

**VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS  
MANAGER'S REPORT  
JANUARY 11, 2013**

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## **Village of Clarendon Hills Manager's Report**

To: Village President & Board of Trustees

From: Randall Recklaus, Village Manager

Date: January 11, 2013

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1. Department Heads submitted their initial FY 2013-14 budget requests to the Finance Department this week. Peg and I will be reviewing those requests in detail over the coming weeks. Peg and I will also be meeting next week to go over initial revenue projections. After each of the departmental budgets has been reviewed by Finance and the Village Manager's office, and a revenue budget has been developed, Peg and I will meet with each Department Head to go through their request in detail in order to develop a balanced Village budget for submittal to the Finance Committee and Village Board in March. This year's budget process will likely be a challenging one, as has been the case in recent years, as we adjust to new realities, while still striving to provide a high level of service to the community.
2. Work continued this week on the Police Consolidation study. The discrepancy between social security benefits between Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills continues to be a significant challenge. Staff is continuing to work with the Union on this issue and our discussions have continued in good faith to find a meaningful solution to that problem. Our next bargaining session is scheduled in two weeks. We anticipate that it will be a crucial one for the process.
3. President Karaba and I attended the quarterly meeting of representatives from communities within DuPage County Board District 2 on Wednesday. A number of issues of general interest were discussed. One such issue was the concurrence by those in attendance that the County's decision to have their emergency services department take over responsibility for staffing ComEd's emergency Joint Operation Center is extremely helpful. This frees up municipal staff in the event of a large scale power outage to deal with local issues rather than participating in a rotation to serve as regional rep to liaison with ComEd for the duration of the event.
4. Implementation of the electric aggregation contract is moving quickly. We anticipate being the first community from the "fall class" to be fully implemented. With the initial round of opt-out letters, the Village had a very high participation rate with only 1.6 percent of eligible households opting out of the program. While there may still be delays, residents may begin seeing savings as early as late February or March bills.
5. We continue to work on the 2012 Community Needs Survey. This year, we completed data entry in house and we are currently working on the analysis, rather than contracting with a

statistician. This has taken longer than anticipated, however we expect to have the results and analysis in the coming weeks.

6. The Special Events Committee will begin planning the 2013 Concert Series in earnest next week. They are already looking at bands. We hope the earlier start will allow us to more effectively advertise. As you recall, the Committee already secured sponsorship from Fifth Third Bank and Infiniti of Clarendon Hills.
7. Christina Burns is working with Dan Ungerleider to develop a communication plan for the Downtown Plan Update process. We plan to use the various social media tools we have established, as well as our email newsletter, to both communicate with and get feedback from residents and business owners on this process. These tools will be in addition to our more traditional communication tools, such as our print newsletter, press releases and meetings.
8. Attached is the Code Enforcement Report for this week.

Have Great Weekend!

## Community Development Department

Community Development Department

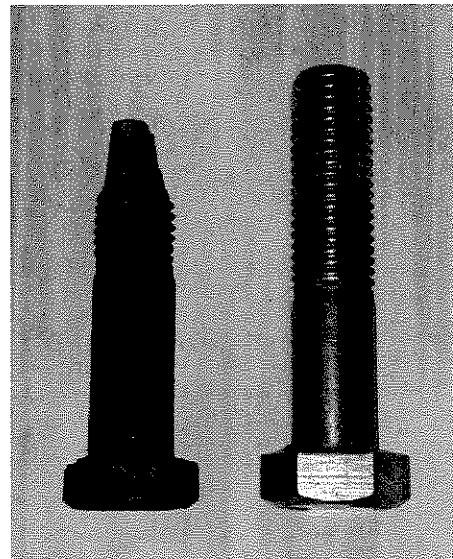
**Village of Clarendon Hills**  
**Department of Public Works**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 11, 2013  
**TO:** Randy Recklaus, Village Manager  
**FROM:** Mike Millette, Director of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Department Notes

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1. Our newest Maintenance Worker, Collin Franco, started work on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and has already been trained in the basics of operating our snow broom tractor which we use on the BNSF platform. We are very happy to have Collin aboard.
2. Crack filling and seam sealing of the Ann Street reservoir are substantially complete. The base coat work should begin next Monday or as soon as the internal humidity is low enough. One of the large pieces of equipment stationed in the Ann Street alley is a dehumidifier which has been running during the project to dry-out the reservoir. The project schedule has been affected by the additional seam sealing work, but we are holding firm on the budget.
3. Christmas decoration removal has been completed.
4. We repaired a leak on our water system last week on Chicago Av. The leak was caused by bolt failures at a "T" fitting. This should be an area of concern because the main is only 20 years old and the concrete pavement is only five. Fortunately, for the last ten years or so, we no longer use or have allowed common steel bolts on water main projects and repairs. We now use stainless steel bolts (see picture for comparison). We will investigate any possible remedial mitigation techniques which we might be able to apply and report back.



common bolt / stainless steel bolt

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: January 11, 2013

To: Village Manager Randy Recklaus

From: Chief Ted Jenkins

Subject: Weekly Activity Report

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1. Recent training:

- Officers James Shaw and Zack Finfrock are now signed up for the On-line Police law monthly training. James has completed December's course.
- Officer James Shaw completed the 4 hr. on-line Interviews and Interrogation course thru ILETSBEI
- Officer Ed Leinweber completed the on-line 40 hour Police Law course thru ILETSBEI
- Officer Dan Weston attended a 40 hour train the trainer field sobriety testing course conducted by the ISP
- Detective Aaron Shirley attended 8 hrs. of FIAT SWAT training
- Officer Wendy Porter attended 8 hrs. of pension training
- Seven officers completed in-house use of force training on Monday 1/7

2. Work continues on the false alarm billing process. SWCD has completed a program which will extract the police and fire alarm information every Sunday night from the CAD (computer aided dispatch) system and email it to designated police employees. The goal is to have a simple process of importing the information into Village billing software and printing invoices without any manual data entry.
3. The Department is offering a traffic safety class on Saturday, February 16 from 9 to 11 am. Instruction on roadside safety, changing a flat tire, jump starting a car and basic automotive maintenance to avoid roadside emergencies will be offered. Harbor Freight Tools of Lombard has offered class giveaways at cost in support of our efforts. The class will be offered to the public free of charge. Anyone interested should contact the Department.

**Significant traffic and criminal activity during the period January 4, 2013 through January 10, 2013**

1. A 70 year old Clarendon Hills resident reported that someone tried to have funds withdrawn from her bank account and sent via cashier's check to Santa Rosa, California. Her banking information was obtained by hacking into her Gmail account. The transaction was terminated by the bank before funds were lost.
2. On 1/7, a resident on the 100 block of Burlington reported that her plastic nativity scene had been damaged overnight. Damage is estimated at \$400.
3. On 1/7, two residents on the 200 block of Grant reported that someone had entered their unlocked cars overnight and taken items worth a total of \$240.
4. On 1/7, a 56 year old Warrenville resident reported that someone had entered a house under construction on the 5600 block of Western and removed copper pipe worth \$1850. The pipes had been installed and were cut out of the walls. The damage estimate does not include costs to reinstall the pipe. Pending.
5. On 1/7, a resident on the 200 block of South Prospect reported that someone had entered his unlocked car and took property worth \$150.00. Pending
6. On 1/8 a 53 year old Clarendon Hills resident reported that someone charged online purchases to her credit card. The charges originated in Florida and totaled \$350.00. Identity theft information was given to the victim.
7. Clarendon Hills' officers made one arrest for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and served one arrest warrant in last week.

# VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

**DATE:** January 11, 2013

**TO:** Randy Recklaus  
Village Manager

**FROM:** Brian Leahy  
Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:** Weekly Fire Department Report 2013-01

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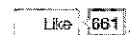
1. Fire Prevention Bureau Activity during the past week.
  - Fire Prevention Officer Dave Godek was busy this week dealing with numerous fire alarm systems that had system troubles. He was able to clear all of them up.
2. Training Report:
  - Mutual Aid Training will be conducted on the next four (4) Fridays with the Hinsdale FD at 15 and 21 Spinning Wheel Drive in Hinsdale. On duty crews will be attending this training.
3. Emergency Medical Services Report:
  - Wednesday evening, twenty two (22) Firefighter EMT's and Paramedics participated in monthly continuing education conducted by the Loyola EMS system at the fire station.
4. Clarendon Hills/Hinsdale FD sharing of services report:
  - The Hinsdale Fire Chief and I are working on the coordination of joint purchases to save both villages money.
5. Ambulance 314, which is now about 5 years old was taken out of service on Tuesday morning for starting and other miscellaneous problems. All of the work done was under warranty at the International Dealer. The vehicle was placed back into service at about 4:00 PM on Thursday. During that time Aerial Ladder Truck 319, which is fully equipped and certified as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) vehicle responded to EMS calls and the Hinsdale FD responded with an ambulance for transport.
6. This week, radio technicians spent two (2) days at the station wiring the existing headset systems in Engine 311, Truck 319 and Squad 316 into the new Starcom Radios.
7. Significant time was spent during the last 3-4 weeks in the development of the proposed 2013-14 Fire Department operating budget. This proposed budget was submitted to the Finance Director on Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup>.

8. On Monday, I participated in a conference call with representatives of SWCD and Verizon Wireless to assist in the resolution of a few Mobile Data Computer problems. Currently we are in the process of testing and evaluation four (4) mobile data computers using Verizon Wireless 3G and 4G cards as its means of communications..
9. This week we replaced nine (9) more lighting fixtures in the station. These lights were not eligible for grant funding, but now all of the interior lights in the station are the most efficient on the market.
10. On Friday, we will be conducting the quarterly meeting of the Fire Pension Board at the Village Hall.
11. Last week Captain Mark Rediehs and I completed the submission of a FEMA grant modification to use some of the left over money that was designated for the station sprinkler system. The sprinkler system came in about \$20,000 under budget leaving additional grant funds available. Last week we were approved for about \$9,500 to be used for training materials. We will be purchasing video training materials, a new video projector and also a Rescue Randy training dummy. Also at this time we are in the process of applying for a grant in the amount of \$5,000 that would be used for Fire Prevention programs. Our proposal will be to purchase about 150 combination smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and offer one (1) per household until they are gone.
12. On Sunday, on duty crews stood by at the Christ Lutheran Church while they burned several Christmas Decorations as part of a religious ceremony. At the end of the event the fire fighters extinguished the pile of debris.
13. For the calendar year of 2012, the fire department responded to 1,087 emergency calls. We are now in the process of collecting all of the data and other information for the 2012 Fire Department Annual Report. We hope to have this completed by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
14. Incidents of Interest:
  - During the past week Hinsdale FD responded to six (6) calls in Clarendon Hills.
  - During the past week Clarendon Hills FD responded to ten (10) calls in Hinsdale.
  - Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:54 PM. The fire department responded to a single family home in the 300 block of Ruby to force open a bathroom door where a child was locked in.
  - Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:49 AM. Truck 319 and Hinsdale Ambulance 1015 responded to a vehicle accident with injuries on Rt. 83 at Ogden Ave. One (1) injured patient transported to a local hospital.
15. Fire/Rescue/EMS calls:
  - During the past week the fire department responded to twenty six (26) emergency calls.

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



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## Elections

### 3 Clarendon Hills Trustee Candidates Unopposed in April Election

Incumbent Ed Reid and would-be newcomers Don Knoll and Eric Stach will likely be on their way to the Village Board after the April 9 election.

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Don't expect a lot of drama from the [Clarendon Hills](#) Village Board candidates this spring, because it appears everyone in the race is already a winner.

Don Knoll, Ed Reid and Eric Stach, the three candidates endorsed last year by the Clarendon Hills Community Caucus, will be unopposed on the April 9 ballot in the race for three available seats on the board, according to village clerk Dawn Tandie.

The three men were the only residents to file nominating papers to run for trustee between the designated filing period between Dec. 19 and Dec. 26. Just because the three are unopposed doesn't mean there aren't any differences of opinion among them.

Stach is a member of the steering committee for [Citizens for Clarendon Hills](#), a group that [opposed the village's unsuccessful bid to attain of home rule in 2012](#).

The group has recently come out [against any redevelopment at the Clarendon Hills train station](#) and, in a Dec. 21 letter sent to those on its email list, against the Hinsdale-Clarendon Hills police merger.

"In general the opposition is due to the lack of a referendum process and incomplete information," the email reads.

Reid, the lone incumbent among the three 2013 candidates, [spoke out during a board meeting last February](#) after Stach said the pairing of a local property-tax cap with home rule did not sway Citizens for Clarendon Hills on the issue.

"You've brought the politics of cynicism and innuendo and anger," Reid said to members of the group in attendance that night, including Stach. "This is simply a matter of how we feel it's best to conduct the business of this town. I certainly don't see that coming from your end. I feel I'm being vilified and attacked."

Knoll currently serves as vice president of the [Clarendon Hills Park District](#) Board of Commissioners. His term expires this spring.

Also unopposed this spring will be the race for [Clarendon Hills Library](#) Board of Trustees. Kimberly Gowniak, Margaret Kealy, Marcie Purcell and Joan Tuisl will likely fill the four seats left by current trustees Lisa Cosgrove, Steve Ostradka, Maureen Scully and Diane Windisch.

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## Internationally Known Lollipop Makers Open in Clarendon Hills

Two sisters and their mom operate *Vintage Confections*, which ships hard candy all over the world but only recently opened its first retail location in the former *Jennycakes* space downtown.

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Sugar, water and corn syrup are all one really needs to make hard candy, but there's a lot more that goes into it at *Vintage Confections*.

"It's an old-fashioned process that we have updated to current times," said co-owner Heather Kelly, who with sister Cheryl Carr opened in November the custom-made lollipop business' first commercial space at 102 S. Prospect Ave. in Clarendon Hills. "We put a lot of spin on it."

That "spin," which shows up in *Vintage Confections*' translucent lollipops that at their core feature pictures of planets, cartoon characters, even the [Hinsdale Central](#) Red Devils logo, has gotten the Darien natives' business international attention.

Kelly started *Vintage Confections* in 2008, making different kinds candy in, and shipping it from, her Darien home. After [her lollipops were featured in Martha Stewart Weddings](#) in 2010, Kelly said, hard candy became her focus.

*Vintage Confections* has since been featured in or on [Martha Stewart Living](#), [Brides Magazine](#), [CNET](#), and [National Geographic Kids UK](#), and has developed a national customer base that spans from New York to California, and a global one that extends from Australia, to Japan, to China, to Europe.

Business really exploded about a year ago, inspiring Carr, an accountant by trade, to join her sister and help manage *Vintage Confections*' shipping and communications.

"It was a part-time job until September, but it's been pretty much a full-time job since then," said Carr, who lives in Aurora.

Making the business even more of a family affair, Kelly and Carr's mother, Carol Poindexter, helps Kelly pump out somewhere around 300 pieces of candy per day customized for birthday and holiday parties, weddings, showers and other special events.

"Everything is hand-poured, hand-wrapped, hand-polished," Kelly said.

Inside the lollipops, *Vintage Confections* can put anything from business logos to photographs. In fact, for a recent Christmas party, Carr said 50 personalized lollipops were made, each with a headshot of the guest they were given to.

"The options are really endless," Kelly said.

Kelly, who still lives in Darien, said she had her eye on 102 S. Prospect since she was a customer of the Irish bakery that occupied the space before Jenncakes moved in. She stayed in touch with Jennifer Surowiec, and upon learning last September that the cake-maker was closing shop, the sisters jumped at the opportunity to take over the storefront and add a retail element to Vintage Confections.

"The local presence is really a focus for us," Carr said.

The holidays were busy in terms of long-distance business, but Kelly and Carr, both married moms, aim to expand their currently small retail inventory in the coming months and develop a strong local market during the upcoming Valentine's Day season in terms of both event-planners and walk-in shoppers.

With an awning up since late December, and area residents beginning to take notice, Kelly said she's hoping to establish a "local footprint" of Vintage Confections and show people all the things that old-fashioned candy with a new-age twist can be.

"I think once people understand what's here, they'll get it."

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6	7 p.m. – Village Board Meeting – CANCELLED	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 7 p.m. Special Events Committee meeting	15	16 9 a.m. – Chamber meeting	17 7:30 p.m. – ZBA meeting – CANCELLED	18	19
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