

**VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS
MANAGER'S REPORT
MAY 10, 2013**

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Village of Clarendon Hills Manager's Report

To: Village President & Board of Trustees

From: Randall Recklaus, Village Manager

Date: May 10, 2013

1. The community meeting on flooding on Wednesday was well attended. At the meeting, a Flooding Questionnaire was distributed that we are asking residents to complete and return to the Village. This information will be used to better understand how the stormwater system operates and make recommendations for improvement. We did receive several calls and emails from residents who were unable to attend or who found out about the meeting after the fact. We have shared the presentation information with them, answered questions about their property and provided them with the flood questionnaire. The information is also available on our website. Michael Millette did an excellent job preparing for and organizing the meeting on this difficult and complex issue. After the information has been analyzed staff will prepare a preliminary assessment which will include possible courses of action by October.

On a related note there is no new information about whether a federal disaster declaration will occur. We will be getting information on any declaration or the lack thereof as soon as it becomes available.

2. On Tuesday, Chief Leahy, Chief Jenkins, Dan Ungerleider, Peg Hartnett and Christina Burns attended a document management demonstration at Konica Minolta. The Document Management Workgroup is currently looking at ways to manage and store our documents digitally for more efficient retrieval and use. The Village currently owns Konica Minolta copiers and they offer a document management solution that would integrate with our current equipment. We will continue to look at other vendors and options as part of this process.
3. The Department Directors and myself met with Trustee Elect Don Knoll on Thursday. Don met with every Department Head and toured all of our facilities over the course of the day to help acquaint himself with our staff and operations. It was a great way for us all to meet each other and share perspectives. Staff is in the process of scheduling a similar set of meetings with Trustee Elect Eric Stach next week.

4. Last night the Plan Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals met to conduct a public hearing on the 88 Park Avenue Condo project proposed by Mike VanZandt. It was a well attended meeting with a very spirited discussion. At the end of the meeting, the discussion was tabled as issues were raised about whether the proper application process was followed. The Village Code calls for an extra step in the PUD process called the Conceptual Plan Review (Section 20.14.2 of our code). This step calls for the Plan Commission to informally review the concept with the applicant before a formal application was made and before a public hearing. This step in the process did not occur. At the request of the applicant, Staff sought to make this process as streamlined as possible, without limiting in any way, opportunities for public input and discussion of the application made. While the Conceptual Plan Review process would have taken place in open session, the main purpose of this step is not to give the public an opportunity to speak on the concept, but rather to give the applicant the benefit of informal input from the Plan Commission prior to deciding whether to go through the time and expense of making a formal application.

For this project, the applicant did not request this step and wanted to get to the formal public hearing as quickly as possible. However, to be conservative, the Plan Commission temporarily paused the debate about the merits of the case, tabled the issue, and requested the process and the events be reviewed by the Village Attorney. The debate on the merits of the case will be resumed by the Plan Commission at a continued public hearing once the procedural issue is resolved.

5. Peg Hartnett, Chief Leahy, and I met with representatives of AIS, our IT consultant yesterday to discuss phone back-up concepts in light of the phone outage that occurred during the April 18th flooding event. After discussing a variety of options, we are going to explore the establishment of a predetermined protocol with AT&T where we could forward all of our land lines to cell phones unilaterally in the event of a failure of our landlines. If this protocol were activated, all of our main numbers would automatically be forwarded to emergency cell phones, without the caller having to dial a different number. We are exploring this option further with AT&T before putting it into effect.

Have a Great Weekend!

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS
Finance Department
MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 10, 2013

TO: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager

FROM: Peg Hartnett, Finance Director/Treasurer

SUBJECT: Department Report

- Diana McDermott attended IMRF employer training this week in order to be certified to administer the IMRF benefits program for Village employees.
- Julie Johnson and Diana McDermott also completed three days of payroll webinar training this week with the Village's financial software provider, ACS. Diana processes the biweekly payroll for the Village and the library, while Julie provides a backup for this important process.
- On Tuesday, the department head team attended a document management demonstration at Konica Minolta.
- I attended the Flooding Update Community meeting on Wednesday evening at Prospect School.
- Manager Recklaus, Chief Leahy and I met with representatives of All Information Systems (AIS), the Village's IT services provider, to explore options to provide reliable backup telephone and internet services to the Village, in the event the main services go down. AIS is researching the cost and reliability of these options for the Village. You may recall that the Village's telephone service was interrupted during the April flooding as the AT&T main cabinet was under water.
- I will be out of the office from Monday, May 13 through Wednesday, May 22. If you need assistance, please contact Diana McDermott at 286-5417 or dmcdermott@clarendonhills.us.

Village of Clarendon Hills
Department of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 10, 2013
TO: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager
FROM: Mike Millette, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Department Notes

1. Our maintenance staff completed flagger (traffic control) recertification training today. The training was performed by IRMA at our building.
2. Glen Dolgner, Joe Ferrel and Joe Coons have been assisting the demolition contractor and its subcontractors with the 239 Burlington demolition project all week.
3. The lights on the triangle trees have been repaired and/or replaced as necessary.
4. We spent the first part of the week preparing for the flood review meeting that was held on Wednesday. The meeting was attended by approximately 65 people and we are starting to receive more completed questionnaires (three were turned-in that night). We anticipate receiving the bulk of them by Memorial Day and will then begin the date crunching in earnest. I'd like to thank all department heads, Christina Burns and Dave Pendill for attending the meeting.
5. Joe Ferrel has been working diligently to repair a valve actuator on the intake line from the Water Commission's pressure adjusting station. This is not affecting the Village's water supply as the valve is still operating – but only manually. The repairs are to enable us to resume remote operation of the valve.
6. We are in the process of completing parkway repairs from previous water main repairs, culvert repairs and tree removals. This work will be completed this month. We also have resumed mowing.
7. A final reminder that we will be hosting a Public Works Open House from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 17th. We will invite all staff and the Board to an early preview from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. a picnic lunch will be provided, including a contribution from our own master barbecue chef, Chief Jenkins. I hope to see everybody there.

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE: May 10, 2013
TO: Randy Recklaus
Village Manager
FROM: Brian Leahy
Fire Chief
SUBJECT: Weekly Fire Department Report 2013-15

1. Fire Prevention Bureau Activity during the past week.
 - Three (3) Fire Prevention/Life Safety inspections were completed this week.
 - Work continues on the computerized pre plan project.
 - This month inspections for sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems and fire extinguishers will be done by a private contractor.
2. Training Report:
 - Later this month firefighters from Clarendon Hills, Hinsdale and Western Springs we will be participating in joint pump operator training.
3. Emergency Medical Services Report:
 - On Wednesday evening, twenty one (21) Firefighter EMT's and Paramedics attended monthly continuing education.
4. Clarendon Hills/Hinsdale FD sharing of services report:
 - Personnel from Clarendon Hills and Hinsdale are beginning to inventory all small equipment including where it is carried on each vehicle to evaluate any duplications of specialized equipment that could be eliminated.
5. On Tuesday, I attended the Document Management meeting which was held at Konica Minolta in Downers Grove. The purpose of this meeting was to look at scanning equipment and software to better manage our documents and reduce paper documents.
6. On Wednesday I attended the monthly meeting of the MABAS Division 10 Fire Chiefs.
7. On Wednesday evening I attended the village flood meeting at Prospect School. During the breakout sessions I spoke with many residents about flooding problems and what FEMA and IEMA are doing at this time.

8. On Thursday morning I met with Trustee elect Don Knoll. During this one (1) hour meeting I explained to him how the fire department is structured and how it operates.
9. On Thursday I attended a meeting with Randy, Peg, Christina and three representatives of AIS. At this meeting we discussed the situation on April 18th when we lost our AT&T telephones in all village buildings. Several cost effective telephone backup forwarding systems were discussed. We also discussed backup wireless internet services.

10. Flooding and storm situation report:

- I have had several telephone conversations with the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management this past week regarding recovery efforts.
- Representatives of FEMA have been viewing damage in the county during the past week.
- Governor Quinn has requested disaster relief from the Federal Government for 11 counties in Illinois, including DuPage County.
- It is expected to find out within about 2 weeks if DuPage County will receive Federal Disaster assistance.

11. Incidents of Interest:

- During the past week Hinsdale FD responded to four (4) calls in Clarendon Hills.
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- Wednesday, May 8th at 3:35 PM. Ambulance 314 and Squad 316 responded to an accident with injuries on 55th St. at Western Ave. Two (2) injured patients were transported to local hospitals in Clarendon Hills Ambulance 314 and Westmont Ambulance 1834 which was called to assist us because of multiple patients.

12. Fire/Rescue/EMS calls:

- During the past week the fire department responded to eighteen (18) emergency calls.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

The Doings Clarendon Hills

Clarendon Hills schedules community meeting about flooding

BY CHUCK FIELDMAN | cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com April 29, 2013 12:24PM

Updated: May 2, 2013 3:39AM

CLARENDON HILLS — Clarendon Hills has scheduled a community meeting for 7 p.m. May 8 to discuss and answer questions about flooding in the village.

The meeting will be conducted at Prospect Elementary School, 100 N. Prospect Ave., and include information for residents and business owners about the village's flood water system.

The April 18 severe flooding in the area prompted the community meeting, said Village Manager Randy Recklaus.

"We want to explain to our residents how our flood water system works, where the water goes, and the possibility of improvements," Recklaus said.

Village staff has asked that anyone with questions about specific locations that flooded, or with other questions that may require additional research, email them in advance to cburns@clarendonhills.us.

Village staff has been working with DuPage County to apply for federal assistance from the April 18 floods. Additional information about assistance, if it becomes available, will be provided to residents in the village's newsletter. Residents can sign up online at www.clarendonhills.us/subscribe.cfm to receive the newsletter.~

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Summer

Dancin' in the Street Lineup Released, Patch Among Sponsors

The annual Wednesday-night summer concert series will run from June 20 to July 24.

By [Joe O'Donnell](#) | [Email the author](#) | 10:14 am

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The [Village of Clarendon Hills](#) and [Fifth Third Bank](#) have released the schedule and lineup for the 2013 edition of the village's Dancin' in the Street concert series.

The concert series will run Wednesdays for six weeks beginning June 19 and ending July 24. Food will be provided by local restaurants each week, including [Village Gourmet](#), [The Hills Cafe](#), [Talley's Kitchen + Bar](#), [Scapa](#), [The Daily Scoop](#), and [Aguamiel](#).

The beverage tent will serve beer and wine, with wine provided by [All Wined Up](#).

"Dancin' in the Street is a place where residents of all ages come out to enjoy the summer nights," Special Events Committee Chairwoman Renee Kirin said. "Plus, it is a great opportunity to show people the many great businesses in downtown Clarendon Hills."

Mike McCurry of Coldwell Banker will serve as stage sponsor for the concert series, while [Hinsdale-Clarendon Hills Patch](#) and Village Veterinary Practice provide support along with Oak Brook Racquet and Fitness Club; Bath Planet; Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins; and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

All Wined Up, Creative Cuvee and Republic Services also support the concert series.

As with prior years, Prospect Avenue from Park Avenue to the BNSF railroad will be closed to vehicular traffic from 4 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Parking is available in the Metra commuter parking lot at the corners of Prospect Avenue and Ann Street.

Fast Facts

What: Dancin' in the Street

Where: Downtown Clarendon Hills (Prospect Avenue from Park Avenue to Burlington Avenue)

When: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each Wednesday from June 20 through July 25; 6 to 9 p.m. on July 4

Band schedule:

- June 19: [Souled Out](#)
- June 26: [South of Disorder](#)

- July 3: [Bad Medicine](#)
- July 10: [Karen Hart Band](#)
- July 17: [The Moods](#)
- July 24: [Scramble](#)

What to bring: Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and appetites.

What not to bring: Private alcohol, skates, or skateboards are not allowed downtown during the events.

Online: www.clarendonhills.us/concerts.cfm and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/chdits

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The Doings Clarendon Hills

Clarendon Hills businesses host special wine event

BY CHUCK FIELDMAN | cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com May 9, 2013 5:26PM

Updated: May 9, 2013 5:38PM

CLARENDON HILLS — Local wine enthusiasts won't have to go far Saturday to experience samplings from various places around the globe.

Wines Around the World is the event organized for 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday by Terri Walker, owner of All Wined Up, 27 S. Prospect Ave., and president of the Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Participants will be able to taste "wines from everywhere" at All Wined Up, Italian wines at Scapa Italian Kitchen, American wines at Talley's Kitchen + Bar, and Spanish and South American wines at Aguamiel. All four participating businesses are less than two blocks apart from each other.

Walker said she wanted to set up the event because it offers a great opportunity for both those interested in trying a variety of wines and for businesses in downtown Clarendon Hills.

"It's a great way to bring people here, and, hopefully, once they are here for this event they will stay and have dinner at one of the restaurants and shop at the stores here," Walker said. "The owners of the participating restaurants were into the idea right away. I think this will be a lot of fun for everyone."

Walker said she was interested in creating Saturday's wine event so that there would be something locally to go with the first-ever Wine Tourism Day in North America.

"Wine Tourism Day is brand new here, but it's something they've been doing in Europe," Walker said.

Wine Tourism Day was organized by Zephyr Adventures, which operates wine vacations around the world.

Special events have been organized around North America for Saturday's Wine Tourism Day. A list of events is available online at <http://www.winetourismday.org>.

Tickets for Clarendon Hills' Wines Around the World can be purchased online at www.clarendonhillswinetour.eventbrite.com.

For more information about the event, call All Wined Up, (630) 323-8444. For more information, call All Wined Up at (630) 323-8444.

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The Doings Clarendon Hills

Hinsdale District 86 Board to reconsider summer projects

BY KIMBERLY FORNEK | kfomek@pioneerlocal.com May 7, 2013 11:32AM

Updated: May 7, 2013 11:36AM

HINSDALE — Before Hinsdale High School District 86 proceeds with construction contracts expected to be completed this summer, the facilities committee will review the projects and how they were put out for bid.

The newly configured School Board voted to suspend the contracts they approved by a 5-2 vote last month, until the committee has a chance to evaluate them.

The committee, chaired by newly elected Ed Corcoran, with board members Richard Skoda and Michael Kuhn, plans to meet Thursday.

Board members Richard Skoda and Dianne Barrett previously argued the School Board should not award contracts when only one or two bids are received, as the prices may not be competitive.

Corcoran, too, last month asked the School Board to defer action on the construction contracts until the new board members were seated, but the board voted to proceed.

The district's contractor, Gilbane Inc., has said not many construction companies bid on the school work, because the projects are relatively small and the district wants the work completed within the narrow timeframe of summer vacation.

Corcoran believes the projects can be arranged to realize cost savings. Some work that does not affect the students or the classrooms could continue after school starts in the fall, he said.

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The Doings Clarendon Hills

Hinsdale teachers union says pension problems due to mismanagement

By KIMBERLY FORNEK | kfornek@pioneerlocal.com May 7, 2013 5:18PM

Updated: May 7, 2013 5:55PM

HINSDALE — Officials of the Hinsdale High School teachers' union think many people do not know all the facts regarding public pensions in Illinois.

"The benefits aren't bankrupting the system," said Michael Palmquist, a spokesman for the Hinsdale High School Teachers Association. "No one I'm aware of is saying that they are. The problem is that legislators in Springfield have neglected to make required contributions to varying degrees for more than 20 years. All of that mismanagement has accumulated into the problem all of us now face."

Palmquist also points out teachers contribute 10 percent of their salary to the Teachers Retirement System for their entire career. Teachers also don't get Social Security, even if they worked private sector jobs.

"The labor coalition has been working all along to try and find a solution to this problem, even though we didn't create it in the first place," Palmquist said.

Palmquist said the proposal by Senate President John Cullerton is backed by the We Are One Coalition is a more reasonable proposal than the bill that passed the House last week.

We Are One Illinois includes the Illinois AFL-CIO, Illinois Education Association, Illinois Federation of Teachers, Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois, Fraternal Order of Police, Service Employees International Union, Laborers International Union of North America - Chicago District Council and the Illinois Nurses Association.

The coalition supports Senate Bill 2404, which the coalition website calls "fair and constitutional." The bill would guarantee the state make its entire annual payment to the public pension systems, or the member could sue. It proposes retirees and those employees who as of Jan. 31 already announced their plans to retire would contribute an additional 2 percent of their salary to their retirement plans, phased in over the next two years.

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