

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS TRUSTEE TOPICS

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Message from the President—Shop Clarendon Hills

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the Holidays. The mild weather helped to make the Christmas Walk a huge success this year. It was great to see the downtown full of people. Nearly every business I saw was busy and the restaurants were all full. As you may know, eating and shopping locally in Clarendon Hills is extremely important for supporting our community and businesses. I feel the downtown gets a lot of attention in this regard, as it truly is the fabric of our community.

Like Statistics? Did you know that approximately half of the Village's sales tax revenue comes from just two businesses in town? You guessed it, the Jewel Osco on Holmes at 55th street and Infiniti of Clarendon Hills on Ogden Avenue. These two businesses allow the Village to provide the quality of municipal services our residents have come to expect.

Take Jewel Osco for example; changing where you buy your groceries to our local Clarendon Hills Jewel can keep literally thousands of dollars at work in our community every year. Please make the effort even if you live on the North side of town to shop at my favorite local supermarket!

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Village President
Len Austin



Another important effort is to buy cars through our local Infiniti Dealer. If you are interested in a new Infiniti or a large selection of pre-owned vehicles, the dealership owner, Peter Korallus and his staff will treat you right! Peter's the Bow Tie guy, stop in and see what a fine family owned and operated business they have built. Please visit their website www.InfinitiofClarendonHills.com or call them at 630-468-9000.

Back to the Downtown, I am looking forward to all the new businesses moving in. Please stop by *Vintage Charm, The Little Creperie, Vintage Fresh and Sue's Cakery* to welcome these new businesses into town.

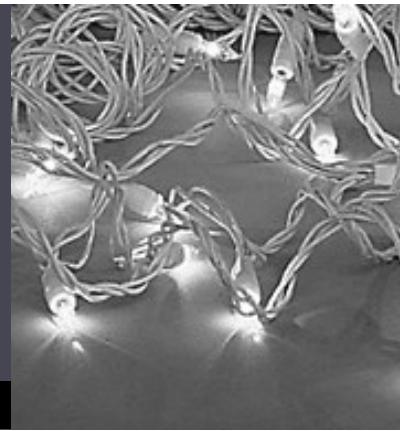
I hope 2016 is good to you and your families as we look forward to another great year here in Clarendon Hills!

Len Austin
Village President

Holiday Lights No Longer Working?

RECYCLE THEM!!! The Police Department is accepting worn out strings of holiday lights and extension cords until February 19, 2016. You can find the collection bin in the lobby of the Police Department located at 448 Park Avenue. This program is part of the Elgin Recycling program. This is their 7th year of running a holiday light recycling program along with 56 Villages. Last year Elgin Recycling recycled 108,224 lbs of holiday lights that would have otherwise ended up in landfills. You can find out more at www.elginrecycling.com

Your lights may have lost their twinkle but they can still help make for a bright future!



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

Ambulance Fees



On November 16, 2015 the Village Board approved an increase to fees for Ambulance service under the terms of the Village's Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Hinsdale for the sharing of Fire and EMS services. These fees are not expected to directly impact residents, because the costs are picked up directly by insurance and Medicare. The fees only reflect expected reimbursement rates from insurance companies, the cost of providing the service is only partially offset by these fees.

The following table shows the new fee schedule:

	Resident	Non-Resident	Explanation of Services
BLS	\$ 750.00	\$ 900.00	BLS - Basic Life Support,
ALS-1	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,100.00	ALS-1 - Advanced Life Support – Level 1, most common,
ALS-2	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,300.00	ALS-2 - Advanced Life Support – Level 2
Mileage	\$10/mile	\$25/mile	ALS Refusal - Advanced Life Support Service but refusal of
ALS Refusal	\$ 650.00	\$ 750.00	transport to hospital
Vehicle Extrication		\$ 450.00	

Pay on-line

The Village offers secure electronic payment options via the State of Illinois E-Pay system for Water Bills, Parking Tickets, Vehicle Stickers, and Blue Dot Parking Permits. You can pay with Mastercard, Discover, American Express or by echeck.



Shovel Safely!

Please remember these tips while shoveling snow this winter.

- Push don't throw snow (if you must throw snow—lift with your legs)
- Take breaks and stay hydrated
- Dress properly

Christmas Clean Up

Republic Services offers free recycling for Christmas Trees and other natural garland during the **first two** collections in January. Decorations must be removed. Place trees and greenery for recycling at the curb alongside your trash.



WINTER VACATION TIPS

Keep unwanted visitors at bay while you're away by doing these few things: arrange to have snow removed from the driveway and walk ways if it snows. Snowed in homes is a sure sign you're not home. Be sure timers for lights are set to go on earlier than they do in the summer months since it gets dark earlier. Let a neighbor or the police department know you will be gone. Be sure to stop deliveries of newspapers and mail. Most importantly don't post on social media that you are out of town. The fun pictures can wait until you are home.



Podcasting of Village Meetings

That's right, if you can't make it to the Village Board meeting you have the option to listen to a recording of the public meeting. Meetings are posted on the Agenda Center of our website. Podcast postings are posted at www.clarendonhills.us/agendacenter

Winter Parking

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. No person shall dump snow onto any public road, public sidewalk or fire hydrant.

Around Town

Board Meetings

January 4th and 18th at 7 PM
February 1st and 16th at 7 PM

ZBA/Plan Commission

Jan 21st at 7:30 PM
Feb 18th at 7:30 PM
www.clarendonhills.us

Library

Jan 23rd at Noon
Movie: Up! (Bring your lunch)

Jan 28th at 7 PM
An Evening with Jim Kokonis and Bill Moller

Feb 12th/13th
Friends of the Library Bake Sale
www.clarendonhillslibrary.org



Park District

Dec 1st - March 31st
Snowman Photo Contest

Jan 1st 6 PM to 8 PM
Feb 27th 6 PM to 8 PM
Super Saturday Family Nights

Feb 1st start of preschool registration for 2016-2017 school year
www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org



2015 Survey Questions

Late summer of 2015 we polled a random sample of residents regarding what the Village does right and what needs improvement. Part of the survey was an opportunity for residents to leave comments. Here are responses to a few of the concerns that were brought up.



- **Traffic Safety/additional stop signs** - Additional stop signs were added within the Village at the end of 2015, thank you to those who brought up concerns. The Village, however, has a strict policy for new signs, and will only add new signs if determined to be needed by the Village's standards.
- **Additional Train Parking** - More train parking was requested by residents however, not all the parking permits have been issued. If you would like one of the many available parking passes please visit the Police station or visit www.clarendonhills.us/205/Commuter-Parking-Permits
- **Downtown development/ new businesses/ keeping existing businesses** - The Village is always working along side the Chamber of Commerce to attract new businesses downtown and to promote the existing ones, but we can only do so much. The key is you, the resident. The more residents eat and shop our businesses on a regular basis, the more successful they become and the more attractive our downtown becomes to new businesses. As an added bonus, successful businesses help to control residential property taxes.

Downtown isn't the only place that holds many of our tax revenue businesses. Located within the Clarendon Hills Village limits are the *Jewel Osco* grocery store on Holmes along with *Country House* and *Tracy's Tavern* on 55th Street; and on Ogden Ave we have the *Infiniti* car dealership (which happens to sell used cars of all makes), *Za Za's* restaurant, *Fuller's Tire Center*, *Sakura Nami Sushi*, *Chicago Clock and Gifts*, *Linly Designs* and *Clarendon Eye Associates*.

- **Balance/Control the Budget** - We are proud to say that we have always had a balanced budget. We publish the budget at the end of every fiscal year and a copy is posted on our web page as well as at the library for the public to view. The Village maintains a AAA bond rating despite major problems with delayed and cut state shared revenues.
- **Leaf pickup should be free** - Leaf pickup is free during the months of October and November, no stickers required.
- **Library, Park District and School Districts Issues:** Many residents listed concerns regarding these independent entities and the concerns mentioned were passed on to them. The Village has no ability to change school district boundary lines.
- **Stormwater and Flooding** is a big concern for some within the community. The Village has been working very hard along side the Park District to find solutions to these concerns. Updated building codes address these issues for new construction over 300 sq feet, and all new public projects contain storm water considerations

Additional concerns? Use any method listed on the next page.

Village Hall Closed

Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day

Trustee Topics**Village of Clarendon Hills**

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Check out the new Village Logo! The Village Board approved this logo in August of 2015 and we are excited to start using it. This new, modern logo will be used for the newly released website and other casual purposes. The Village will maintain the Village Seal for all official documents and purposes, such as ordinances, documents from the Clerk's office and on the dais in the Village's board room.

The daisy image of the new logo represents the various events held each year within the Village and could be interpreted as the streets of the Village leading to our downtown where people gather for these events. The phrase "The Volunteer Community" which is incorporated into the logo is the Village's slogan and if you know anything about this community, you know that the people of Clarendon Hills do their share of volunteering.

Along with the new logo, we rolled out a new more friendly website. The Village website has its own search engine which pinpoints any information residents might be needing. The new website is also mobile friendly! The Village is trying to make it easier than it has been in the past for residents to find and get information at any time of the day. Our updated website, Facebook page and Staff are great resources. Be sure to make us part of your favorites at:

www.clarendonhills.us

Facebook: Village of Clarendon Hills

Main Phone: 630-286-5400

Find Recent Village Board Actions at
www.clarendonhills.us/AgendaCenter

Contact Us**Village President:**

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Dawn Tandle 630-286-5403

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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.)