

DAISY DIGEST



Dear Neighbors,

Spring is right around the corner! I love this time of year in Clarendon Hills when everything seems to come to life again when our friends and neighbors can be seen out and about. Staff and the Village Board have been busy working on some exciting projects which I'd like to fill you in on.

Pedestrian Safety throughout our community is very important to this Board. We have already installed a new stop sign with a crosswalk on Park Avenue and a raised crosswalk on Prospect Avenue in our downtown area. We have also recently approved a new four-way stop and crosswalks in front of Notre Dame School for what we considered to be an at risk intersection, as well as addressed a decade old temporary plastic barrier on Chicago Avenue in front of the church. Next on our list is to improve entry and egress into Prospect Park across Norfolk Avenue, more enhancements to our downtown crossings, and identify solutions for crossing 55th Street at Western Avenue.

Another exciting development in our village is the creation of new **Outdoor Dining Standards**, which will enhance accessibility, safety and aesthetics. We recently approved the installation of parklets on the north side of Park Avenue and on the south side of Railroad Avenue to create permanent dining areas and move beyond the Covid-inspired temporary solutions which were not in keeping with our village character.

Speaking of ways to enhance our downtown, we have increased the cost-sharing for our **Awning and Facade Program** to \$15,000 from \$10,000. This program was approved as part of our downtown TIF several years ago but has remained dormant. We are relaunching it with a great response from our local businesses and building owners. I will keep you updated on our progress.

I have been committing a great deal of time with two groups that have a considerable impact on our community. The first group is our business owners and building owners of our downtown as well as the surrounding business district. The second is our elected officials from the local, state, and federal levels with whom we interact.

Regarding our economic stakeholders, I made it a goal to have a face-to-face sit down with each of them in 2025. Even in a community as small as ours, this is a mighty task. These are informal meetings where we get to talk about the future of the Village and how we can work collaboratively together in order to create a win-win outcome for our community as well as our businesses.

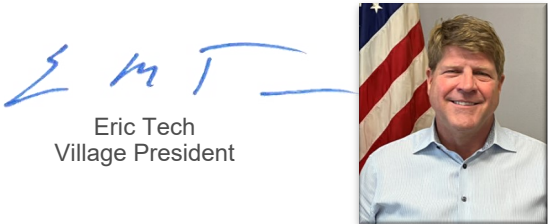
Meeting with the second group, our elected officials; *US Congressman Sean Casten, US Congressman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, Illinois State Senator Suzy Glowiak Hilton, and newly elected Illinois State Representative Martha Deuter* has been incredibly refreshing. Even in these divided times, I found these meetings helpful as I lay out a vision for a **safe, accessible, and multigenerational community** for families to raise their children, mature and grow old, and still have a place where

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they feel grounded. As a bonus, these meetings have resulted in identifying funding sources at all levels to achieve our shared aims.

On a final note, I've recently been revisiting our **Downtown Master Plan** which was developed in 2004 and updated in 2014. The plan was created by a dedicated group of resident volunteers who laid out a future blueprint for our community. The plan calls for several forward-looking enhancements to our Village which I think are very relevant to us today. The Village Board and I will be evaluating several important and exciting initiatives around bringing the Downtown Master Plan to fruition. We will make sure to update our residents when these topics come before us.



Where do your property taxes go?

Understanding your property tax bill helps clarify the value you receive from the taxes you pay. The Village of Clarendon Hills accounts for just **11% of your total property tax bill**, funding essential services such as police and fire protection, infrastructure maintenance, and reliable water service. The remaining **89%** is allocated to local school districts, the park district, DuPage County, and Downers Grove Township.

The property taxes you pay in 2025 are based on the 2024 Tax Levy Year. Your tax rate is determined by dividing the total tax levy by the total assessed property value and multiplying by 100. This rate is then applied to your property's billing value.

For 2024, the Village's estimated tax levy rate (excluding the Library) is 0.6919, a slight decrease from the previous year's 0.6990.

This marks the fifth consecutive year of decreasing tax levy rates since 2019, reflecting the Village's commitment to responsible financial management. By maintaining a responsible and efficient budget, the Village continues to provide high quality services while keeping tax rates manageable. If you have any questions about your property tax bill or how funds are allocated, please feel free to reach out to the Finance Director Potempa or Manager Creer.

	Estimated 2024 Tax
Average Home Value	\$500,000
Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) [1/3 of home value]	\$166,667
Residential Exemption (\$6,000)	
Taxable Billing Value	\$160,667
Village Tax Rate per \$100 of Assessed Value	\$0.6919
Estimated Property Tax Paid to the Village	\$1,112

For an average home value of **\$500,000**, the estimated property tax paid to the Village is **\$1,112**. This calculation assumes a standard **\$6,000 residential exemption**.



Make Water Bill Payments / View your Bills and Usage / Manage Multiple Accounts
at www.clarendonhillsutilities.com

Around Town

Board Meetings

March 17th at 6:30 PM
April 21st at 6:30 PM

ZBA/Plan Commission

March 6th at 7 PM
April 3rd at 7 PM

Library

April 21st at 7 PM to 8:30 PM

A Game's Afoot Mystery Group

Discussion of book written by Ashley Elston *First Lie Wins*

Registration required - Adult Program

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

May 1st @ 7 PM

Roger Day Bain, musician and song writer who was raised in CH and the author of *Hardly Working* will share his life stories with all who attend. Heritage Hall at 50 Sheridan Rd.

www.clarendonhillshistory.org

clarendonhillshistory@gmail.com

Village Hall Hours

Monday - Friday

9 AM to 4:30 PM

24/7 at

www.clarendonhills.us



Yard Waste Pickup

It's almost that time of year when we get to smell fresh green lawns. We can dream right? In 2025, Monday, March 31st and Tuesday, April 1st, 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 \$3.25 starting April 1st. Please take note that residents refuse fees are also increasing a small bit, starting April 1st.

Fees can be found below and at www.clarendonhills.us/refuse

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, go on-line or 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. The Police Department is located at 448 Park Avenue and is open M-F from 8 am to 7 pm.

www.clarendonhills.us/vacationwatch



New Refuse Rates

2025 rate starting April 1st for Clarendon Hills residents under the Lakeshore Recycling Systems refuse contract are:

Refuse Rates

Service	Monthly Rates for April 1, 2025 - March 30, 2026
95 Gallon Weekly Service	\$22.30 Choice of 35/65/95 Gallon
Weekly Service - Seniors	\$19.12 35 Gallon can
Back Door Can Service	\$36.20 (\$33.02 for Seniors 35 gallon only)
Yardwaste Sticker	\$ 3.25
Yardwaste/Compost Toter 95 Gallon	\$25.00 (\$200.00 for season April-Nov)
Additional Cart	\$5.00
Composting Program	Part of Yard Waste Collection

Billing for refuse will be different going forward too. Refuse portion will be included in your bi-monthly water bill from the Village. Special services such as yard waste and backdoor services will still be billed by LRS quarterly. More info at www.clarendonhills.us/refuse

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 5, 2025. **Deadline to register for this one day pick-up is May 1st!**

<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.

Road Safety Starts with You

Small changes in our daily habits can make the roads safer for all of us. Be sure to drive without your cell phone in your hand. Slow down in the business district and especially the school zones. STOP at the stop signs and look both ways for pedestrians and other cars. Remember Pedestrians have the right of way when in the CROSS WALK, but pedestrians have to remember to make eye contact with drivers to be sure they do see them. One last tip, if you are on your bike and on the road, you must follow the rules of the road, just like a vehicle. If you are in the downtown and on the sidewalk, you have to walk your bike. Stay safe and practice safe driving.

Did you know that you find out what the average automobile speed is on your street by visiting the police department's speed data at <https://www.clarendonhills.us/speedmap>. The bubbles don't always line up but zoom in and click on them and they can give you location, average speed and number of cars for several locations.

***Village Speed limit is 25 MPH unless otherwise posted.
Business District and School Zones is 20 MPH***

Political Sign Reminders

Per the Clarendon Hills Municipal Code, when supporting your candidate of choice for the upcoming elections this April 1st.

- Political signs need to be confined to private property with permission of property owner
- No signs are to be attached to trees, utility or light poles
- Signage cannot exceed six (6) square feet in area
- Signage must be removed within 30 days of the election
- Signage cannot be illuminated

Information regarding upcoming elections can be found at
https://www.dupagecounty.gov/elected_officials/election_and_voter_information/

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.

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

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Contact Us

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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
Denise Kavuliak 630-286-5424
Meredith Lannert 630-286-5425
Omar Chaudhry 630-286-5426

Village Clerk

Lynn Dragisic 630-286-5403

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



Clarendon Hills Historical Society

50 Sheridan Avenue
Clarendon Hill, IL 60514

www.clarendonhillshistory.org clarendonhillshistory@gmail.com

The Clarendon Hills Historical Society is able to operate through support from people who believe it's important to preserve our history.

Please help support our mission through your membership today!

Yes! Please add me to your 2025 membership list for the Clarendon Hills Historical Society.

☐ \$25 Individual ☐ \$40 Family ☐ \$50 Corporate _____ \$ Donation

First & Last Name (print): _____

Address (Street/City): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email*: _____

*Please advise if you don't have an email account so we can send paper copies of notices.

☐ I need a paper copy (please check)

If mailing, please fill out and mail to the above address. (Check should be payable to: Clarendon Hills Historical Society). You can also join and pay online through our website shown above. CHHS is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Thank You!

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