

## TRUSTEE TOPICS

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Message from the President—

One of my biggest goals as Village President has been to look for community partnerships, when possible, to help lower costs and improve services. The State of Illinois has more levels of government than any other state, as well as a dizzying amount of non-profit service providers. It's easy for these organizations to create barriers that lead to overlapping services or ineffective service delivery. I am happy to report that I have been impressed with the level of shared services our community engages in.

An example of sharing is the partnerships we utilize to handle many of our community's great events, such as the partnerships between the Village, the Park District and non-profit groups like the Daisy Dash and the Chamber of Commerce. By all of us working together, we are able to provide these events at a net financial benefit to these groups and the Village of Clarendon Hills.

A nationwide model we benefit from is how we conduct fire department services between surrounding communities. When we have a fire in town, I am amazed by the number of units that show up from neighboring communities. These units assist in putting the fire out and cover our station when our units are dispatched. Our Village has a special service agreement with the Hinsdale Fire Department that allows each community to reduce costs on a daily basis by reducing the need for manpower. The Village also belongs to an intergovernmental group to provide emergency dispatch (9-1-1) services with 39 other communities. This not only saves money but ensures quality dispatch services.

Another major joint effort is our risk management and health insurance cooperatives. We joined with over 70 other organizations to create a mutual risk pool for liability insurance and workers compensation. This allows the Village to have high level risk management resources at low costs. Our health insurance pool allows the Village to negotiate lower rates not available to other small employers.

In addition, I am pleased about all of the services we share with the library. Currently, we share our entire IT infrastructure with the library and provide payroll services and benefit management for their employees. Since we serve the same taxpayers, we are able to utilize our existing personnel to save money and operate more efficiently.

The Village Board and Village staff will continue to look for more opportunities to share services in the future. One area we have had recent extensive conversations around is the sharing of space with the Park District. The study is not complete, but we will continue to investigate our options.

As an important reminder, school is back in session, so please make the effort to re-dedicate yourself to following the posted speed limits within our residential community. Be cognizant of all pedestrians, bikers and other vehicles, even when you think you have the right of way.

Read the rest of the issue for reminders and upcoming events. I'm looking forward to some cooler weather. See you around town!

Len Austin  
Village President



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Len Austin

### NO STICKER!

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



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



# Back to School Safety

## Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

### Keep a look out for Pedestrians

Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.

- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way

## Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars
- Check side mirrors before opening your door

**Please note that in the state of Illinois all cell phone use is prohibited while driving in a school zone.**

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

## Avoid Parking on Grass

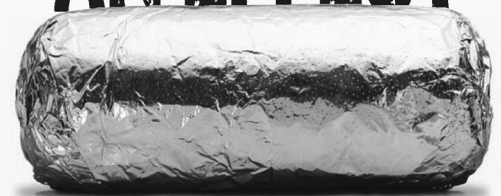
Residents should be aware that parking on the grass along the streets in Clarendon Hills is not allowed. Drivers causing damaged to the grass may be held liable for the costs of repairs.

Residents are responsible for informing their guests and contractors that they must park on the street, not off the street onto grass.



The new street ribbons (flat concrete curbs) is part of the street. It can be driven on and parked on. This ribbon helps extend the life of the asphalt streets.

# CAUSE AN EFFECT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Richmond Education Gardens & Apiary. Come in to the Chipotle at **300 E. Ogden Avenue** in Westmont on **Monday, October 10th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Richmond Education Gardens & Apiary.



Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

## Around Town

### Board Meetings

(Tuesday) September 6th at 7 PM  
September 19th at 7 PM  
October 3rd at 7 PM  
October 17th at 7 PM

### ZBA/Plan Commission

September 15th at 7:30 PM  
September 20th at 7:30 PM

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### Library

September 26th at 1:30 PM  
**Movie "BIG" Starring Tom Hanks**  
Registration required

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

### Park District

September 17th 3:30 - 6:30 PM  
**Fall Festival** at Prospect Park

September 30th 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
**Prospect Park Campfire (FREE!)**

October 27th at 6:30 PM  
**Pumpkin Decorating Night** at  
Prospect Park for ages 3 -12  
Registration required

Registration Deadline November 3rd  
for Adult Day trip -**Christmas with  
the Celts** (Original PBS show  
based) December 13th Bus trip  
from 2 PM to 6:30 PM

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

### Richmond Education

#### Gardens & Apiary

October 10th from 4 PM - 8 PM  
Fundraiser at Chipotle in Westmont



## Village Hall Closed

November 11th in observance of Veteran's  
Day

## Avoid Home Repair Fraud

### Keep the following items in mind when contemplating hiring a contractor for home repair or remodeling work:

1. Get more than one estimate and get them in writing.
2. Don't fall for high pressure sales tactics and prices that seem "too good to be true."
3. Get the name and address of the business and check old phone books to see how long they have been in business.
4. Inspect the contract carefully. Check to see that it includes:
  - the contractor's full name, address, and telephone number
  - a description of the work to be performed
  - starting and estimated completion dates
  - total cost for work performed including charges for estimates
  - schedule and method of payment including down payment, subsequent payments, and final payment
5. Do not sign a contract that has blank spaces or that you do not understand.
6. Find out whether the contractor guarantees his or her work and products.
7. Get lien waivers. This protects you from claims against you or your property in the event a general contractor fails to pay subcontractors or material suppliers.
8. Don't make final payment until you are satisfied and all subcontractors have been paid.



*Remember, you have three business days to cancel any contract if the sale is made and signed at your home. The contractor CANNOT take this right away from you by initiating work, selling your contract to a lender, or any other tactic.*

### The following are typical examples of home repair rip-off schemes:

- Unsolicited door-to-door salespeople with no local connections offer to do home repair work for substantially less than market price.
- A company which lists only a telephone or post-office box number solicits for repair work.
- A contractor refuses to provide proof of insurance and references when requested.
- Someone offers to inspect your home for free without authentic identification establishing their business status.
- A contractor demands cash payment and/or full payment before they complete a job.
- A contractor asks for a check payable to a third party.
- A contractor offers to drive the homeowner to his/her bank to withdraw funds to pay for their work.

Source: [http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/homerepair\\_construction.html](http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/homerepair_construction.html).

**Trustee Topics**  
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# Trick or Treat

It's that time of year where goblins and ghouls wander 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 slither from house to house on Halloween night.

***Clarendon Hills Trick or Treating hours are October 31st from 3 pm to 7 pm.***

Be sure the gremlins wear proper shoes and that their costumes are not too 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:**

Chamber of Commerce Annual Family Trick or Treat Event held Downtown  
October 29th from 11 am to 2 pm

Chamber of Commerce Window Decorating Contest  
Tuesday, October 24th at 3:30 pm grades 4-8 in teams up to 5 plus an adult. Contact: Rusty Scheel at 630-325-5888 to enter.



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**September/October 2016 Trustee Topics**

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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.)