



Village of Clarendon Hills Trustee Topics

June/July 2014

Message from the President and Board

Dear Neighbors,

It's the end of the school year which makes it a natural time to think back on all that has been accomplished the over the past few months. And personally looking back, I couldn't be prouder of our community.

At the Special Hearing on June 26th, The Downtown Master Planning process will be reaching its final few steps. This is the culmination of many, many volunteer hours. I challenge anyone to find a comprehensive plan that has spent less on consultants and relied more on the expertise of its residents.

For the first year in a few, the Downtown Planter's program has completely sold out of its sponsorships. The Village has actually started to allow sponsoring of our old planting pots to be placed back around town to accommodate everyone's generosity. I cannot wait to see all the flowers blooming around town.

Dancin' in the Street is back, bigger and better than ever. Thanks to the work of the Special Events Committee volunteers and in particular the negotiating skills of Chairman Renee Kirin, this summer the Village will get to listen to Modern English during the year of the 50th anniversary of the Beatles' appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, especially Fifth-Third Bank, and the skill of our volunteers this concert series continues to be completely funded without the use of any tax payer dollars.

With the recent budget passing, it is these volunteers that allow the Village to continue to do more with less. And they have allowed the Village to keep the same staffing levels over the years despite our community's growth.

So before leaving for your summer vacation, make sure to thank your neighbor. There's a good chance that they recently volunteered to make this community the great place it is to live.

Sincerely,
Tom Karaba

Dancin' For 15 Years Clarendon Hills Summer Concert Series Returns

The Village of Clarendon Hills and Fifth Third Bank announced the 2014 Dancin' in the Street schedule and band lineup. American English headlines the 15th consecutive year for the concert series in downtown Clarendon Hills.

Kicking off Wednesday June 18th at 6:30 and running through July 23rd, the event started as a way to showcase the Downtown. It has grown to an annual tradition for residents and visitors alike. People of all ages are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair and pick a spot along Prospect Avenue. Bands will be expected to start at 7:00 pm and play until 9:30 pm.

As one would expect from "The Volunteer Community", the event could not happen without the support of local businesses and the countless volunteer hours provided by members of the Special Events committee. Fifth Third Bank is the Primary Sponsor for this year's events with the Mike McCurry Group sponsoring the stage. Daisy Dash and Village Veterinary Practice each have pledged nightly sponsorships, with additional sponsor support provided by the Tate Enterprises, Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, and Clarendon Courier.

Eats will vary over the course of the series and be provided by different local restaurants, including Absolutely Delicious, The Sweet and Savory Spot, Talley's Kitchen + Bar, Scapa, and The Daily Scoop. A beverage tent will serve beer and wine, with all proceeds directly benefiting the concert. Be on the lookout for new craft beer offerings on select dates.

As with prior years, Prospect Avenue from Park Avenue to the BNSF railroad will be closed to vehicular traffic from 4:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Parking is available in the Metra commuter parking lot at the cor-



Crowds enjoy a performance during last year's Dancin' in the Streets.

Clarendon Hills Summer Events

Daisy Days
June 13, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
June 14, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Downtown Clarendon Hills
Bands, craft fair, local restaurants and family-friendly events

Daisy Dash
Downtown Clarendon Hills
5K Race and Kids Run
8 a.m., June 15
For more information, visit www.daisydash.com

Dancin' in the Street
Wednesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
6/18 Chicago Catz
6/25 Kickin' Jimmy
7/2 Wild Daisy Band
7/9 American English
7/16 Cirrus Falcon
7/23 Scramble

ners of Prospect Avenue and Ann Street. Please note that no private alcohol, skates, or skateboards are allowed downtown during the event.

For additional event information, please contact the Village at (630) 286-5402 or visit www.clarendonhills.us/concerts.cfm.



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Board approves FY 14-15 Budget

The Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget at its meeting on April 21.

The total budgeted revenues across all funds is \$ 13.3 million, and expenditures are budgeted at \$14.3 million, excluding transfers between funds. Of \$14.3 million in expenditures, \$6.2 million or 43% occurs in the General Fund, which supports the day-to-day operations of the Village, including Fire, Police, Public Works and Administration.

Property taxes represent the largest portion of General Fund revenues at 54 percent and state-shared revenues, consisting of income tax, sales tax, and use tax, comprise an additional 25 percent. The Village remains hesitant about the stability of the state-shared revenues given the financial condition of the State of Illinois and the continued delays in their distributions.

Find the Village's 2014 Budget
and read more about it online at
www.clarendonhills.us

General Fund departmental expenditures are expected to increase 5.5 percent in FY 2014-15. Of that increase, 36 percent is attributable to special projects in the Community Development Department that are relatively short-term in duration and do not represent an increase in base line operations. It is hoped that grants will be identified to offset a portion of these expenditures.

Budgeted capital expenditures of \$2.3 million for FY 2014-15 include the necessary improvements to the Fire Station, vehicle and equipment replacements, and the 2014 road improvement program. The replacement of 4,615 feet of 40-50 year old water mains will be completed in 2014 as well, in conjunction with the road improvement program. This \$1.4 million water main project will be supported by the Village's Water Fund.

Planting Partners

Another Successful Year Thanks to our Sponsors

Every year the Village received thousands of dollars in donations to support the Planting Partner's Program. Thank you to our Sponsors!

The Karaba Family
The Reid Family
Christopher B. Burke Engineering
Legat Architects, Inc
The Rediehs Family
Benjamin Eye Care Center and Optical Shop
Janet Zilberstein & Kathy Gaber at Coldwell Banker
The Knolls
Prospect School & Prospect Eco Panthers
The Marquardt Family
Don Morris Architects
Proteck International, Inc
The Families of Oxford Avenue
In Memory of Heidi Walsh from Her Friends at Women of Hope



Did you know: All the downtown planters are sponsored by residents and businesses in Clarendon Hills.

Garden Photo Book

Do you have a garden you'd like to have featured in a photo book -Gardens of Clarendon Hills? Send your name, address and phone number to:

dungerleider@clarendonhills.us. Proceeds from the sales of the book will go to support the proposed Richmond Education Garden and Apiary Project west of the Public Works Building.

Do you have a door you'd like to have featured in a photo book -Doors of Clarendon Hills? Send your name, address and phone number to:
dungerleider@clarendonhills.us. Proceeds from the sales of the book will go to support the proposed Richmond Education Garden and Apiary Project west of the Public Works Building.

Door Photo Book

Notice of Fee Increases

Three years ago, The City of Chicago and the DuPage Water Commission approved water rate increases to be phased in over several years. The Village purchases water from Chicago through the DuPage Water Commission. In order to ensure adequate funds to purchase water and maintain the water system, the Village must pass these rate increases on to residents. To lessen the impact, however, the Village is spreading the increase over an additional year.

The Village's scheduled rates per 1,000 gallons for water are as follows:

- May 1, 2014: \$11.87
- May 1, 2015: \$12.92
- May 1, 2016: \$13.97

Water rates support current and future water operating and capital expenses, including maintenance the Village's 29 miles of water mains. The Village continues to replace old and failing water mains.



Downtown Plan Update

On April 30th, The Village hosted a joint special meeting of the Village Board, the Downtown Master Plan Subcommittees, and the Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission to present the draft recommendations for the update to the 2006 Downtown Master Plan. The entire presentation is available on the Village website, but here are brief summaries of the presentations by each volunteer driven committee.

The Downtown Master Plan Land Use Subcommittee's role is to recommend changes in land use that will allow for a more vibrant and successful downtown. The committee's main recommendations are to improve pedestrian safety, to develop public plazas for public activities, to study parking needs and improvements and to further evaluate a community center solution to consolidate government uses on the commuter station property. The proposed land use concept map supports existing retail and new destination businesses with increased foot traffic and more areas for community festivities in the downtown.

The Downtown Master Plan Design Subcommittee's role is to create design guidelines for future developers. The key recommendation from this committee is to require that new buildings fit the style and character of the downtown and to ensure the new buildings make sense in the context of the community. The committee also identified new design assets that would beautify and increase the functionality of the downtown: such as public plazas, public art parks, local and regional bike paths. Implementation steps recommended by this subcommittee include up-

dating the Downtown Design Review Guidelines, improving pedestrian access throughout the downtown and across the railroad tracks at Prospect Avenue, and to incorporate public and private art throughout the downtown.

The Downtown Master Plan Economic Development Subcommittee's role is to present methods to improve the potential economic development viability of the downtown. This committee recommends developing flexible development standards, improving public gathering spaces north and south of the rail road tracks, and attracting or creating destination business and activities, and reasonably increasing customer traffic for the downtown's existing and future retail community. The next implementation steps recommended by this committee are to look at financing tools, to create an Economic Development Commission, and to improve branding in the downtown.

After a presentation, the Village Board led a brief discussion and asked that the draft plan be presented during a public hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission. The hearing will be held at Village Hall on June 26th at 7:00 pm. The primary focus of this meeting will be an introduction and review of this planning process, and the design elements proposed in the current draft of the updated Downtown Master Plan. Land use, building height and economic development recommendations will be reviewed at the next meeting in July 2014. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Around Town

Vehicle License Renewal Period

Now is the time to purchase your 2014 vehicle license. Licenses can be purchased online or by returning the form inserted in this newsletter. Visit the Village's website at www.clarendonhills.us to purchase your license. They may also be purchased at the Police Station and Village Hall during normal business hours. The Police Station is open until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please also note that Village Hall is closed between noon and 1 p.m.

Vehicle stickers must be displayed by July 1 and are required for all vehicles registered in or kept in the Village. Licenses not obtained by July 31 carry a 50 percent penalty. Senior citizens qualify for a discounted license.

Pet licenses will also be available. A current rabies inoculation certificate is required. Pet licenses are \$15.

Pool Passes on Sale

The Clarendon Hills Park District's Lions Park Pool opened for the 2014 summer season at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 24. Open swim hours will be until 8 p.m. on the first day of the new aquatics season, and the Lions Park complex will remain open

through Labor Day. Located at 100 Byrd Court, the Lions Park Pool has been a seasonal tradition in the village for decades. Recent amenities added to the pool include a diving well with one meter and three meter diving boards, a drop slide, a water play feature for younger swimmers and a bubbler splash pad with fog jets and pop jets. The pool also has a water slide, six lap lanes and a zero depth entry area for children. Season pool passes for Clarendon Hills residents remain on sale at the Community Center, 315 E. Chicago Avenue, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays

Summer Classes

The Clarendon Hills Park District's Active Learners Preschool, 315 E. Chicago Avenue, is currently accept-

ing registration for the 2014-2015 school year. In the fall, "Terrific Threes" classes for three-year-old students will meet from 8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the Community Center, while the "Fantastic Fours Pre-K" class has been scheduled from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. All programs at the Active Learners Preschool emphasize an early love of learning, kindergarten readiness, positive self-esteem, new friendships and fun! A \$100.00 non-refundable tuition deposit will hold a child's place in the program for the coming year. To register for the three-year-old program, a child must turn three years of age by September 1, 2014. Kathy Forzley, the Director of the Active Learners Preschool, welcomes inquiries from prospective preschool families and is more than happy to provide a tour of the Active Learners classroom. She can be reached at the Clarendon Hills Park District, 630-323-2626.

Rain Barrels

With spring finally in the air, Alex Sivak's Rain Barrel Eagle Scout Project moved forward Saturday, April 26, 2014, with the distribution of rain barrels and supplies to community residents. Sales will continue and orders can still be placed for home delivery for a minimal fee, at <http://www.clarendonhills.us/sustainability.cfm>.

The next phase of the project invites residents to join the schools of the community in painting and decorating a rain barrel to be entered in the Raincatchers of Clarendon Hills contest. Entries must be received by June 6, 2014, and the barrel voted "best-decorated" by the community will win a tumbling composter to further reduce one's carbon footprint.



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Community Schedule: June/July 2014

Village Board- June 2nd
Amnesty Day- June 2nd and 4th
Special Event Committee-June 4th
Village Board -June 16th
Downtown Master Plan- June 27th
Daisy Days- June 13th and 14th
Dancing in the Streets
June 18th- Chicago Catz
June 25th- Kickin' Jimmy

Village Board- July 7th
ZBA- July 17th
Village Board- July 21st
Dancing in the Streets
July 2nd-Wild Daisy band
July 9th- American English
July 16th- Cirrus Falcon
July 23rd- Scramble

VILLAGE BOARD ACTIONS – APRIL/MAY 2014

Appointments: (1) Ken Hall was appointed as a Village Trustee to fill Steve Wallace's unexpired term of office; (2) William Marshall was appointed as a Trustee of the Police Pension Board; (3) Assistant to the Village Manager Zach Creer was appointed as the Alternate Delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency; (4) Finance Director Peg Hartnett and Village Clerk Dawn Tandle were reappointed as Trustees of the Firefighters Pension Board; and (5) Trustee Ken Hall was appointed to the Local Liquor Commission.

Passage of Ordinances: (1) amending the Village Code regarding fees for checks returned to the Village for nonsufficient funds or refused debit charges; annual business licenses and building permit fees; and restrictions for above-ground storage of flammable liquids; (2) authorizing the Police Department to sell two surplus vehicles by eBay auction; (3) providing the salary ranges for non union Village employees and pay rates for part-time and paid-on-call firefighters/paramedics for FY 2014-15; (4) adopting the Annual Budget for FY 2014 15; and (4) amending the ordinance establishing Special Service Area No. 26 to correct a scrivener's error.

Adoption of Resolutions: (1) recognizing Steve Wallace for his service as a Village Trustee; (2) recognizing Mark Newlin for his service as a Trustee of the Police Pension Board; (3) adopting the Municipal Legislative Positions and Priorities of the DuPage Mayors and Manag-

ers Conference for the 2014 Legislative Session; (4) authorizing Village staff to apply for a ComEd Green Region Program Grant for the Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary; (5) approving the annual employment contract for Village Prosecutor Linda Pieczynski; and (6) authorizing the execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement.

Authorization to: (1) permit the Salvation Army to conduct two roadside fundraisers in 2014; (2) execute the purchase orders for repairs to the Fire Station building; (3) accept the proposal from Baxter and Woodman, Inc. for professional services related to the 2014 Water Main Replacement Program; (4) approve a License Agreement between the Village and the Chamber of Commerce for Daisy Days and issue a Temporary Special Event Liquor License; (5) issue a Temporary Special Event Liquor License for the 2014 Dancin' in the Street summer concert series; (6) issue a raffle license to the Clarendon Hills Historical Society for a September 1, 2014 raffle; (7) issue a raffle license to the Clarendon Hills Lions Club for a September 26, 2014 raffle; (8) issue a fireworks permit to the Hinsdale Golf Club for its 4th of July fireworks display; (9) reimburse the property owners at 105 S. Prospect Ave. for expenses incurred to repair their sanitary sewer line; (10) accept the bid from Homer Tree Service for the 2014 Tree Trimming and Removal Program; and (11) accept the bid from The TLC Group for the 2014

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