



Greetings Neighbors,

Wishing you and your loved ones lots of joy and happiness in the new year.

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who supported our local merchants throughout the holidays. As the Village continues to invest in the long-term vitality of our business district, resident support remains essential to sustaining a strong and vibrant downtown.

In 2026, we are looking forward to welcoming three new businesses that will fill all the storefronts along Prospect Avenue. I am truly proud of this momentous milestone for our Village. **Prospect Avenue is now at zero vacancies!** This achievement reflects the thoughtful economic development policies approved by the Board and the tireless work of our Trustees, particularly Trustee Chaudhry, who has been a strong champion for a vibrant downtown. Through the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, our façade improvement program, and business-friendly policies, we are maintaining, renovating, and sustaining the unique character of our community, while ensuring our business district remains strong for years to come.

Additionally, the Village Board will receive the recommendations from the Downtown Visioning process, which will help guide the finalization of a long-term plan for the downtown. More information will be shared in the coming months, but our commitment to continued investment in the business district remains a priority.

Equally important, the Village remains focused on securing grant funding to offset infrastructure investment costs. Most recently, we were awarded \$1 million in state funding for infrastructure improvements at the intersection of 55th Street and Western Avenue. I would like to thank Senator Suzy Glowiak Hilton and State Representative Marti Deuter for their continued support.

The new year also brings the adoption of the Village's annual budget. The Village Trustees and Staff worked diligently over several months to prepare the nearly 200-page budget document, which outlines our current financial position and planned investments for 2026 and beyond. The budget reflects the Village's continued strong financial standing, including the maintenance of our AAA bond rating, and details department operations and scheduled infrastructure improvements. The full budget is available on the Village website at www.clarendonhills.us/budget.

While the budget serves as an important planning tool, I would like to highlight a few initiatives planned for 2026. The Village will continue efforts to enhance and expand its social media presence, recognizing that many residents rely on these platforms for timely information. As you recall, the Village launched a TikTok account last August. It was used to highlight the Little League World Series as well as other Village activities. I encourage residents to follow all Village's social media channels and sign up for Constant Contact email notifications.

This year's Holiday Walk introduced new traditions and created lasting memories for residents and visitors alike. I would like to thank our Chamber of Commerce for its continued partnership. Community events like these help define Clarendon Hills and contribute to its recognition as one of the top places to live in Illinois. Planning for 2026 has already begun!

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Additionally, in 2026, our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Illinois Municipal League is leading a statewide effort to recognize this historic milestone. The Village has already submitted items for a time capsule. And, in July 2025, I signed a resolution in support of the Illinois America 250 Commemoration, which will take place this 4th of July. Additionally, volunteers who currently serve the community and serve during 2026 may be recognized with a proclamation from the Governor. You can join people from across the state in celebrating 250 years of America by visiting il250.org to discover community events throughout IL and ways to take part in this celebration.

Lastly, the Board of Trustees and I are grateful for the opportunity to serve and to continue advancing the Village's commitment to exceptional services and a high quality of life. Thank you for your trust and support.

See you around town,

Eric Tech, Village President



Illinois America 250 is an inclusive, statewide effort to bring together Illinoisans' diverse perspectives about our history—and our future—as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026. Clarendon Hills is a 250th Community and recently sent items for a time capsule that will be opened in 2076 the 300th anniversary. The Village sent the following items:

- Historical Society's commemorative book: Clarendon Hills A Century of History and Daisies 1924-2024
- Clarendon Hills Centennial Home and Building Tours 2024 Brochure
- Clarendon Hills Lions Club 75th Service Brochure
- A Volunteer Community 1924 Commemorative Lapel Pin
- Daisy Logo Volunteer Pin on the Volunteer Thank You Card.

It's great to know that the efforts and history of Clarendon Hills, the Volunteer Community, will be shared with future generations.

Fun Fact: the Ferris wheel logo for this celebration has 21 spokes because IL was the 21st state in the Union.

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 \$6.20 increase on the water bill starting in 2026.

Water rates for 2026 are as follows:

Within Clarendon Hills Village limits \$16.11 per 1,000 gallons

Outside Village limits: \$18.20 per 1,000 gallons

Ord. 25-12-30

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, you may also signup on-line at www.clarendonhills.us/vacationwatch

SMART 911

Smart 911 is a free and secure service to help you or your loved ones when 9-1-1 is called. Once signed up, first responders will be aware of important information such as medical issues, pets in the home, emergency contact info, etc. for your address.

Sign up at www.Smart911.com

2026 Garbage Delays

Garbage delays (by one day) will only occur for the following weeks in 2026 due to the following holidays.

- Week of May 25th due to Memorial Day
- Week of Sept. 7th due to Labor Day

This means that on the weeks mentioned above, if your regular pickup day is Monday, your garbage will not be picked up until Tuesday, and if your regular pickup is on Tuesday, your pickup will be on Wednesday.

Stay in the Know

- Email admin@clarendonhills.us to be added to the General Email list for things like refuse service changes, train breakdowns, etc. or sign up directly from the "How do I" tab on the Village website www.clarendonhills.us.
- Check our Village website's home page for News and Events at www.clarendonhills.us.
- Read weekly Manager/Staff reports every Friday under the "Government" tab or at www.clarendonhills.us/weekly
- Attend or listen to our Board Meetings at www.clarendonhills.us/AgendaCenter.
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and TicTok at VillageofCH. We love sharing what is going in Clarendon Hills!

Village Hall Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
 24/7 at www.clarendonhills.us

Offices Closed

January 1st in observance of New Year's Day
January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 16th in observance of Presidents Day

Around Town

Board Meetings

January 12th at 6:30 PM*

February 9th at 6:30 PM*

**2nd Monday of month for Jan/Feb per Ordinance 24-12-34*

ZBA/Plan Commission

January 1st - Cancelled

February 5th at 7 PM

Library

January 27th at 7 PM to 8 PM

What to Expect in the 2026 Mid-term Elections: An Evening with Paul Lisnek.

Adult Program. Registration required.

Zoom program

630-323-8188

www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

Check out their Program brochure on-line.

Park District Number: 630-323-2626

www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org



Meet Vicki Pries, Executive Assistant/

FOIA Officer and Deputy Clerk for the Village. Vicki has been with the Village for 11 years. You may not see her when visiting the office but trust us when we say you see her work. She maintains or touches just about everything seen by our residents and general public. She writes the Daisy Digest, maintains the Village website, Facebook page, Constant Contact emails, lobby monitor, train station monitor, block party reservations, Triangle banner reservations, boardroom reservations, runs the Planting Partners Program, reviews many correspondences prior to leaving Village Hall, responds to residents' general requests from the website, processes Freedom of Information requests, writes and/or reviews the proclamations, resolutions and ordinances for the Village Board packets. She assembles all documents for the Board packets and makes them publicly accessible. During Board meetings, she sets up the boardroom, gets it online, admits residents, and responds to their chat questions. She is the Village's record keeper and archivist. She has actually scanned over 100 years of the Village's minutes, Resolutions, and Ordinances for public access. Once the Ordinances are passed, she then codifies the Village's Municipal Code. She also assists the Public Works Department with administrative tasks and by being the liaison for the janitorial, window cleaning, and exterminator contracts.

Recently, when not busy with these tasks, she found time to assist the Historical Society with its 100-year book, House Tour Brochure, and the Lions Club 75th Anniversary Brochure. Vicki is also the Zoning Board Secretary.

Vicki is a true professional, an advocate for transparency, with a great balance of personal and professional life. When not at work, she can be found at the gym, with her husband at the lake fishing, in the kitchen baking, or sewing a quilt; and soon, to be holding her first grandbaby. She has two grown children who are both married.



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.



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

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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

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John Weicher 630-286-5423

Elizabeth O'Connell 630-286-5424

Chris Lang 630-286-5425

Omar Chaudhry 630-286-5426

Village Clerk

Lynn Dragisic 630-286-5403

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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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