/December 2024

# DAISY DIGEST



Dear Neighbors,

I hope all of you enjoyed a restful and fun-filled summer. I am pleased to provide you with Village updates.

**Budget** - We take pride in maintaining high-quality services for our community and sound financial planning which keeps the Village well positioned financially with healthy reserves. In 2025, staff anticipates taking the full amount allowed under the tax cap legislation. This amount is 3.4%, well below last year's amount of 5%. The budget as presented, only plans for the growth allowed as a measure of CPI, and not taking into account any of the "new-growth" that we know is occurring in the Village. The net effect on average for existing residents and businesses is that property taxes will be increased by less than they might otherwise be.

**2024 Road Program** - We resurfaced Holmes Ave from 58<sup>th</sup> to 55<sup>th</sup> Street, 56<sup>th</sup> St. from Barclay Ct. to Forest Hills Dr., and 58<sup>th</sup> St. from Holmes Ave. to the East End Road. There was additional work completed in the downtown and to various driveways, alleys, and parking lots. The 2024 Road Program was funded by Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds, Motor Fuel Tax Funds, Local Funds, and DCEO Grants from legislators.

**Development** - The Village Board met recently to discuss economic development strategic planning. The Board is committed to smart growth and development. Particularly with regard to the proposed 55<sup>th</sup> Street Tax Increment Finance District (TIF). The Downtown TIF District has seen a 50% increase in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) and has allowed the Village to assist many businesses while improving the community. The Village hopes to work with fellow taxing bodies especially the school districts to ensure all stakeholders benefit.

**Pedestrian Safety/E Bikes** - The Police Department is taking proactive steps to work with the schools on an E bike education campaign. Signs have been installed in the downtown area and the Village Board will be updating the ordinance to enforce the rules of the road through the adjudication process.

**Events** - The Holiday Walk kicks off at Village Hall at 6 pm on December 6<sup>th</sup> with the lighting of the trees. I hope you'll join us for this family-friendly event. It is one of my favorite events each year and gives us all a chance to celebrate the holidays with our friends and neighbors.

Finally, I've heard nothing but rave reviews about the Centennial Concert and Drone Show held in September at Prospect Park! It's estimated that at least 1500 people attended. Thank you to our Centennial Steering Committee. Also, a big thank you to our police, fire, and public works departments who took time from their personal lives on a Sunday to run operations, and Village Hall Staff for creating signage, fielding residents' questions, and handing out wristbands. The Park District were very gracious hosts along with the Hinsdale Golf Club who allowed the Village to launch the Drone Show from their property. Chamber Director Shannon McDonald was also a huge help behind the scenes. AVM Johnson who worked tirelessly over the last few months on every detail, reported a *Sister Hazel* band member exclaimed: "so happy to be in this beautiful community, with beautiful friends on this beautiful evening..." I agree and that's why we live here.

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Clarendon Hills and Happy Holidays to all!



Eric Tech, Village President



Holiday Walk 2022

## Holiday Walk

Friday, December 6th is this year's traditional event! The Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce hosts this great holiday season kick-off event. Join carolers and others for the lighting of the Village Hall tree along with the sponsored trees at the Village Hall Plaza at 6 pm. If you are new to this charming community then be prepared to grab a cookie at Village Hall after the tree lighting, then stroll through town where the shops stay open late, restaurants serve holiday features & refreshments, Santa makes a visit, carolers sing along the streets, and you can take a horse carriage ride, taste roasted chestnuts cooked on an open-fire, catch photo-ops with costumed characters, and soak in the holiday spirit, all right 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 the downtown 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 group's name and ready to be decorated by your group. Some can 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. 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 at the Clarendon Hills Bank, Kramer Foods, and during specific hours at the Lions pool parking lot.

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 \$8.00. Please support the Infant Welfare Society Family Health Clinic in Chicago and light a candle for a child on Christmas Eve.

## Lions Club Christmas Tree Sales

The Clarendon Hills Lions Club's annual Christmas Tree sale at the Lions Park Pool located at 100 Byrd Court, is right around the corner. Key dates: Early Bird sales on Saturday and Sunday, (Nov. 23rd and 24th) from 9AM to 6PM. Sales resume on Thanksgiving weekend, Friday (Nov. 29th) thru Sunday (Dec. 1st) from 9AM to 6PM. After Thanksgiving weekend, the lot is open on Monday - Friday from 6 PM to 8 PM and Saturday and Sunday 9 AM to 6 PM.

## Electric Bikes

E-Bike are the latest craze but did you know that some require you to have a license?



Learn more about bike safety



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**SAFE TRANSACTION ZONE**

The Clarendon Hills Police Department has designated the police station parking lot and the police station lobby as safe zones for online transactions.

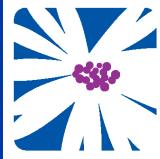
448 PARK AVENUE

Lobby open M-F from 8 am to 7 pm  
After hours, the front parking lot offers a police presence, surveillance cameras, good lighting and an emergency phone.

## Around Town

### Board Meetings

November 18th at 6:30 PM  
December 16th at 6:30 PM



### ZBA/Plan Commission

November 7th at 7 PM  
December 7th at 7 PM

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

### Library

November 12th at 7PM

*Holiday Tips and Tricks with Chef Art Smith (Adult Program)*

On-line event - registration required.

630-323-8188

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

### Historical Society

November 13th 7PM to 9PM

*Guest Speaker Howard Parker gives presentation on the Vietnam War At Heritage Hall*

Centennial books for \$50

*Limited quantity left!*

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

## Village Hall Closed

November 11th

in observance of Veterans Day.

November 28th and 29th

in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.

December 24th and 25th

in observance of Christmas.

January 1st

in observance of New Year's Day.

## Village Hall Hours

Monday - Friday  
9 AM to 4:30 PM

## Centennial Happenings

Recap of Centennial year events at  
[https://www.clarendonhills.us/centennial](http://www.clarendonhills.us/centennial)

- The Centennial is winding down with the Passport raffle at the Holiday Walk on December 6th. Be sure to bring your Centennial Passport to Village Hall at the Holiday Walk to show the stamps you collected over the year to be entered.
- Join the Library on November 11th for the Time Machine: The 1920s. Look back at life in the 1920s when Clarendon Hill was incorporated. Hear how the "Roaring Twenties" radically changed everyday life and culture. Adult program and registration required.
- Historical Society has Centennial books for \$50. Once the books are gone no more will be printed. Makes a great gift!

## SEEKING DONATIONS

### ABOUT THE REQUEST

The Historical Society has an anonymous donor willing to match all donations collected up to \$15,000! Please consider donating to help preserve our Village's history.



DEADLINE DEC. 31ST  
MAKE YOUR DONATION AT  
[CLARENDONHILLSHISTORY.ORG](http://CLARENDONHILLSHISTORY.ORG)

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TO  
DOLLAR  
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## Garbage Pickup

There will be no delays this holiday season with our Garbage pickup since the holidays are not on a Monday or Tuesday!

## Centennial Merchandise - Last Chance

Support the Clarendon Hills Historical Society by shopping for 100 year merchandise. Check out the shop at [https://www.clarendonhills.us/shop](http://www.clarendonhills.us/shop)

## 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.

## Christmas Tree Clean Up

Lakeshore Recycling Services (LRS) offers free recycling for live 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. Natural garland is not included in this program.



## WATER BILLS

Tired of waiting for your water bill in the mail? Sign-up at [www.clarendonhillutilities.com](http://www.clarendonhillutilities.com) to receive an email notification as soon as your new water bill is available, giving you faster access.

Clarendon Hills Utilities makes bill management easy with multiple payment options, including free recurring credit payments. You can also manage multiple accounts, ideal for property owners who oversee more than one account.

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 the bi-monthly 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 to complete the "Automatic Payment Application." at [www.clarendonhills.us/autopay](http://www.clarendonhills.us/autopay)

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## Stay in the Know

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- Check our Village website's home page with News and Events at [www.clarendonhills.us](http://www.clarendonhills.us).
- Read weekly Manager/Staff reports every Friday under at [www.clarendonhills.us/weekly](http://www.clarendonhills.us/weekly)
- Attend or listen to our Board Meetings [www.clarendonhills.us/AgendaCenter](http://www.clarendonhills.us/AgendaCenter).
- Follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram at [VillageofCH](#). We love sharing the happenings going on in Clarendon Hills!

## 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.



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

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**Village Hall:** 630-286-5400  
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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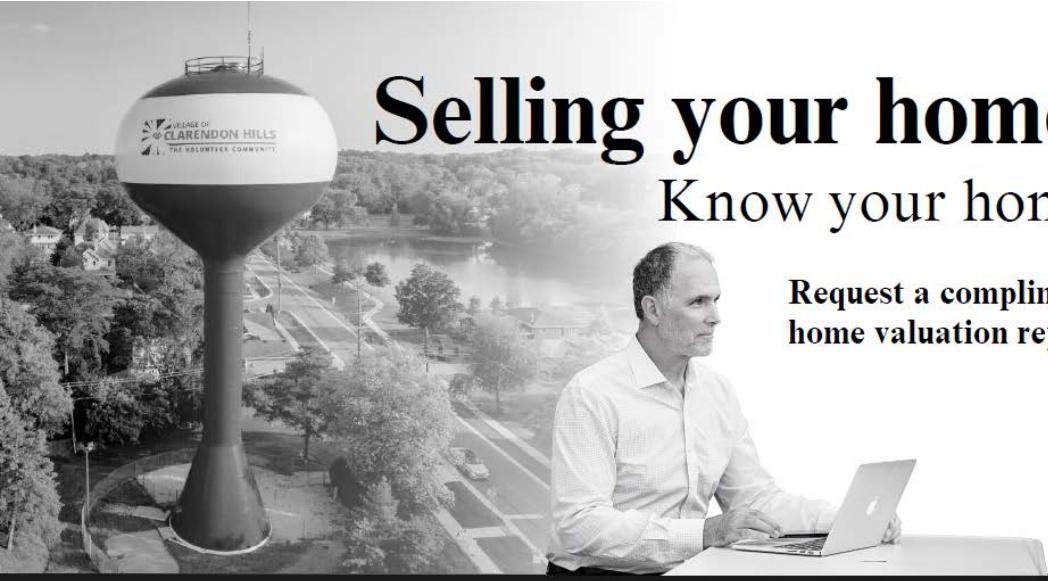
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