

**VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS
MANAGER'S REPORT
APRIL 12, 2013**

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Village of Clarendon Hills Manager's Report

To: Village President & Board of Trustees

From: Randall Recklaus, Village Manager

Date: April 12, 2013

1. I am happy to report that staff has spent a lot of time this past week discussing downtown development. Dan Ungerleider attended the Downtown Design Review Commission's meeting regarding the 88 Park Avenue project on Tuesday evening. Dan will be giving a report on that item in his report. Christina Burns and Dan both attended the Design subcommittee of the Downtown Master Plan team (also on Tuesday evening), Dan attended the Land Use subcommittee on Monday, and Dan and I both attended the Economic Development subcommittee on Thursday morning. Dan has done an outstanding job in developing and managing this process thus far and the enthusiasm of our volunteers reflects that.

In addition, staff spent a fair amount of time discussing and doing background work for the downtown moratorium discussion that has been placed on the agenda for Monday night's meeting at the Board's request. I know I speak for the staff when I say that it is exciting to be talking about big picture concepts for Downtown Clarendon Hills once again.

2. Chief Leahy, Chief Jenkins, and I are working with President Karaba and our respective counterparts in our neighboring communities regarding proposed improvements to both the content and format of the Southwest Central Dispatch annual budget. The SWCD Board of Directors meets next Wednesday to discuss the budget and we have been sharing our input with both the SWCD management and our fellow municipal reps. Chief Leahy deserves special acknowledgement for his leadership on this issue.
3. Christina Burns and I met and gave presentation to Village employees on Thursday to go over the 2013/14 budget, proposed changes to wages and benefits, and to discuss a new technology training initiative that Christina is overseeing.
4. I will be conducting performance evaluations for all of my direct reports over the next two weeks. Preparation for those meetings has been and will be major focus of my time for the next few days.

5. A Document Management Workgroup was recently formed and includes Christina Burns, Dan Ungerleider, Chief Jenkins, Chief Leahy and Michael Millette. The group met Tuesday to begin discussion of how to bring the Village's document and records management up to date. The group will be looking at needs and best practices and then developing and implementing a program for the Village.
6. The Planting Partners fliers were distributed in the most recent water bills. This program has been quite successful already, with seven of the 13 beds already sponsored. We will again look at doing the plantings in mid-May.

Have a Great Weekend!



Village of Clarendon Hills

MEMORANDUM

To: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager
From: Dan Ungerleider, Community Development Director
Date: April 12, 2013
Subject: Department Report

- 1. 88 Park Av (fka 103 S Prospect Av)** - On Tuesday evening, April 9, 2013, the petitioner appeared at the Downtown Design Review Commission (DTDRC) for the third time. After a brief presentation, the Commission made a formal recommendation to grant downtown design review approval for the proposed development condition upon minor architectural, landscape and site plan modifications being submitted to the Community Development Director for approval prior to Village Board review. It is important to note that the DTDRC reviewed the proposed development with regard to building, site and landscape design, and relationship with the downtown and adjacent neighborhood.

The proposed 11-unit Condominium Development has been published to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission on April 18 for consideration and special use approval for a planned unit development with variations for building height, transitional set back distance and for having residential uses on the first floor. All interested in the proposal are encouraged to attend the ZBA/PC meeting on April 18 at 7:30pm.

- 2. Demolition of 227-231 Burlington Avenue** - Progress is slow but steady. We have been able to confirm disconnection of utilities for 2 of the three buildings. Representatives from ComEd, Nicor and Flag Creek have been working with the Village and the property owners to disconnect utilities in preparation for demolition. The property and adjacent sidewalk should be fenced by early next week, with demolition to begin shortly thereafter.
- 3. Downtown Master Plan (DTMP) Update** - This was a very busy week. All three DTMP Subcommittees held their inaugural meetings throughout the week. These first meetings were used to evaluate the March 20 Kick-off meeting, prepare for the upcoming April 24 Community Visioning meeting, and begin cataloging resources to support the work over the next 6-months.

As was previously reported, CHMS students have submitted DTMP essays and art projects describing their vision for downtown Clarendon Hills. Staff will be presenting the students work at the beginning of the April 15 Village Board meeting. This past Tuesday, I met with a group of middle school students who will be developing a student DTMP using the ideas and vision presented in the student essays and art projects. The students have done a fantastic job.

- 4. 450 Colfax** - Permits were issued this week for the completion of the home at 450 Colfax. The new owner of the property has cooperated with the Village to ensure that the completed building will once again be a positive contributor to the character of the neighborhood and be a safe, quality, and a comfortable home for its future resident.
- 5. 9-27 Walker Property** - This vacant property sits in foreclosure limbo and is not expected to be available for development until May 2013 at the earliest. We continue to seek means of having the property restored and potentially temporarily used in a manner supportive of downtown businesses and the community.
- 6. 2-4 Railroad** - Last February, the Village found and notified the owner of 2-4 Railroad that the building's brick façade and parapet wall was in violation of the Village's Property Maintenance Code and a potential hazard to those walking on the adjacent public sidewalk. The Department is working with the owner to have them address these potential hazards and to have the building repaired accordingly.

7. **Permits Issued** - 4 permits were issued this past week, including a demolition and 2 new homes. The reported value of these permits was \$1,180,000.
8. **Code Enforcement Reports** - Please see attached report.

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE: April 12, 2013
TO: Randy Recklaus
Village Manager
FROM: Brian Leahy
Fire Chief
SUBJECT: Weekly Fire Department Report 2013-12

1. Fire Prevention Bureau Activity during the past week.
 - Five (5) Fire Prevention/Life Safety inspections were completed this week.
 - Fire Prevention Officer Dave Godek and two (2) on duty crew members continue work on computerized building pre plan drawings that will be placed in Google Docs and accessible using ipads. This is a joint project with the Hinsdale Fire Department
2. Training Report:
 - No report
3. Emergency Medical Services Report:
 - On Thursday of this week, Ambulance 314 was inspected by the Illinois Department of Public Health. It passed of course!
 - Wednesday evening, Twenty six (26) Firefighter Paramedics and EMT-B's attended monthly continuing education conducted on site by the Loyola EMS System.
4. Clarendon Hills/Hinsdale FD sharing of services report:
 - On Tuesday morning, Clarendon Hills, Hinsdale and Western Springs Fire chiefs met to discuss expanded fire services sharing arrangements. More to follow on this in the future.
5. On Thursday, Chief Jenkins and I attended the monthly meeting of the SWCD Executive Committee. Two (2) major items were voted on to recommend to the Board of Directors. They were the 2013/14 SWCD Budget and the membership of Midlothian to SWCD. Clarendon Hills and Hinsdale Fire and Police Chiefs all voted no to these recommendations.
6. On Monday, Verizon Wireless installed a test wireless modem in FD Staff car 399 for evaluation. This 4G modem is connected to the SWCD Mobile Data System. We will evaluate this over the next few weeks for reliability.

7. On Tuesday, I attended the village Document Management Team meeting. At this meeting various ways were discussed to reduce the amount of paper work, electronic storage or records and also a simpler more efficient document retrieval and location system. Another meeting is scheduled for two weeks.
8. On Wednesday, Deputy Chief Roger Krupp and I attended the monthly meeting of the MABAS Division 10 Fire Chiefs. The major topic discussed that day was what specialty teams are important to the fire departments and their residents and how they will be funded in the future.
9. Today, the Clarendon Hills Firefighter Pension board will hold their quarterly meeting.

10. Incidents of Interest:

- During the past week Hinsdale FD responded to three (3) calls in Clarendon Hills.
- During the past week Clarendon Hills FD responded to four (4) calls in Hinsdale.
- Monday, April 8th at 3:20 PM. Ambulance 314 and Truck 319 responded for a person down at a residence on Waverly. 45 year old patient was worked ALS by Paramedics on the scene and transported to a local hospital where the patient died.
- Tuesday, April 9th at 7:01 PM. Fire Department was dispatched to the 100 block of Woodstock for wires down. Upon arrival found primary wires down from pole to pole and sparking in the back yard. Area secured, Com Ed called and FD crews awaited the arrival of Com Ed to shut power off.
- Wednesday, April 10th at 6:53 AM. Ambulance 314 responded to the CHPD for the evaluation of a prisoner. Patient transported to a local hospital for treatment.
- Wednesday, April 10th at 9:26 AM. The fire department along with Hinsdale 1013 responded to a house struck by lightning at 202 S. Prospect. Damage to the house was limited to a light fixture.
- Wednesday, April 10th at 1:50 PM. Ambulance 314 responded to assist the Westmont Fire Department for an ambulance call at 132 N. Cass Ave. One (1) patient transported to a local hospital for treatment.

11. Fire/Rescue/EMS calls:

- During the past week the fire department responded to twenty eight (28) emergency calls.

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

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Clarendon Hills budget shouldn't cause tax increase

BY CHUCK FIELDMAN | cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com

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CLARENDON HILLS — The budget the Clarendon Hills Village Board will consider April 15 shouldn't result in higher property taxes for homeowners.

"With a 4 percent increase in property taxes and 6.5 percent decrease in the equalized assessed valuation, an owner of a \$500,000 home would see their property taxes decrease by about \$40," said Peg Hartnett, the village's finance director/treasurer.

Hartnett said the village has not proposed any new increases to other taxes or fees in the 2013-14 fiscal year budget, with the exception of a four-year water rate increase established in 2012 because of higher costs to the village. That increase is due to higher water costs from Chicago.

Hartnett said there are no significant increases or reduction in village service included in the 2013-14 budget.

"It is basically a status quo budget," she said.

The new budget includes an additional \$1 million for transfer into the Capital Improvements Fund, along with the usual amount of \$250,000.

"Since 2009, we have held back some of the amount we transfer each year into the Capital Projects Fund because the economy was so bad," Hartnett said. "We feel the General Fund is getting stabilized now."

Hartnett said the \$1 million has not yet been designated for any specific capital projects. The village will continue to use Special Service Areas to help fund scheduled road improvements.

The General Fund, which includes most of the village's operating expenditures, is budgeted at \$6,796,540 for revenues and \$7,090,677 for expenditures. Expenditures include the \$1.25 million transfer into the Capital Projects Fund.

Compared to 2012-13, the new budget's General Fund reflects a 1.4 percent, or \$70,000, decrease in departmental spending. This was achieved through a turnover in village personnel.

The proposed budget reflects a 2.1 percent increase in General Fund revenues, which is due to expected increases in property taxes and sales tax revenue from the Infiniti auto dealership on Ogden Avenue.

Hartnett said Clarendon Hills should be in good financial shape for the near future. However, there are challenges coming down the road.

"Ten years down the road, there will be pressure, especially in the Capital Improvements Fund," she said. "At some point you need to replace your fire trucks, for example, and those are a major expense."

Hartnett said Clarendon Hills receives about 52 percent of its revenue from local property taxes and about 26 percent from state-shared revenues.

"We know that state is having serious financial problems, and I think everyone expects that they are going to take some of that money away from municipalities," Hartnett said."

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Voter turnout high for local election

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Issues or candidates appeared to bring out voters in some area towns, with some precincts reporting high turnout for this off-year election.

The Oak Brook Club had 136 voters by 1:20 p.m., with many residents saying a vote on selling part of the Sports Core to Butler School District 53 for a new campus brought them to the polls.

But turnout also was running about 50 percent of usual at Prospect School in Clarendon Hills, where municipal races were uncontested but all school districts are contested.

Among those were High School District 86, where two factions on the board are vying for control. The result has the potential to shift the balance between the two voting blocs for a district that runs through Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills, Oak Brook and Burr Ridge.

“I came out to vote for my neighbor, Mark Cuthbert,” said Jill Sunderson of Hinsdale.

Cuthbert is running to keep his position as a Downers Grove Township trustee.

In the Hinsdale District 86 High School Board race, Sunderson voted for incumbents Kay Gallo, Dennis Brennan and DeeDee Gorgol, because “people that I trust know them and support them,” she said.

Dana Alden knew one of the District 86 candidates in the slate opposing the incumbents, Ed Corcoran, and came out to vote for him.

Corcoran “has been in the community for years and years,” Alden said. “And some of the negative campaigns of his opponents was off-putting.”

In selecting trustees for the District 181 School Board, Alden favored the candidates’ whose background would be useful when the district negotiates its next teachers’ contract.

“That needs to be addressed. We want a contract that is right for the teachers and right for the students,” Alden said.

Jo Ann Mefford of Hinsdale came out to vote at her husband’s prompting. He has been involved with a couple of campaigns at the state and national level, so he is more aware of the issues than she.

Choosing trustees for the local School Boards was tough, because there were so many candidates, Mefford said. “That’s a little bit of an issue for empty-nesters and people who never had children in the school district.” Mefford and her husband are in that category.

Dan Douglas of Hinsdale was eager to vote for the District 86 and District 181 School Board trustees. His wife

is a teacher and "she is in the know," he said, about the candidates in both races.

Having lived 25 years in the district, "I know the people," Douglas said. He planned to support the incumbents.

Chad Burlet of Hinsdale said he votes in every election because it's his civic duty.

Some of the races on the ballot at his polling place in Redeemer Lutheran Church were uncontested, which made it easier to concentrate on the candidates in the races that weren't, Burlet said.

He chose individuals, not slates, when voting for trustees for the District 86 and 181 School Boards, he said.

"I split, voting for some new and some returning candidates," Burlet said, "I look at them individually."

Voters were waiting for parking places and waiting for open voting booths at the Burr Ridge Police Department Tuesday.

"At 6 o'clock this morning there were people lined up," said election judge Melinda Breymeyer.

By 2 p.m. more than 440 of the polling place's 2,720 eligible voters had cast their ballots.

Art West has voted in local Burr Ridge elections for more than 20 years. He said the April 9 turnout is unusual.

"I think people are just concerned," he said.

Turnout at Burr Ridge United Church of Christ was less than 8 percent at 1:30 p.m. Ed McCambridge, an election judge since 1975, said that's high for a local election.

The church at Plainfield and County Line Roads includes precincts in Willowbrook and Burr Ridge, both of which have contested elections for village president.

Voters in Burr Ridge also are elected a new village president and have a contested Village Board race.

Check your town's website later for results, voter turnout and more.

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D86 Election: All 3 'Friends' Challengers In, Brennan and Gorgol Out

Victor Casini, Ed Corcoran, Claudia Manley and Kay Gallo were the top four finishers Tuesday in the District 86 school board race.

By [Joe O'Donnell](#) | [Email the author](#) | April 9, 2013



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District 86 voters have decided to make a change. Three of them, actually.

Victor Casini, Ed Corcoran and Claudia Manley—the three challengers who made up the "Friends for District 86" slate—won three of four open seats on the [Hinsdale Township High School District 86](#) Board of Education Tuesday, with all precincts reporting.

Incumbent Kay Gallo also won a seat, according to unofficial results.

Manley, the leading vote-getter with more than 4,196, called her slate's three-win performance was "unbelievable."

"We thought we were swimming upstream the whole race," she said.

Corcoran finished second in the voting with 4,044. Gallo was a close third at more than 4,005 and Casini was fourth with more than 3,879.

Manley said the results show that the district's voters are demanding transparency and accountability from their board, and she said to expect a "new brand of collaboration."

"I'm so happy to be elected and along with Victor and Ed, we're going to work collaboratively with anyone and everyone on the board," Manley said.

Individually, Corcoran said he gave himself "at best" a 50 percent chance of winning a seat. He was "elated" with Tuesday's results.

"We had a bunch of people in different geographic areas supporting us," Corcoran said. "There's no one person that made this happen."

Casini and Gallo did not immediately respond to calls seeking comment.

Gallo was the only candidate from the incumbent-heavy "Building on Excellence" slate to win a spot. Current Board President Dennis Brennan (3,772 votes), would-be newcomer Roseanne Rosenthal (3,529), and current board member DeeDee Gorgol (3,332) finished fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively.

Roger Kempa was the only candidate who was not part of a slate. He finished eighth Tuesday with 2,688 votes.

See all of Tuesday's results: [Hinsdale/Clarendon Hills](#) | [Burr Ridge](#) | [Darien](#)

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The Big Read brings Irish immigrant to redone Clarendon Hills library

Sara Clarkson

dateline

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CLARENDON HILLS — Margaret and her son Emmet left their small Irish village with a pair of candlesticks ("a wedding gift," she explained), a good petticoat and just enough clothes and other necessities to fill two small trunks.

After undergoing what Margaret felt was an outrageous and unnecessary medical exam, the pair boarded a steamship and headed to New York City and America via Ellis Island. When they said "goodby" to their friends and family in Ireland, it was the permanent sort of farewell. They knew they'd not likely meet again "in this lifetime" as Margaret put it.

The time was the early 1900s, when Margaret and Emmet came across the Atlantic to live with her daughter and son-in-law after undergoing another medical exam. More than 100 years later, Margaret made her way over to the newly renovated Clarendon Hills Public Library to share her story.

She stood before a packed crowd as part of the first Big Read the Clarendon Hills Library has hosted this year. Janet Gilleland who does theatrical portrayals for Accent on History, portrayed Margaret, an immigrant loosely based on Gilleland's own great-grandmother's story.

Immigration is a huge theme in "The Shoemaker's Wife" by Adriani Trigiani, the novel selected as The Big Read, the annual 10-library collaborative effort of programing and events in which both the Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills libraries usually play a big role.

The audience was eager and diverse. Many of the more than 50 people there knew someone — a parent or grandparent or relative — who went through Ellis Island as part of their immigration experience and they shared their memories with the crowd.

Speaking of the re-opened library, it is the lobby and ground floor entrance area in which patrons will notice the greatest changes. As soon as you enter, a comfortable sitting area to the right beckons with lots of newspapers and magazines and even complimentary coffee from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The coffee is possible through the Harry Schodrof Memorial Fund, the late Harry being a beloved Clarendon Hills resident.

"He was very personable and a joy to be around," said Lucy Tarabour, the library's publicity director.

Visit the library from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 19 when it hosts an After Hours party. There you will see computers set up for the public to use have been moved upstairs to the adult book area, conveniently located within whispering distance of the reference librarian.

You will see some vestiges of the "old" library furniture there, but hopefully with some more fundraising, newer pieces can replace the old and complete the look. For more information, visit www.clarendonhillslibrary.org or call (630) 323-8188.

The Big Read programs continue through Thursday, May 2, when A Virtual Visit with author Adriana Trigiani is scheduled to take place at the Downers Grove, Indian Prairie and La Grange public libraries at 7 p.m. Other events include an Italian wine-tasting, movies, discussions about Italy, factory fires and tracing ancestry as well as some children's events. Visit www.thebigread.org.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	7 p.m. – Village board meeting					
8	8 a.m. – DTMP Land Use Subcommittee – Conference Room	7 p.m. – Mosquito Abatement – Conference Room				
9		7 p.m. – Downtown Design Review Comm. – Bd. Room				
10		8 p.m. – DTMP Update Design Subcommittee Mtg. – Bd. Room				
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12		9:30 a.m. - DTMP Economic Development Subcommittee meeting – conference room				
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15		5:30p.m. – Police Pension Bd. Mtg.				
16		7 p.m. – Village board meeting				
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19		9 a.m. - Chamber				
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24		6 p.m. - Downtown Master Plan Update Joint Subcommittee Meeting – Clarendon Hills Middle School				
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26		7 p.m. – Downtown Master Plan Update Kick off Community Event – C.H. Middle School				
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		7 p.m. - Board Meeting				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		7 p.m. - Mosquito Abatement - Ed. Room	9 a.m. - Chamber			
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	Amnesty Day (north of 55 th St.)		Amnesty Day (south of 55 th St.)			
		7 p.m. - Board Meeting				
26	27	28	29	30	31	Notes:
	Memorial Day					
		Village offices closed				

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