



# VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS

# TRUSTEE TOPICS

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October/November/December 2015

## Message from the President

Dear Residents and Friends,

Since the April 2013 floods, the Village has been working on alleviating storm water issues around town. Unfortunately, the Village and region have seen three "50 year floods" (defined as a 2% chance of happening in any given year) in the last ten years. We can assume we will be seeing more severe weather in the future.

There is no one storm water solution, and much of the low hanging fruit has been picked. Nevertheless, we continue to look for ways to address the problem. The Village has been working to alleviate problems in many areas and in others, is making efforts to prevent problems from getting worse. Trustees, Village staff, and the Village engineer have met with many residents affected by storm water and have been working on storm water solutions on an individual or neighborhood level. Sometimes all it takes is re-ditching or regrading to improve a storm water flow. The Village has not been working alone. The Park District is working on major improvements to Hosek Park which includes the ability to hold more water. These improvements could result in real flood reduction in the surrounding area.

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Village President  
Len Austin



On a policy level, storm water management is now a priority for all public and private improvements within the Village. For public projects, we design all improvements, including roadways, any new parking lots, and ditches to handle more water than before. New projects are engineered to more effectively move the water. For example, you may have seen culverts being replaced as part of the 2015 Road Program. Additionally, all upcoming proposed projects, like the commuter improvements to the Metra station area, include new storm water capacity built into existing areas.

All private development will be expected to hold their own share of run-off. Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, all new residential improvements over 300 square feet of new impervious area are required by ordinance to store all newly created storm water run-off onsite. So, a new/remodeled house under construction will be required to include storm water storage onsite. These restrictions already impacted most commercial projects, but additionally the Village goes above these requirements in negotiations with developers to try to get the projects to store even more water.

Unfortunately, our local government will not be able to do it alone without massive costs. At last estimate, every major identified storm water improvement to be addressed in Clarendon Hills would exceed \$8 million dollars a piece for a total in excess of \$38 million (these projects are detailed at [clarendonhills.us/stormwater.cfm](http://clarendonhills.us/stormwater.cfm)). These improvements are not affordable and the benefits would only affect a limited area.

However, there are improvements every resident could make to their properties to help their neighbors. With the help of a local Eagle Scout, the Village recently ran a campaign to raise awareness for rain barrels. Not only do rain barrels reduce storm water issues, they also can save you money on your water bill. It may seem silly given the extent of some rain events, but on a day-to-day basis a lot of minor storm water issues can be reduced if everyone chips in a little. At the next step up, rain gardens can provide a beautiful way to hold a lot more water. I am calling on everyone to show a little neighborly spirit and commit to at least a rain barrel to help their neighbors.

The next Trustee Topics will be January 2016. I will see many of you before then.

Enjoy your Fall!

Len Austin

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# Trick or Treat



It's that time of year where goblins and ghouls roam the meandering streets of Clarendon Hills in hopes of a candy bar or two. We ask that drivers in our community remember to watch out for our little spooks as they glide from house to house on Halloween night.

***Clarendon Hills Trick or Treating hours are October 31st from 2 pm to 7:30 pm.***

Be sure the gremlins wear proper shoes and that their costumes are not to long creating tripping hazards. Remind them to look prior to crossing streets and not to travel alone.

*If for any reason, you don't care to have pirates, witches and superheroes knocking on your door, simply don't decorate your yard, keep outside lights off and close curtains. This is a clear polite sign for them to move on to the next enchanted home.*

**Halloween fun to be had during the month of October:**

Get your ZOMBIE Hunting Permit at the Village Hall. Price is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Proceeds support the Alzheimer's foundation.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Family Trick or Treat Event held Downtown October 31st from Noon to 2 pm

Chamber of Commerce Window Decorating Contest Tuesday, October 27th grades 4-8 in teams up to 5 plus an adult. Contact: Rusty Scheel at 630-325-5888 to enter.

Park District Annual Halloween House Decorating Contest Houses will be judged on creativity, originality and arrangement. Prizes will be awarded. Deadline to enter is Monday, October 26th by 5:00pm. Please call the park district at (630) 323-2626 to enter. This contest is FREE and open to all Clarendon Hills residents. Houses will be judged on the evening of Wednesday, October 28th between 5:30-6:30pm. Winners will be notified by October 31st. NOTE: All decorations must be put up by you and your family members.

Park District Monster Mash Family Bash Friday, October 23rd Families can dance the night away to our freaky fun tunes, create a ghostly fun craft, play hauntingly cool games and more surprises. Dress to impress in your weirdest, funniest and most creative costumes. A prize will be award to the family with the best family themed costume (all members of the family must be dressed in the same theme). Registration Deadline Monday, October 19th.

## Compost Your Pumpkins with SCARCE!

SCARCE stands for: School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education. The SCARCE mission is to inspire people, through education, to preserve & care for the Earth's natural resources, while working to build sustainable communities.

This organization will hold Pumpkin RECYCLING in DuPage County on November 7th at the following locations.

- **Wheaton 9am - 12pm** - Commuter Parking Lot #9 at Carlton & Liberty
- **Elmhurst 9am - 12pm** - Elmhurst Public Works 985 S Riverside Dr
- **Glen Ellyn 9am - 12pm** - SCARCE 799 E Roosevelt Road

Find out more at : [www.scarcecoed.org](http://www.scarcecoed.org)



## NO STICKER!

For the months of October and November, leaves in yard waste cans or paper yard waste bags may be placed out on Mondays with your other garbage without a sticker.

## Around Town

### Board Meetings

October 5th and 19th at 7 PM  
 November 2nd and 16th at 7 PM  
 December 7th and 21st at 7 PM

### ZBA/Plan Commission

October 15th at 7:30 PM  
 November 19th at 7:30 PM  
 December 17th at 7:30 PM

[www.clarendonhills.us](http://www.clarendonhills.us)

### Library

October 25th at 2:00 PM  
 Halloween Hunt for the Great Pumpkin (*registration required*)

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

### Park District

Halloween fun listed under Trick or Treat on page 2 of Trustee Topics.

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

### Seaspar

Check out [www.seaspar.org](http://www.seaspar.org) to see all the great activities for individuals with disabilities.

### Chamber of Commerce

October 31st from Noon to 2 PM  
 Family Trick or Treat

December 4th at 6 PM  
 Christmas Walk

[www.clarendonhillschamber.com](http://www.clarendonhillschamber.com)



## Village Hall Closed

November 11th Veterans Day  
 November 26th & 27th Thanksgiving  
 December 24th and 25th Christmas  
 January 1st New Year's Day

## Heritage Hall

Due to a fire in August at Heritage Hall, there is considerable damage to the inside of the building and some of the contents. Although there was some insurance, the damage has been estimated to be \$100,000. The Historical Society is asking for the public's help in assisting in the costs not covered by insurance dollars, such as restoring smoke damaged items as well as contribute to the plans to make Heritage Hall a place where our future generations can visit the past, because we are creating history everyday.



Donations accepted at <https://www.gofundme.com/Heritage-Hall-Fund>

## J. Kenneth Sloan Triangle

2016 reservations are now being accepted for the Triangle. The Triangle is a very popular place to hang banners for community events and fills up months in advance. Request can be submitted via email to [vpries@clarendonhills.us](mailto:vpries@clarendonhills.us) or use the on-line form located at <http://www.clarendonhills.us/Administration.cfm>

## Winter Parking Reminder



Residents are required to park off the Village streets if the weather predicts 2 or more inches of snow fall to allow for proper snow removal. Also note that no person shall dump snow onto any public road, public sidewalk or fire hydrant.

## 2016 Road Construction

In 2016 the focus for road construction will be on the south area streets. Construction is scheduled to start June 2016 with the following streets:

- 56th
- Colfax
- Harris (Western – Walker)
- Hudson (Richmond – Western)
- Richmond (55th – Park)
- Ridge (Richmond – Western)
- Ruby (Richmond – Walker)
- Western (56th – Park)



This represents an additional 3.03 miles of streets to be upgraded to the Village's concrete shoulder standard. It encompasses the majority of the roads which were last resurfaced as part of the 1999 SSA with four segments dating back to the 1995 SSA.

This project will require coordination with the Village of Westmont, which has begun, since they have jurisdiction over 1/2 of Richmond. We will be replacing water main ahead of the road work on Ruby and Colfax, with the possibility of additional segments on Richmond and Western.

Residents in these areas will be in continuous contact with the Village throughout the process.

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## Christmas Walk-December 4th!

The annual Clarendon Hills Christmas Walk will be held Friday, December 4th. Begin the evening with the Annual Tree lighting at 6 pm in front of the Village Hall. Then stroll through town where the shops stay open extra late. The Christmas Walk features refreshments, cookies, a visit from Santa, caroling and sleigh rides. Everything needed to kick off the holiday season. Event ends at 9 pm. Find more info at [www.clarendonhillschamber.com](http://www.clarendonhillschamber.com)

## Luminaria Sales

The Clarendon Hills Auxiliary Chapter of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago (CHIW) invites you to participate in the annual tradition of Luminaria Lighting this Christmas Eve. Once again, the CHIW will donate hundreds of Luminaria to the Village and the members of Cub Scout Troop #51 will light the luminarias in downtown Clarendon Hills on Christmas Eve.

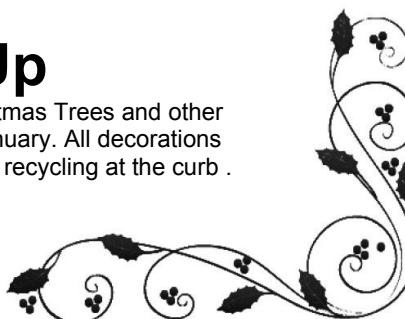
CHIW luminaria kits will be sold in December during the Christmas Walk; regular business hours at the Clarendon Hills Bank and Kramer Foods; as well as the Lions pool parking lot during specific hours; Check for times at the Lions Pool parking lot. [www.clarendonhillsinfantwelfare.org/Luminaria.html](http://www.clarendonhillsinfantwelfare.org/Luminaria.html)

Standard kits consist of five candles and bags being sold for \$6.00. Decorated gift sets are also available.

The funds raised through the sale of CHIW Luminaria in Clarendon Hills help support the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago's full-service clinic for mothers and children that cannot afford health insurance. Please join the community and light each candle for a child on Christmas Eve.

## Christmas Clean Up

Republic Services offers free recycling for Christmas Trees and other live garland during the first two collections in January. All decorations must be removed. Place trees and greenery for recycling at the curb.



**Find Recent Village Board Actions at**  
[www.clarendonhills.us/AgendasandMinutes2015.cfm](http://www.clarendonhills.us/AgendasandMinutes2015.cfm)

## Contact Us

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**Village Trustees:**

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Greg Jordan	630-286-5422
Eric Stach	630-286-5423
Carol Jorissen	630-286-5424
Paul Flood	630-286-5425
Don McGarrah	630-286-5426

**Village Clerk:**

Dawn Tandle 630-286-5403

**Village Hall:** 630-286-5400

Finance Dept.: Press 2  
Building Dept.: Press 3  
Administration: Press 4

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

Police: 630-286-5460  
Fire: 630-286-5430

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**Community Numbers:**

Park District: 630-323-2626  
Public Library: 630-323-8188

**Online Transaction Safe****Zone Location:**

Police Station (448 Park Ave.)