

CLARENDON HILLS

September/October 2025

DAISY DIGEST



Dear Neighbors,

As we wrap up our summer events, Clarendon Hills is proud to recognize our 12U Little League Team for their incredible accomplishment in reaching the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. For the first time in Village history, a team from Clarendon Hills earned a place on the world stage, making an unforgettable run and inspiring our entire community along the way.

These young athletes demonstrated hard work, perseverance, and sportsmanship at the highest level of competition. Their achievement has brought our Village together in celebration, with residents, families, and local businesses rallying in support of the team.

Clarendon Hills Little League had approximately 280 players registered this year, ranging from T-ball (5-year-olds) through the Majors division (12-year-olds). This All-Star team was drawn from the Majors division, which had 50 players across five teams. The All-Star team comes from our Majors division and is led by long-time volunteer coaches Brian Herold, Brian O'Malley, and Ted Kaczmarek—two of whom grew up playing in Clarendon Hills Little League themselves. The boys, many of whom have played together since T-ball, showed outstanding commitment, practicing twice a day and giving their all on the field.

The Village Board and I would like to congratulate the players, coaches, and families who made this remarkable journey possible. We also thank the community for the strong support that has surrounded the team throughout their season.

GREAT JOB THIS YEAR!

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As your Village President, I want to personally express my pride in this team and what they've accomplished. Watching the way our community has come together to cheer them on has been one of the most memorable moments in recent years for Clarendon Hills. These young athletes have demonstrated to us what teamwork, dedication, and community spirit can accomplish. On behalf of the Village Board and myself, thank you for making Clarendon Hills proud.

Congratulations to Manager Brian Herold, Coach Ted Kaczmariski, Coach Brian O'Malley, Players Sean Bolger, Henry McMahon, Jack O'Malley,, Connor Lazar, Luke Schaller. Liam Harrigan, Luca Striltschuk, Brody Herold, Hudson Lauerman, Matthew Kalish, Jack Kaczmariski, and Christian Gernot.



See Clarendon Hills
Baseball Team Montage here!


Eric Tech
Village President



Plaza Public Meeting Update

Please note that the public meeting on the Plaza, previously scheduled for September 8th, has been cancelled. The Village is engaging a facilitator to take a more holistic look at Prospect Avenue and adjacent areas. An updated timeline and opportunities to participate will be shared soon, stay tuned!

Walkability - What Makes Clarendon Hills So Great

I'm currently reading Walkable Cities by Jeff Speck, and while I'm only a few chapters in, it helps me appreciate what we have here in Clarendon Hills, while showing me that we can do better.

One of the points made in the book really helped me define WHY we want to do better. Some cities ask themselves "how do we attract new businesses, citizens, and young involved families?" Clarendon Hills doesn't have that problem. The questions we can be asking are "how do we keep our children from leaving? How can we keep our grandchildren from leaving?" Or as I see it, how do we create a community that makes our kids want to recreate their experience growing up for their own children? (Paraphrased from p. 17)

With my own children now grown, I look back at their childhoods and see the freedom to roam in a safe downtown with businesses that offered kids and families reasons to go and gather. In 2021 we had a boom in young families moving to Clarendon Hills. These families moved to a village with a Starbucks, a candy store, and an ice cream shop. Those are all gone now. And it may seem like it's not a big deal to adults, we have seen many shops and businesses come and go, and know new ones return in time. However, when your kids have grown from a 6-year-old to an 8-year-old while waiting for a reason to go into town, those are important years that you just won't ever get back.

A part of this loss is not just the loss of businesses, but far greater is the loss of our pedestrian culture and memories with our children. Without these spaces to spend time, we also greatly reduce the opportunities for chance encounters that create and strengthen the relationships with each other in our community. The Daily Scoop provided us with more than just ice cream. It gave us a place and a reason to be in our downtown while also supplying us with the opportunity for those valuable chance encounters.

As the Village looks for ways to meet our community's social needs without relying solely on downtown businesses, we must remember our role as residents. We should not only attend the events that take place in the Village but also support the businesses that make our downtown vibrant and using them as an "excuse" to linger. Go out to dinner, but first stop into a shop before it closes. Take time to stroll through our stores. These simple actions create opportunities for impromptu gatherings and strengthen the sense of community we all value.

Clarendon Hills is undoubtedly a special place. But we can be better. Our village can become a model for a healthy, vibrant, pedestrian-centric community. As a physically small village, every single property is a reasonable walkable distance from downtown, and therefore every property can benefit from a collective movement in prioritizing the way we live in our village rather than the way we travel through it.

As children grow and live their lives, I realize that nostalgia can be a powerful emotion. And I know that watching things evolve that seem unnecessary is tough to accept. However, lately I have been thinking about the legacy of Clarendon Hills, not in terms of future generations when I'm gone, but the living legacy for the young families who are here right now, hoping to give their children what our children were fortunate to have. They deserve a place that not only feels like theirs, but also a place that IS theirs, independent of the businesses that may or may not exist in years to come. It is our responsibility as a special, close-knit community to try to provide that for them.

Shannon McDonald

Resident and Chamber of Commerce Director

Ordinance Reminders

Being great neighbors can sometimes get lost in our busy lives, but it's important to remember what makes Clarendon Hills the appealing community that brought many of you to choose to live here. So please be mindful of the following:

Ordinance 90-06-10 Chapter 39 of the Municipal Code:

Refuse and garbage containers shall be stored in an enclosed structure or in the back yard of any premises except when set out for collection. The scavenger authorized by the Village, will pick up refuse, yard waste, and recyclables in accordance with an agreement between the Village and the scavenger.

Refuse containers including containers of household and yard debris and bundled brush and tree branches and trimmings placed on the parkway for collection shall not be set out earlier than one-half (1/2) hour before sunset on the day before collection or six o'clock (6:00) A.M. on the day of collection, and empty refuse containers remaining on the parkway after collection shall be removed from the parkway not later than eight o'clock (8:00) P.M. on the day of collection.

Ordinance 02-03-06 Chapter 12.6 of the Municipal Code:

...turf grasses which are more than eight inches (8") in height, and native Illinois prairie plants to the extent not conforming with subsection 12.6C of this section, are hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and it shall be unlawful for any person owning or in control of any parcel of property within the village limits to permit the growth of such species thereon or on the parkway adjacent to said parcel of property.



FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE!

Saturday, October 4th 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.

Village Hall Hours

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

24/7 at www.clarendonhills.us

Offices are closed

**Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day
Friday, September 12th at noon for Employee Event.**



Around Town

Board Meetings

September 15th at 6:30 PM
October 20th at 6:30PM

ZBA/Plan Commission

September 4th at 7PM—cancelled
October 2nd at 7PM

Library

October 4th at 9:30 PM to 4 PM
Halloween Costume Exchange

Library is accepting clean, gently used costumes through September 30 and on Oct 4th come pick out a costume whether you donated or not! Great recycling event!

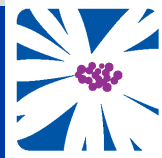
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www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

Check out their Program brochure on-line.

Park District Number: 630-323-2626
www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org



Meet Melissa Chandler

If you have ever called or stopped by Village Hall with a question about your water or garbage bill, chances are you have met the friendly and knowledgeable Melissa Chandler. As our Project Accountant in the Finance Department, Melissa is the go-to person for all things related to Water and Garbage Utility Billing. She keeps a watchful eye for unusual spikes in monthly water usage and is quick to offer blue dye tabs to residents, helping them track down hidden toilet leaks before they become costly surprises.

When the Village recently made a major change to garbage billing, Melissa worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the process was smooth and service continued without a hitch. Her attention to detail, calm problem-solving, and commitment to residents made the transition look effortless.

Melissa joined the Village family in 2019 as a part-time Accounts Payable Clerk. Her strong work ethic, positive attitude, and dedication quickly stood out, leading to her move into a full-time accounting role in 2023. Melissa is not just a valued colleague; she is a shining example of customer service, teamwork, and care that defines our Village Hall. We are lucky to have her on our team!

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.

Village 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. 25th

Find out more details for these Chamber events at www.ClarendonHillsChamber.com

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

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Community Numbers:

Park District: 630-323-2626
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Online Transaction

Safe Zone Location:

Police Station at 448 Park

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