



VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS

TRUSTEE TOPICS

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August /September 2015

Message from the President

Dear Residents:

What an exciting time of year! Last month we had Daisy Dash, Daisy Days and the kick off to Dancin' in the Street. The Chamber of Commerce did an excellent job again this year organizing Daisy Days. I would like to thank Mark Rediehs, Laura Marquardt and the rest of the Daisy Days Committee for their hard work. This event is very important in advertising and supporting local businesses. Shopping local is important for maintaining the economic vitality of the community. Our downtown shops and restaurants provide high quality product and services in a friendly and convenient setting. While it is easy to focus solely on the downtown, businesses on 55th Street and Ogden Avenue such as Jewel Foods and the Infiniti of Clarendon Hills are primary sources of sales taxes that help to ensure we can continue to provide high level local services. Sales tax, and the property taxes paid by businesses, reduce the burden placed on residential property taxes. Please go out of your way to support these local businesses!

The Daisy Dash was great as well. Every year local residents raise tens of thousands of dollars through the race for local projects. My family participated in this family friendly event and had an awesome time (and if you don't mind the bragging, I've very proud of my daughter taking first place in her age group)!

Dancin' in the Street started up again with bang. It was great to get to try all of the new local brewery sponsors at each event. I love these events as a time to get out and talk to our neighbors and enjoy the summer. Despite the often challenging weather, residents and visitors of all ages had a great time. The Special Events Committee which supports these events is looking for volunteers, email me at laustin@clarendonhills.us if you are interested in participating.

Since last issue, we have also had a lot of change at the staff level. I am sad to see Chief Ted Jenkins retire after over 30 years of service in the community. Ted will be dearly missed. I am excited however to announce our new Police Chief Boyd Farmer. Boyd comes with many years of experience working for the community as Officer, Sergeant and Deputy Chief here in Clarendon Hills. I believe he will carry on the tradition of fair, efficient, and effective policing our community has come to expect.

Over the last few months we have had two major fires in town. I was amazed by the response from our firefighting forces as well as the response from our neighbors. In all, 8 neighboring municipalities and fire districts responded to each fire, by covering other affected areas or providing direct support on scene. This level of regional support is outstanding and not something people think about every day. It is part of the way that communities work together to share resources and hold down costs.

Overall, it's been a busy start to my time in office. I am already impressed by the local engagement of residents and volunteers. I have also been very impressed with the our staff- as an anecdote the public works department in particular has done an astounding job cleaning up after all these events. Also thank you to everyone who has reached out to me in these first few months, I look forward to serving everyone over the next four years.

Len Austin
Village President

SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke detectors don't last forever. The life expectancy of smoke alarms is generally 10 years, after which point their sensors can begin to lose sensitivity. The test button only confirms that the battery, electronics, and alert system are working; **it doesn't mean that the smoke sensor is working**. To test the sensor, use an aerosol can of smoke alarm test spray that simulates smoke. But even if the 13-year-old smoke alarms in your homes can still detect smoke, we recommend replacing them with new models every 10 years. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

For questions, contact the Village Hall at (630) 286-5400



Proposed Richmond Education Gardens & Apiary

The Village and the Footprint Project are at the beginning stages of designing and coordinating the development of the proposed Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary. The proposed facility will be located on an unused 0.15 acre Village public road right of way, between the Village of Clarendon Hills Public Works facility and the Downers Grove Township Highway Garage, south of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Rail Road. This right-of-way is owned by both the Village of Clarendon Hills and the Village of Westmont. Once completed, the Gardens will provide a new place in our community to promote educational programs about natural and organic gardening methods and our environment.



The Gardens will be designed to include a hobbyist apiary surrounded by native vegetable, wildflower, butterfly, wall and rain gardens. Each of the elements will include a plaque with basic information and supporting website references describing these elements' purpose and other relative educational information. The Garden will promote the following values: access to resources, community ownership of process and product, localization, empowerment and collaboration, healthy eating, and organic and environmentally sound gardening practices. These values will be taught through honeybee stewardship, demonstrating garden soil preparation and composting practices, using local seeds and transplants, and cultivating and growing native vegetables, wildflowers and plants at home and throughout our community.

Please Visit Our Business Partners:

- Quinn's Coffee House
- English Garden Flower Shop
- Zabler Design Jewelers
- Vintage Confections
- Village Gourmet - Cafe & Catering
- Learning Express Toys
- The Daily Scoop
- The Country House
- Clarendon Hills Bank



Thanks to Our other Partners:

- Village of Clarendon Hills
- Clarendon Hills Parks Foundation
- CHC02 Footprint Project
- Clarendon Hills Public Library
- Clarendon Hills Park District
- Clarendon Hills Middle School EcoClub
- Clarendon Hills Walker School PTO
- Clarendon Hills Park District
- Christy Weber Landscape Designs
- Wahaso - Water Harvesting Solutions

Leaf Pickup

Leaf collection in October and November is provided without stickers. Leaves must be in a paper yard waste bag or yard waste can.

Around Town

Board Meetings

August 3rd and 17th at 7 PM
 September 8th and 21th at 7 PM

ZBA/Plan Commission

August 20th at 7:30 PM
 September 17th at 7:30 PM

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Library

August 13th at 6:30 pm
 9th Annual Ice Cream Social

September 7th — CLOSED

September 22nd at 7 PM

“Making the most of Social Security”

www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

August 21st at 7:30 PM

Movie in the Park Event

“The Lego Movie” at Prospect Park Pavilion

September 19th 3:30 to 6:30 PM

Family Fall Festival

www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org

Historical Society

July 7th to September 5th

Daisy Raffle sales

September 5 at 2 PM

Daisy Raffle drawing at Heritage Hall

[www.http://clarendonhillshistory.org/](http://www.clarendonhillshistory.org/)



Construction Update

The 2015 Water Main Improvements project is one day behind schedule. Service transfers will continue through next week, anticipating completion sometime during the week of August 3rd. Then, the contractor will complete the disconnections of the old main and remove old fire hydrants, valves, etc.

On July 27, 2015, Chicagoland Paving began construction on the 2015 SSA Road Improvement Program. New storm sewer improvements will be the first phase of the work. This storm sewer work will involve crossing the streets in some cases or work within the parkways. At times we may have to close streets or driveways to complete our new storm sewer work. Public Works will post road closed signs and barricades as needed. The Village Engineer will notify residents before closing any driveway apron to complete the storm sewer work. This storm sewer work is expected to be completed within a week or so.

The following streets will be impacted by the storm sewer work:

Middaugh from Ogden to Chicago
 McIntosh from Norfolk to Burlington
 Blodgett from Norfolk to Burlington
 Gilbert from Norfolk to Burlington
 Norfolk from Prospect to Oxford

After completing the storm sewer work the contractor will begin the construction of the new concrete shoulder or curb & gutter on each street. We expect this work will begin on Monday, August 3. During this time, the residents affected will not have access to their driveway for a period up to 14 days. A separate notice will be provided prior to proceeding with this phase of the work to those residents impacted.

Grinding of a 1 foot deep by 4 foot wide trench is the first phase for the new concrete shoulder or curb. The new concrete shoulder or curb will then be poured. The new concrete driveway aprons will be poured within a few days after the new concrete shoulder. This schedule is dependent on dry weather conditions. Rainy weather will delay our progress and push back when we can re-open your driveways. After the new concrete has properly cured (5 - 7 days) they we will re-open aprons and then look to move to the other side of the street and begin the two week process again for that side. A separate notice will be provided when each phase is undertaken. The majority of the road work on the above listed streets is scheduled to be completed prior to school beginning in August. Dust control will be provided weekly on Fridays during construction.

Your cooperation during construction is greatly appreciated. Parking restrictions will be lifted during construction by the Police to allow residents to park near their homes overnight. Typical construction work hours will be 7:00 am to 5:00 pm on Monday through Friday. Saturday work may be approved on a case by case basis by the Village depending on weather and progress. We will notify the trash company of our active construction zones and we will coordinate with them to get your trash picked up on Mondays.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding during this scheduled construction. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at (630) 286-4750.



Village Hall Closed

Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

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Thank You

Dancin' in the Street had another successful season. We really appreciate all the residents who were able to come out and enjoy the concert series. To all involved with the concert series, especially the Sponsors and Special Events Committee members who make all this possible, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Weathertech**Mike McCurry of Coldwell Banker****Domino's****Wintrust and Clarendon Hills Bank****Daisy Dash****Village Veterinary****Lion's Club****Christopher B. Burke Engineering****Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins****Republic Services****Pollyanna Brewery****Church Street Brewery****Urban Legend Brewery**

Special Events Committee: Renee Kirin, Rauf Dalal, Joe Tobolski, Ken Hall, John Watts, Bob Berlin, Shane Johnson, Adam Stasica, Anne Abraham, and Mary Williams

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Public Works: 630-286-4750**Non-Emergency:**

Police: 630-286-5460

Fire: 630-286-5430

www.clarendonhills.us**Community Numbers:**

Park District: 630-323-2626

Public Library: 630-323-8188

Online Transaction Safe**Zone Location:**

Police Station (448 Park Ave.)