

**VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS**  
**MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**April 26, 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 26, 2013

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1. This week was again dominated by communications with residents about storm related issues. At the Tuesday morning Department Head meeting we went over the storm response in detail and discussed things that went well and things that we would like to improve in future emergency events. While there were some difficulties, particular when the phone system was lost early in the event, we generally were able to respond effectively to resident calls. However, other than advise residents to leave unsafe areas and close the streets, there was little the Village could do until the water subsided. Sergeant Paul Dalen of the Police Department, who was the Supervisor on duty overnight on Wednesday also attended the meeting. I want to commend all of the Village staff for a job well done over the past week. From the initial response to the clean-up efforts, to our communications throughout, I think everyone did well given the difficulties we faced.
2. Chief Leahy coordinated our initial damage assessment report to DuPage County to assist their submittal to FEMA. The documents were delivered on time on Wednesday afternoon. Rather than survey residents, which would have been difficult, we applied some multipliers to specific areas of town that we had identified as hard hit. Overall, we estimated that approximately 100 homes spread across several Clarendon Hills neighborhoods experienced serious flooding (not counting yard flooding). Our estimate of the cost of the damage is approximately \$5 million.

FEMA will be out in DuPage County next week. As of the time of this writing, I do not know whether they will visit Clarendon Hills or not. However, if the County is declared a federal disaster area, residents in Clarendon Hills will be eligible for assistance, if offered. We are obviously following that issue very closely and will get information out once it is available.

3. I met with Mike Millette, our Engineering team, and Trustee Flood Tuesday afternoon to discuss the chronology of the flooding event and how our system responded. As a new Public Works Director, this event allowed Mike to observe the functioning of our system for the first time. He has many observations and some of which may result in recommendations on modifications to our system. One of the advantages to hiring an

outside department director is to benefit from a different perspective and set of experiences. This flooding event will give us yet another opportunity to do so.

4. Mike is planning the May 8<sup>th</sup> Stormwater Meeting. It is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Prospect School. It will attempt to educate residents on what exactly happened AND give them an opportunity to tell their stories and give feedback in a structured manner. The information will be collected along with our own observations to determine if any modifications and potential improvements to our system and policies are possible and/or advisable.
5. Christina Burns, Peg Hartnett, and Dan Ungerleider and I attended the Downtown Master Plan Visioning Session on Wednesday evening. It was well attended by around 65 residents and the audience was extremely engaged in the process and discussion. The group adhered to the program well, and Dan gathered a lot of good information to help give additional guidance to the sub-committees.
6. The Safety Committee held its quarterly meeting on Thursday. Joe Ferrel represented Public Works and Mark Rediehs represented the Fire Department. Discussion was primarily about the upcoming Hazard Survey Visit and Regulatory Assistance Visit with IRMA. The Committee also discussed additional projects it will be working on over the year to comply with changing safety regulations.
7. The Employee Appreciation Committee also held its quarterly meeting Thursday. The Committee discussed its plans for the upcoming year and is brainstorm events ideas. The Committee is tentatively planning to have another picnic event in the fall.
8. On Monday, Christina attended a seminar with IPBC regarding wellness programs. The event reviewed various formats and vendors.
9. We will be sitting down with the Fraternal Order of Police again Friday morning. We will have an update for the Board in Executive Session at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting.
10. Just a reminder, I will be out of the office all day on Monday, but will be reachable via cell phone, if needed.

Have a Great Weekend!

# **VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS**

## **Finance Department**

### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 26, 2013

TO: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager

FROM: Peg Hartnett, Finance Director/Treasurer

SUBJECT: Department Report

- Sikich LLP completed their preliminary fieldwork on Tuesday, in preparation for the FY 2013 audit. I wish to thank the Village employees who took time out of their busy schedules to participate in the audit interviews with Sikich on that day. This allowed them to complete the fieldwork in one day rather than the scheduled two.
- Mike Millette and I met with the Village's engineer, Lee Fell this week to prepare for the upcoming SSA Open House, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Village board room. Residents will be provided with informational packets and have the opportunity to ask questions about the road program.
- The Village's fiscal year ends on April 30. We will process an additional claims on that day for all invoices that are payable in the current fiscal year. The first claims for FY 2014 will be on May 6.
- I participated in the negotiations with the police union this morning along with Randy, Chief Jenkins and Christina Burns.
- Continuing with the emergency management follow-up after the flooding, we have scheduled a meeting with the Village's IT provider, AIS, to discuss the possibility of a back-up for the Village's telephone system and a more reliable back-up for our internet. This meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m.



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Randy Recklaus, Village Manager  
**From:** Dan Ungerleider, Community Development Director  
**Date:** April 26, 2013  
**Subject:** Department Report

1. **Post April 18 Storm Event** - Continued to meet with various community property owners to assist them with preliminary damage assessments and potential permit applications.
2. **Downtown Master Plan (DTMP) Update** - On Wednesday, April 24, we conducted a joint subcommittee meeting and a community visioning meeting for the DTMP. Over 50 were attendance at the Community meeting. During the meeting, we were able to prioritize issues that should be addressed during the project and we developed key words that should be included in the vision statement for the revised plan. The agendas, presentations and summary report are available on the project web page at [www.clarendonhills.us/downtownplanning.cfm](http://www.clarendonhills.us/downtownplanning.cfm) .
3. **Permits Issued** - 7 permits were issued this past week, including: 2 demolitions; 1 storm damage repair; and 1 home modeling project. The reported value of these permits was \$485,067.54.
4. **Code Enforcement Reports** - Please see attached report.

**Community Development Department**  
One North Prospect Avenue, Clarendon Hills Illinois 60514

**Village of Clarendon Hills**  
**Department of Public Works**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 26, 2013  
**TO:** Randy Recklaus, Village Manager  
**FROM:** Mike Millette, Director of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Department Notes

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1. Today is Arbor Day. Village Forester Joe Ferrel led the commemoration of the day by planting a common bald cypress near Blue Lake.
2. The repairs to the Park Avenue pump station are complete. Thanks to Glen Dolgner's quick thinking – shutting the power off to the control panel as the water started to flood in – the repairs were minimal, under \$5,000. Had the pump needed to be replaced, we estimate it would have been about \$200,000.
3. We will complete restoration of gravel shoulders which were washed-out by the flood waters today.
4. We are nearly ready for our yearly IRMA visit next Tuesday. A few areas remain to be cleaned and we will perform a “dry run” on Monday to catch any deficiencies which may linger.

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: April 26, 2013

To: Village Manager Randy Recklaus

From: Chief Ted Jenkins

Subject: Weekly Activity Report

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1. Recent training:

- Detective Shirley attended a seminar put on by the US Marshall's office regarding the federal prosecution of non-compliant sex offenders.
2. Detective Shirley participated in a county wide sex offender compliance check with the DuPage County Sheriff's office. Officers checked the registered addresses and employer information of many sex offenders in Dupage County to insure the accuracy of reported information. Clarendon Hills currently has two resident sex offenders. County wide offender information is available on-line at: <http://www.icrimewatch.net/index.php?AgencyID=54038&disc=>
3. Discussion continues on the FOP contract negotiations. Another meeting was set for May 21.
4. Chief Crask of the Lostant Police Department picked up the used handheld LASER device which was donated to his community by the Village Board at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chief Crask asked me to convey his gratitude to the Board with the message that "their generosity will make a difference to our Department and our community".

**Significant traffic and criminal activity during the period April 19, 2013 through April 25, 2013**

1. On 4/22 the Jewel reported that a woman entered the store and left with a bottle of vodka without paying for it. The woman fled the area on foot. The loss is \$13.97.
2. Clarendon Hills' officers made one arrest for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license in the last week.



◀ Mar 2013		~ April 2013 ~					May 2013 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<b>1</b>  7 p.m. – Village board meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  7 p.m. – Special Events Committee – Board Room	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. – Downtown Master Plan Update Steering Comm. – Conference Room	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8 a.m. – DTMP Land Use Subcommittee – Conference Room	<b>9</b> 7 p.m. – Mosquito Abatement – Conference Room 7 p.m. – Downtown Design Review Comm. – Bd. Room 8 p.m. – DTMP Update Design Subcommittee Mtg.- Bd. Room	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30- a.m. - DTMP Economic Development Subcommittee meeting – conference room	<b>12</b> 9 a.m. Fire Pension Bd. Mtg.	<b>13</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  5:30p.m. – Police Pension Bd. Mtg. 7 p.m. – Village board meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9 a.m. - Chamber	<b>18</b>  7:30 p.m. - ZBA	<b>19</b>  8 a.m. – DTMP Steering Committee Mtg. – conference room – <b>Cancelled</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6 p.m. - Downtown Master Plan Update Joint Subcommittee Meeting – Clarendon Hills Middle School 7 p.m. –Downtown Master Plan Update Kick off Community Event – C.H. Middle School	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – conference room in use - Randy	<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:30 to 7 p.m. – Road Program Open House for SSAs – Village Hall	<b>Notes:</b>				

◀ Apr 2013		~ May 2013 ~					Jun 2013 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1  7 p.m. – Special Events Comm. Mtg. – Bd. Room	2	3	4	
5	6  7 p.m. – Board Meeting	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14 7 p.m. – Mosquito Abatement – Bd. Room	15 9 a.m. - Chamber	16  7:30 - ZBA	17	18	
19	20 Amnesty Day (north of 55 <sup>th</sup> St)  7 p.m. – Board Meeting	21	22 Amnesty Day (south of 55 <sup>th</sup> St.)	23	24	25	
26	27 Memorial Day  Village offices closed	28	29	30 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Community Blood Drive to be held at the library	31	Notes:	

◀ May 2013		~ June 2013 ~					Jul 2013 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2	3 7 p.m. – Village Bd. Mtg.	4	5	6	7 Daisy Days	8 Daisy Days	
9	10	11 7 p.m. – Mosquito Abatement – Bd. Room	12	13	14	15	
16	17 7 p.m. – Village Bd. Mtg.	18	19 9 a.m. – Chamber 7 p.m. Concert	20 7:30 p.m. - ZBA	21	22	
23	24	25	26 7 p.m. - Concert	27	28	29	
30	Notes:						

◀ Jun 2013		~ July 2013 ~					Aug 2013 ▶	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
	1  7 p.m. – Village Bd. Mtg.	2	3  7 p.m. - Concert	4 Independence Day – Village offices closed	5	6		
7	8	9	10  7 p.m. - Concert	11	12  9 a.m. Fire Pension Bd. Mtg.	13		
14	15  5:30 – Police Pension Bd. Mtg.	16	17  9 a.m. - Chamber  7 p.m. - Concert	18  7:30 - ZBA	19	20		
21	22	23	24  7 p.m. - Concert	25	26  9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Secretary of State Driver's License Renewal (sponsored by C.H. Bank) – Board Room	27		
28	29	30	31	Notes:				

# The Doings Clarendon Hills

## Clarendon Hills to discuss flooding problems

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*Updated: April 22, 2013 5:31PM*

CLARENDON HILLS — As cleanup from flooding continued Monday, village officials were planning a public meeting about the stormwater system in Clarendon Hills.

"We have been meeting with our engineering people to assess what worked and what didn't during this flooding," Village Manager Randy Recklaus said.

A date has not been set, but the meeting will be a public forum.

"We want to explain to our residents how it works, where the water goes, and the possibility of improvements," Recklaus said. "We have been having more of these so-called 30-year storms lately, and we're very aware of that."

Recklaus said flood damage was widespread in the village. "It was pretty severe, especially in certain areas, such as along the railroad tracks, even more so along the tracks in the western portion of the village," he said.

Recklaus said village staff is working with residents in hopes of demonstrating to the federal government that financial assistance is needed and warranted to help cover damage costs caused by flooding.

Len Miller, the owner of Clarendon Hills Hardware, said his shelves emptied quickly of sump pumps.

"People were waiting to buy them; we sold about 18 of them," he said. "We also went through a season's worth of sand, about 120 bags."

Jack Andrews, an 18-year resident of Clarendon Hills who lives in an apartment on the 100 block of Ann Street, was one of the lucky ones.

"I haven't even seen anything right in this area, but I know it was pretty bad in some places," he said. "I just feel so sorry for those people who were really effected by the flooding."

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By SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

## Clarendon Hills to host community meeting on stormwater, flooding issues

CLARENDON HILLS — The Village of Clarendon Hills has set a meeting for 7 p.m. May 8 at Prospect Elementary School to discuss the village's stormwater management system, the events of April 18 and to answer resident's questions.

To ensure a productive discussion, residents with questions about specific locations, or with questions that may require advance research, are requested to email them to Christina Burns at [cburns@clarendonhills.us](mailto:cburns@clarendonhills.us) in advance of the meeting.

For more information, call the village hall at 630-286-5400.

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## Ribbons are memorial to Clarendon Hills parent

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CLARENDON HILLS — Ribbons seen tied around many trees in Clarendon Hills and around posts outside Prospect School for the past couple weeks were a tribute to a resident who died unexpectedly.

Heidi Walsh, 47, died April 8. She and her husband, Bob, have four children. Bob Walsh is on the board of the Clarendon Hills Little League.

"She's one of the best people I've ever known," said Maureen Zeeb, a friend and neighbor. "She was so genuine; she had extreme faith and carried it out every day."

Zeeb said Walsh will be missed by many people in the community.

"I couldn't hope to be the person she was," Zeeb said. "She was beautiful on the outside and even more beautiful on the inside."

A fund, the Bob and Heidi Walsh Family Childcare and Education Fund, has been established. Donations can be made at Clarendon Hills Bank, 200 W. Burlington Ave., Clarendon Hills IL 60514

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## Writing is a novel idea for Clarendon Hills dentist

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CLARENDON HILLS — *It's been a never-ending story for a man who 22 years ago took over a dental practice in Clarendon Hills. J. Michael Major continues to see patients in his office at 1 McIntosh Ave. But when he's not busy with his dental practice, being a husband to a woman he met on a blind date, or being a father to two children, Major continues with his longtime passion: writing.*

**Q. When did you become interested in writing?**

**A.** I always wanted to write stories. At first, it was science fiction because that's what I was really into. I like the peacefulness of writing; it's very therapeutic.

**Q. When did you first have something you wrote published?**

**A.** It was a science fiction story for a magazine in 1989. I was sending out stuff for four years before I had that accepted for publication. I had some positive feedback along the way, but it definitely got discouraging. It was an awesome feeling when I finally got my story accepted. It was some vindication.

**Q. You have now had several of your writings published, but until "One Man's Castle" everything was a short story. How did you end up writing a novel?**

**A.** I never wanted to write a novel; I didn't have the time. I had something started. A publisher read it and asked if I had written any novels. He told me to send it to him when I did.

**Q. How was the process of writing a novel different than with a short story?**

**A.** I had to re-learn how to write. With short stories, it's cut, cut, cut. I had to expand what I wrote for a novel without adding padding. I thought it would knock people's socks off as a short story, but wasn't sure about a novel because it was new to me. With short stories, you feel you want to get it out and be done with it. It was a real learning experience for me. And it took me six years to write it.

**Q. How do you decide what you want to write about?**

**A.** For this book, I wrote the book I wanted to read. I love to read, and I have learned a lot by reading different authors.

**Q. Were you dental patients aware you were writing the book and that it now has been published?**

**A.** Many of them know. My patients were very encouraging, and a lot of them ordered the book.

**Q. Are you excited or nervous about your upcoming book signings and discussions in Clarendon Hills and Oak Brook?**

**A.** I am excited, but also nervous because some people know me; I'm their dentist. I definitely am looking forward to the signings because I get to meet people.

**Q. How will you gauge the success of "One Man's Castle?"**

**A.** I didn't really do it for the money, and it takes a while before you really have a chance to make any money. I guess I would like to have enough sales to justify a second book from the publisher.

**Q. Any specific plans for a second novel?**

**A.** I have most of the second one in my head, but I haven't started it, yet. The next one will be more of a thriller.

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## Clarendon Hills students welcome soldier back from Afghanistan

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CLARENDON HILLS — It was worth the wait for students at Walker School.

Students and teachers at the Clarendon Hills elementary school didn't mind at all that it took Adam Tomanovich a year after he said goodbye to come back to say hello.

Tomanovich is in the Army and the 20-year-old son of longtime Walker teacher Deanne Tomanovich. He visited the school a year ago before being deployed to Afghanistan.

Home since April 5 for leave that lasts until April 30, Tomanovich received a hero's welcome Monday when he returned to see students and teachers. He was greeted at the school's entrance by fifth-graders Will Wilson, Katie Sharp, Chloe Hafner, Lily Goers, Kiana Ravanasa and James Balderston, who then led the way for a walk through halls filled by flag-waving students.

"It's definitely a feeling of appreciation, knowing that little kids look up to you," Tomanovich said.

Deanne Tomanovich said it was the idea of some colleagues to have her son visit.

"I'm excited that he's a role model for them," she said. "It's so wonderful to have him home for a visit, and to see everyone here so excited to see him is very special."

Many of the students remember the last visit.

"Since we're fifth-graders, we kind of know what it's like to have people gone," Chloe Hafner said. "It's sort of like if your parents are gone for a while. This is different, though, because we were going away to someplace dangerous."

James Balderston was very impressed.

"It's just awesome to think how he risked his life for our country," James said.

Tomanovich said he is scheduled to go to a base in Germany when he returns to the Army at the end of April. He's not scheduled to be deployed again, but said anything can change.

"It was kind of culture shock when I first got back because we have everything available here. Food is limited there, and there aren't really bathrooms," he said. "I was very happy to get a home-cooked meal and sleep."

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