

# DAISY DIGEST



Dear Neighbors,

As we embark on Clarendon Hills' 101st year– it is fitting that we begin 2025 with a thank you to the Village of Clarendon Hills professional Staff, Centennial Committee, Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce staff and Board, along with our Volunteer Board and Commission Members for everything they did last year to celebrate our Community's golden anniversary. Not only did they make our celebration special, but day in and day out they advanced the mission and vision of our community with dedication, passion, and purpose.

Clarendon Hills is often recognized by local, regional, statewide, and even national publications as a premier community to live, learn, work, play, visit, and raise a family. We are, of course, honored by such recognition and appreciate the accolades. Our efforts to cultivate our space are not aimed at achieving recognition, but to accomplish the goals of an excellent place to raise a family through our Village services, economic development, fiscal stewardship, and quality of life. Achieving these goals requires frequent examination of our vision and mission to continuously improve and adapt to today's ever-changing economic landscape. This year a major focus is building on and enhancing the pedestrian friendly nature of the community. We continue to evaluate ways to improve safety and find areas where we can make permanent improvements that also make the community more desirable.

As President, I envision building a community where opportunities are embraced to complement what already exists. This coming year, I hope to continue to focus on development in our downtown, while also supporting our existing businesses with upgrading outdoor dining and other aesthetic improvement opportunities. Not only do we expect these improvements to enhance the downtown, but we expect them to have a positive return on investment as they increase economic activity and tax revenues. I'm also happy to report that Village staff, Trustee Chaudhry, and I worked with the School Districts to reduce the area of the proposed 55<sup>th</sup> Street TIF and provided other concessions that will still allow the Village to achieve the public infrastructure goals for the area.

The Village Board passed a budget for 2025 with only a 3.4% property tax increase, which is below the 4.4% allowed by the Property Tax Extension Law Limit (PTELL). This represents the culmination of many cost-saving efforts our Village staff and Board have found over the years. The typical homeowner should see around a 2.4% increase in Village levy as new construction takes part of the burden. Some residents will also see a reduction in taxes as Special Service Areas (SSAs) continue to expire this year. Lowering the tax burden on residents and businesses by finding cost savings and encouraging economic development is a focus of this Village Board and we expect to continue the forward momentum.

Our Village Manager, Finance Director and Department Heads work diligently to fulfill the Board's directives in the most fiscally responsible way possible. I am proud to announce the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the Village of Clarendon Hills the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our annual comprehensive financial report for Fiscal Year 2023. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

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I am excited about the Village's future, and I hope you are too. If you haven't already, I encourage you to keep up with Village's community updates by visiting the Village's website or signing up for the general email list by emailing [admin@clarendonhills.us](mailto:admin@clarendonhills.us). Thank you to all who help make our community a great place to work and live. Please feel free to reach out to me, the Village Board, or Village Staff to share your thoughts and ideas.

Wishing all of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2025.

  
Eric Tech, Village President

## Around Town



### Board Meetings

January 13th at 6:30 PM

February 10th at 6:30PM

### ZBA/Plan Commission

January 9th at 7 PM

February 6th at 7 PM

### Library

Check out the library's calendar of events at their website.

630-323-8188

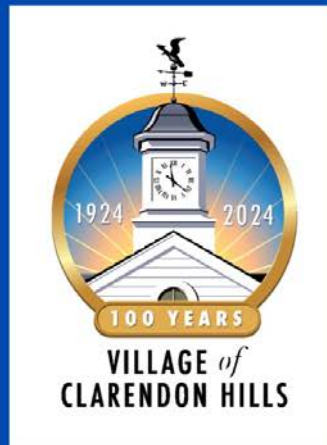
[www.clarendonhillslibrary.org](http://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org)

### 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)



## Village Hall Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
**9 AM to 4:30 PM**

January 20th Village Office will be closed in observance of MLK Day

February 17th Village Offices will be closed in observance of Presidents Day

When Village offices are closed and you have an emergency, call 911.

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# Remembering our Centennial

Hope you enjoyed the Centennial celebrations and we are so thankful for the many who participated, volunteered their time, and efforts. See the documentary of the Village's History at <https://www.clarendonhillshistory.org/centennial-documentary>



## 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 sign up on-line at [www.clarendonhills.us/vacationwatch](http://www.clarendonhills.us/vacationwatch)

## Water Rate Increase

The Village Board has approved a water rate increase to align with the cost increase passed by the DuPage Water Commission. For a typical household using an average of 10,000 gallons per two-month billing cycle, this adjustment will result in an approximate \$6.00 increase on the water bill starting in 2025.

### Water rates for 2025 are as follows:

Within Clarendon Hills Village limits \$15.49 per 1,000 gallons

Outside Village limits: \$17.50 per 1,000 gallons

Ord. 24-12-35

## 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.

## 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.



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

## Contact Us

### Village Hall Main

**630-286-5400**

Water/Finance Dept.: Press 2

Permit/Building Dept.: Press 3

Manager's Office: Press 4

Clerk's Office: Press 4

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

### Non-Emergency:

Police: 630-286-5460

Fire: 630-286-5430

### Village President:

Eric Tech 630-286-5420

### Village Trustees:

Mark Peterson 630-286-5421

Ralph DeAngelis 630-286-5422

John Weicher 630-286-5423

(Open) 630-286-5424

Meredith Lannert 630-286-5425

Omar Chaudhry 630-286-5426

### Village Clerk

Lynn Dragisic 630-286-5403

**[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 at 448 Park

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