

**VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS
MANAGER'S REPORT
FEBRUARY 1, 2013**

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Village of Clarendon Hills Manager's Report

To: Village President & Board of Trustees

From: Randall Recklaus, Village Manager

Date: February 1, 2013

1. Peg Hartnett and I met with every department head this week to go through their proposed 2013/14 and estimated end of year budgets, line item by line item. This was a major focus of our time week. At this stage we have given initial feedback to each department head and in many cases sought further clarification. Over the next few days, Peg and I will look at the budgets on an organization wide basis and will determine what further changes may be necessary based on upcoming challenges and priorities as limited by our projected revenues. This year we will also be adding some additional information to the budget. There will be some departmental unit cost comparisons and some additional trend analyses included in the budget document that will be new. These will help the reader understand some of the historical context of our financial planning and decision making.
2. Peg Hartnett and I also met with Dave LaBrash of Clarendon Hills Bank on Monday. Dave informed us that the bank has determined that they can no longer offer us free banking services. He presented a fee schedule to us. Peg and I in the process of reviewing the fee schedule and will determine what our new costs will be under the concept. At first blush it appears the concept would cost us approximately \$900 a month. In the near future we will be going to the market to compare what other banking institutions would charge for comparable services. While we would prefer to stay with an in town institution all things being equal, we want to ensure that we are getting the best deal possible for the tax payer for the Village's banking services.
3. At the time of this writing, I have no update on the Police Consolidation discussion. We are awaiting correspondence from the Social Security Administration and Illinois State Retirement System to clarify the status of social security benefits under a consolidation scenario. We are also awaiting a response from the Fraternal Order of Police on some open items.
4. This week we distributed the 2012 Community Needs Survey to the Village Board for review. Please provide any comments you have to Christina by Monday, when it will be released to the public.

5. There will be no report from Peg Hartnett as she has been occupied with the budget this week. Chief Jenkins is on vacation today and will also submit no report. Both will be present at the Village Board meeting on Monday and will be available to answer any questions you may have relating to activities in their departments.

Have Great Weekend!

Village of Clarendon Hills
Department of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 1, 2013
TO: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager
FROM: Mike Millette, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Department Notes

This has been, by far, the strangest week in recent memory. On Sunday, we were plowing and salting; Tuesday, we fixed two main breaks; and Wednesday, we were clearing culverts and pumping ditches during the day and had switched back to salting by evening.

1. On Sunday, one crew (two trucks) began plowing and salting at 3:30 p.m. and completed the entire Village by 6:30 p.m. The BNSF platform crew and the downtown contractor were in by 4:30 p.m. and completed their work by 6:00 p.m.
2. On Tuesday, we repaired another leak on our water system at Columbine and Naperville, very near the location of last weeks repair. This break was crack in the pipe and not related to bolts. A second repair, also of a crack, was completed in the 200 block of North Richmond. We were able to complete the repairs and clean-up by 4:30 p.m. Twenty tons of salt was spread during this event.
3. Tuesday evening brought heavy rain (1.5 inches by our gauge) to the Village and we experienced full ditches throughout town. I made three trips around town, checking our usual trouble spots and did not need to call anybody back in. I headed home just before 11:00 p.m. On Wednesday morning, we had two crews (4 people) out clearing culverts, cleaning and pumping ditches.
4. At 3:00 on Wednesday the drizzle had switched to snow and the air temperature had dropped to 35 degrees. One crew was dispatched to spread salt as was the BNSF platform crew. Our downtown contractor was also called-out. Some touch-up work was completed during the evening and we were demobilized by 8:00 p.m. Another twenty tons of salt was used for this storm.

5. The temporary plugs placed in the floor of the Ann Street reservoir have held thus far and the contractor was able to complete the coating of the interior. Today we are in the process of disinfecting the tank and will begin to refill it. We expect to have it back online by the end of next week.
6. Yesterday Glen Dolgner accepted the new position of Operations Supervisor. I am very pleased that he has stepped up and will play a key role in the remaining organizational adjustments planned for the Department. Glen's experience in managing diverse groups and his extensive knowledge of the Village will greatly ease the transition process.
7. Also yesterday, the LED replacement fixtures and collars for the commuter platform and lot lighting replacement project arrived at our building. Our contractor, Twin Supplies, expects to begin work next week and complete the project by Valentine's Day.

MEMORANDUM

To: **Randy Recklaus, Village Manager**

From: **Dan Ungerleider, Community Development Director**

Date: **February 1, 2012**

Subject: **Department Report**

1. As anticipated, January was a slow permit month; only 4 permits issued, including 1 new home, in all having a total construction value of \$263,000.
2. Demolition of 227-231 Burlington Avenue: On Monday, January 28, the courts granted the Village the authority to demolish the buildings and lien the properties at 227-231 Burlington Avenue. While I am moving forward with the coordination of the demolition of these troubled buildings, I am also working with the property owner and several potential developers to determine if the property can still be cleaned up using private funding. In accordance with the Court Order, the Village has 45 days to begin demolition and 90 days to place the resulting liens.
3. **Downtown Master Plan (DTMP) Update:** The DTMP Steering Committee will be having their first meeting on February 8th. Their first task will be to accept and adopt a Community Outreach Plan that will be followed to ensure continued engagement of the community, its businesses, property owners and local organizations during the planning process and later during the implementation of the updated Downtown Plan. Several community outreach activities for this project will begin this month leading up to a project kick-off event in mid-March.

Special thanks to those residents who have volunteered be on one of the Downtown Master Plan Update subcommittees. Those still interested should be encouraged to contact me by phone or email. I anticipate that we will be able to formally appoint the Village Board chosen members of the three subcommittees at the first Village Board meeting in March (3/4/2013).

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE: February 1, 2013

TO: Randy Recklaus
Village Manager

FROM: Brian Leahy
Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Weekly Fire Department Report 2013-04

1. Fire Prevention Bureau Activity during the past week.
 - Ten (10) Fire-Life Safety inspections were completed this week.
 - Public Education was conducted this week at Walker school.
 - Working with Holy Nativity church on fire alarm and sprinkler issues related to the addition to the church.
2. Training Report:
 - Today, on duty firefighters will be participating in training exercises with the Hinsdale Fire Department at the Graue Mill Condominium complex in Hinsdale.
3. Emergency Medical Services Report:
 - Last week I forgot to mention that recruit Firefighter EMT Bryce McElroy is also enrolled in the paramedic training program.
4. Clarendon Hills/Hinsdale FD sharing of services report:
 - No report.
5. Captain Mark Rediehs and EMS Coordinator Dave Godek are looking into some Illinois Terrorism Task force grant money that recently became available. We are looking for some projects or equipment that might meet their funding criteria.
6. On Wednesday, I met with Randy and Peg to review the proposed 2013/14 Fire Department operating budget.
7. Today I will be meeting with representatives of SWCD at the fire station to go over backup communications plan and also to survey the backup communications capabilities that were recently installed at the fire station for fire and police services.
8. Ambulance 314 was taken out of service again on Tuesday and taken to International Trucks in Chicago for diagnostic warning system problems. Hinsdale FD responded to CH ambulance calls along with ALS Truck 319 while the ambulance was out of service.

9. Incidents of Interest:

- During the past week Hinsdale FD responded to two (2) calls in Clarendon Hills.
- During the past week Clarendon Hills FD responded to three (3) calls in Hinsdale.
- Friday, January 25th at 8:45 PM. Aerial Ladder Truck 319 responded to the 0-100 block of Iroquois Drive to assist the police department with ladders to get into a house at that location.
- Sunday, January 17th at 4:09 PM. Ambulance 314 and Heavy Duty Rescue Squad 316 responded to a vehicle accident with injuries on Ogden Ave. at Oxford Ave. Two (2) injured patients were transported to local hospitals with the assistance of Westmont ambulance 1824.
- Saturday, January 26th at 4:45 PM. Heavy duty Rescue Squad 316 responded to assist the Westmont Fire Department with a garage fire at 108 N. Warwick St. in Westmont.

10. Fire/Rescue/EMS calls:

- During the past week the fire department responded to nineteen (19) emergency calls.

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



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CLARENDON HILLS — Residents participating in Clarendon Hills' electric aggregation program with Constellation Energy can expect to begin seeing savings on their March bill.

The Clarendon Hills Village Board approved a contract with Constellation NewEnergy in November that will bring residents and small business owners nearly 40-percent savings on electric supply rates.

Residents with alternate suppliers may opt in to the village's program by calling 800-718-1493. Through the contract, there is no charge to join or leave the program.

For more information, or to learn how to join, click here clarendonhills.us/electricaggregation.cfm

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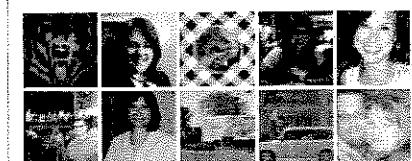
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Owner of The Hills Cafe & Pizza Hopes New Diner Will Fill Niche

Shane Johnson says he thinks The Hills, at the corner of Prospect and Park in downtown Clarendon Hills, will become a go-to spot for locals and a destination for nonresidents, as well.

By [Joe O'Donnell](#) | [Email the author](#) | January 22, 2013

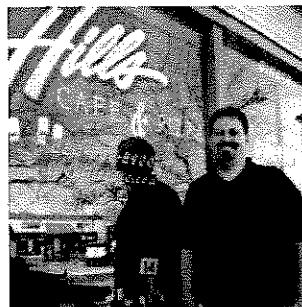
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It took a little longer than Shane Johnson expected, but the Clarendon Hills resident's local cafe is finally open for business.

The Hills Cafe & Pizza had its first day of business at the corner of Prospect and Park avenues Dec. 22, after building problems delayed the opening that was originally set for December 2011.

"Every time we would try to open up a wall, we'd find a problem. Every time we opened a ceiling, we'd find a problem," said Johnson, who was also sidelined for several months last year due to a health scare.

Throughout 2012, Johnson, who serves on the [Clarendon Hills](#) Special Events Committee, would be asked by residents when they could expect the diner doors to open.

"Every time I came downtown I'd get stopped," he said.

Now it's customers who are stopping in.

Johnson, a husband, father of two, and stepfather of one who has lived in Clarendon Hills since 2002 and formerly worked at the town's Mid-America Bank, said his goal with The Hills is to bring back to downtown the family diner and pizza-joint atmospheres that were lost in recent years with the closings of Town Kitchen and Delicioso's Pizza.

Despite the still-lagging economy, Johnson said he's confident his business will succeed because he has found that unfilled niche.

"For years people have been telling me this is what they want," he said.

The Hills' menu features all that diner-goers would expect: omelets, Benedicts, and oatmeal among the breakfast served daily; sandwiches, burgers, salads, soups and, of course, pizza, included among the lunch and dinner options.

Geared himself toward healthy living, Johnson said it's been important to him that healthy options be offered at his restaurant.

"We're trying to accommodate a lot of different diets," he said.

The Hills has a full liquor license, and Johnson says a craft-beer-of-the-month rotation started with Rogue's Dead Guy Ale this month.

"It goes great with pizza," Johnson said.

Johnson, a first-time restaurateur, owns The Hills with business partner Don Lindeman, a Willowbrook resident with a restaurant background.

The restaurant was originally going to be named Lindy's, after the chain of chili places begun by Lindeman's grandfather. But Johnson said the current Lindy's Chili ownership was not thrilled at the idea of sharing its name with an unaffiliated restaurant.

"We wanted to personalize it for the town," Johnson said of the name. "The Hills kept popping up. It kind of rolls off the tongue."

Though the name and the old-time Clarendon Hills photos set to adorn the walls of the cafe are meant to appeal to local residents, Johnson said his goal is to bring in nonresidents, as well.

"We've got five great places to eat now in town, and they're all different," he said. "We [restaurateurs] all want the same thing: we want to take care of the community, we want people to come down, but we [also] want to bring new people down here."

The Hills is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. during the week and until 11:30 a.m. on the weekends.

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The Doings Clarendon Hills

Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills school district hopes to scrap school places

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CLARENDOH HILLS — District 181 Superintendent Renee Schuster has asked the DuPage Election Commission to no longer use two district schools

Clarendon Hills Middle School and Prospect School in Clarendon Hills are the two Hinsdale-Clarendon Hills Elementary District 181 schools still use days. The remaining seven schools in District 181 have been dropped as polling places over the past 2 ½ years.

Schuster said the request to also drop the two Clarendon Hills schools from the roster of polling places is part of a continuing effort to keep its buildings

"There's definitely been a heightened concern about school safety, and you can have a lot of people coming in and out of a building on an election day. The commission asked us to close school for the November presidential election."

District 181 had no classes for students on the Nov. 6 Election Day; instead, that day was used for teachers' institute. Students will be in attendance for elections, and security procedures are in place for use at CHMS and Prospect School.

Schuster said doors will be locked inside both buildings, other than doors leading from outside into the voting area. Staff members also will be present to prevent visitors from going elsewhere in the building.

"It does disrupt school," said Kevin Russell, former Walker School principal who is now a district administrator. "We don't let kids out for recess, and we don't let them go to the classrooms."

Schuster is working with the election commission in hopes of them finding other polling places.

"They did stop using our other buildings, but it's been more difficult for them to find options nearby CHMS and Prospect," she said.

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Renée Schuster: Goals help District 181 achieve academic success

By Renée Schuster

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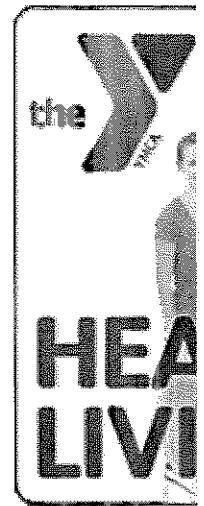
In Community Consolidated School District 181, joy and laughter can be heard in our classrooms every day, and there is no shortage of possibility, either. Our team of committed and talented staff works together to engage our students, leading them on journeys of discovery.

For 2012-13, we outlined five goals we refer to as the SCORE Goals:

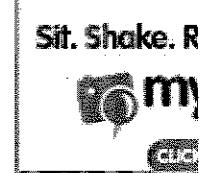
- Student growth;
- Common Core alignment;
- Opportunities for community engagement;
- Responsible finances; and
- Excellent employees.

We continue to make steady progress in achieving these goals.

- State assessment results continue to place us in the top percentiles in Illinois and DuPage County. More than 97 percent of our students exceeded or met standards for 2012. For school systems with at least 2,000 students, District 181 is the top-performing elementary district in the state. Additionally, all nine of our schools and the district made Adequate Yearly Progress.
- The Department of Learning continues to align our curriculum to the New Illinois Learning Standards in the Common Core. For 2012-13, we are focusing on alignment in language arts and math.
- We held community engagement events in 2012 that provided an in-person opportunity to listen to input regarding our district values and commitments and about advanced learning. The results of more than 600 parent and community surveys, which focused on advanced learning, communications, technology, finances, will also provide guidance as we plan for 2013-14 and beyond.



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	President's Day Village offices closed Board meeting rescheduled to February 19th	7 p.m. – rescheduled village board meeting	9 a.m. Chamber		8 a.m. – DTM/P Steering Comm. Board Room	
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