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January/ February 2018

Message from the President - Setting the record straight

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed their holiday season! We have so much to be thankful for in our community, state and country.

Please join me in welcoming Paul Dalen as our new Clarendon Hills Police Chief. Paul replaces Boyd Farmer who retired earlier this month. I wish Boyd and his family all the best in his retirement. Boyd is an avid fisherman and hunter so unless you're on a boat or in the woods you likely won't see him too often! Paul grew up in our village and has spent over 24 years on our staff; the last 19 years as a Sergeant. Please give him a wave or shake his hand when you see him and his officers around town protecting our community.



Village President  
Len Austin

Also new to our staff, replacing Zachery Creer, is Peter Nickell. Peter is our new Assistant to the Village Manager. He came to us in December from the Village of Kenilworth. Peter's duties are varied, including monitoring contracts such as rubbish collection, website maintenance, public relations, human resources, and Village IT systems as well as special events, especially our trademark Dancin' in the Street summer concert series.

This past summer I gave a lengthy interview to a reporter from the Chicago Tribune regarding water rates. Reading the published article was a bit disheartening in that it didn't fully explain the complexities of a water system, including the effects of a water system's age and the mix of households to commercial users. In the writer's defense there are a lot of variables that are hard to describe in one article but I will do my best here to set the record straight. The first factor that we have in a historic community is the fact that the bulk of our water system was originally installed in the 1920s. That factor alone removes any comparison to the water rates of newer communities such as Burr Ridge or Willowbrook that have systems much younger than ours. Hinsdale, on the other hand, has a similarly aged water system, but has non-water bill resources that allow them to move money into their water fund. As a result, it is not fair to make a direct comparison of rates there either.

The second larger factor in planning and budgeting is that we are almost exclusively a household community. We don't have large industrial users, or other large commercial users such as hospitals or corporate complexes. Large users of water generate more revenue for the system overall which helps to keep rates down across the board.


Our Village Board started planning for these capital improvements many years ago by having higher rates which generated a water fund surplus to pay for the needed capital improvements. The capital improvement projects are expensive. For example, the water main replacement on the length of Tuttle Avenue is estimated to cost more than \$1.2 million. Re-coating a water tower (to protect from rust and other damage) can cost more than \$500,000. One thing we have learned during our water main replacements is that we have been subject to leakage of water in these mains, primarily due to the aging of our system. Our capital investment is meant to correct this and maintain the viability of the system as a whole, which helps secure the investment we all made in our homes. Our strong financial position and bond rating make it possible to sell bonds for these purposes. Though I expect the Village Board to consider this option over the next year, I personally believe we should be cautious because of the costs involved in setting up bond issuance as well as paying interest on the money. Beyond the excess costs of a bond issuance is the precedent set by the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois of borrowing money to finance capital projects. Do we really want to be following their example of budgeting and credit worthiness?

Several factors this summer also contributed to people questioning if water rates had increased. First, we experienced near drought conditions through August and September. Therefore, people were watering their landscaping and grass more frequently. Secondly, in a move to reduce operating costs in our water department we went to bi-monthly billing for water. As you can see, those two factors together created a surprisingly high water bill in that the typical resident used a lot more water and was being billed for two months. *Continued on page 2*

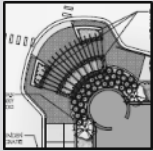
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In closing, please understand that your Village staff, your elected officials on the Village Board and myself are all working to manage the lowest overall cost system possible, but to prepare for the future we are not going to kick the can down the road. We are a well-regarded community and will continue to take the appropriate actions to make sure we stay that way!

  
Len Austin  
Village President

## Community Development in 2018



**88 Park Avenue** - Completion of this beautiful three-story residential condominium building is expected by late spring 2018. The development will include installation of the downtown sidewalks, streetlights and planters and will include a pergola feature at the southeast corner of Park and Prospect Avenue. Each of its eight custom designed condominium units will have elevator access to the lobby, fitness center and a first floor heated parking garage.



**229 Park Avenue** - This four story building at the northeast corner of Park and Walker Avenue is scheduled for completion in spring 2018. This mixed-use building will include 42 luxury apartments having spacious interiors providing bright and open living enhanced by high ceilings, top of the line details, gourmet kitchens and spa inspired bathrooms. Live-Work units, 7-in-all, will be available for residents interested in operating a business with street-front exposure in our downtown. The building also includes an elevator, fitness center, heated parking and a small commercial space. More information about this development will be available at [www.229Park.com](http://www.229Park.com).



**Band & Wire Orthodontics** - In Spring 2018 Dr. Duaibis and Dr. Oweis will be opening their orthodontics and dentistry practice, Band & Wire Orthodontics, in their newly renovated property at 433 Ogden Avenue (fka Scott's Pet Shop). Renovation is expected to begin in January 2018. In addition to creating a state-of-the-art orthodontics office, they will be improving the façade of the building, adding landscape islands and lighting, installing foundation landscaping, and installing the remaining public sidewalk along Ogden Avenue.



**Thipi Thai Restaurant** - Thipi Kunupakarn and Tony Soto will soon be opening their second Thipi Thai restaurant in the 1 Walker Avenue building facing Railroad Avenue. Their restaurant is expected to be open 7-days a week for lunch and dinner, and will feature that same well-known and loved menu found at their La Grange Location, 25 Calendar Court. Once their kitchen has been prepared and the dining areas have been redecorated, Thipi Thai is expected to open by March 2018.



**Williams Court Subdivision** - Williams Court, located on the west-side of Woodstock Avenue south of Ogden Avenue, is a great example of the Village working with a local developer to build 'green' infrastructure, helping to better manage stormwater affecting our community. Williams Court is a 7-home single family community featuring a permeable paved street, driveways, patios, rain gardens and underground stormwater storage. These improvements were done entirely with private funding from the developer and will help retain, store, convey and clean stormwater from the surrounding area while enhancing the aesthetic.



**Bicycle Repair Pump Station** - In spring 2018 the Village will be installing its first bicycle repair and pumping station. The station will be located adjacent to one of the train station bicycle shelters, and will feature a heavy duty air pump, and all the tools necessary to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance, from changing a flat to adjusting brakes and derailleurs.

### Other Notable Projects/Activities in 2018....

55<sup>th</sup> Street Sub Area Plan - [www.clarendonhills.us/55streetplan](http://www.clarendonhills.us/55streetplan)

Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project - [www.clarendonhills.us/zomp](http://www.clarendonhills.us/zomp)

Stormwater Cost Share Improvement Program - [www.clarendonhills.us/swcostshare](http://www.clarendonhills.us/swcostshare)

Richmond Education Gardens & Apiary - [www.richmondgardens.org](http://www.richmondgardens.org)

2018 Road Program - [www.clarendonhills.us/roadprogram](http://www.clarendonhills.us/roadprogram)

## Around Town

### Board Meetings

January 16th at 7 PM  
February 5th at 7 PM  
February 20th at 7 PM

### ZBA/Plan Commission

January 18th at 7:30 PM  
February 15th at 7:30 PM

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

### Library

January 30th at 7 PM  
**Don't Pay Sticker Price for College**  
Joe Orsolini introduces 3 ways to reduce overall cost of college.  
*Registration required.*

February 26th at 1:30 PM  
**Movie: You've Got Mail (1998)**  
Starring Tom Hanks, and Meg Ryan  
*Registration required.*

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

### Park District

February 9th at 6 PM  
**Mommy-Son Date Night**  
"Under the Big Top"  
\$35 per couple for residents  
Moms and sons ages 4-10 welcome  
Circus theme with dinner, dessert, crafts, photo booth and games.  
*Registration required.*

February 9th at 12:30 PM  
**Sweetheart Tea Party (Adults 50+)**  
Finger sandwiches & miniature sweets  
\$12 per person  
*Registration Required*

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



## Village Hall Closed

Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day

## Construction planned for 2018

The 2018 Roadway Improvement Program (SSA31) scope of work was approved by the Village Board in September. The road construction will include the installation of concrete shoulders (called ribbons) which will be funded through a Special Service Area tax specifically the SSA.31. The pavement portion of this program will be funded entirely by the Village with no SSA involvement. Any water main replacement done just prior to the road construction is paid for from the water fund.

The streets within the Village that will be under construction during the summer of 2018 are:

Norfolk (Village Limit – Oxford)  
Arthur (Chicago – Burlington)  
Oxford (Chicago – Burlington)  
Tuttle (Chicago – Burlington)  
Woodstock (Chicago – Burlington)

A Public Hearing for this SSA will be Tuesday, February 20th at 7PM as part of the Regular Re-Scheduled Board Meeting held at the Village Hall. Find more information regarding the road program including timeline at [www.clarendonhills.us/SSA31](http://www.clarendonhills.us/SSA31)



## National Puzzle Day!

On Monday, January 29th the library will have 500 reasons you'll want to join them for National Puzzle Day. They will unveil a custom, Clarendon Hills themed puzzle, and everyone is invited to help build it.

There will be additional puzzles available for all ages along with crosswords, mazes and word searches! Younger puzzle enthusiast will be able to make their very own puzzle to take home. This event will be celebrated all day. Find out more at:

[www.clarendonhillslibrary.org](http://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org)  
7 N. Prospect Avenue  
630-323-8188

## Winter Tree Trimming

ComEd has scheduled some tree pruning along power lines this winter. If you live on Stonegate, Oxford, Traube, Naperville, Woodstock and Lynn Court, please note that you may see workers contracted by ComEd pruning the trees along power lines during January and/or February. Residents affected should expect a notification from ComEd via postcard or letter prior to trimming.

If you have questions, please visit [ComEd.com/Trees](http://ComEd.com/Trees) or call 1-800-334-7661.



## Secretary of State Mobile Unit

Once again, the Clarendon Hills Bank is sponsoring the Secretary of State Mobile Unit on Friday, January 12th from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Village Hall Board Room. Renew or correct your Drivers license/State ID, get new license plate stickers and/or register to be an organ donor.

## Never Incur Late Fees Again! Pay your Water Bill with **GREEN PAY!**

The Village of Clarendon Hills offers a more convenient option for residents to receive their water bills on-line. This new Green Pay E-Billing system allows customers many great benefits including:

- 24 Hour Access to a personal customer portal showing up-to-date balances and usage history
- Allows customer to sign up for ACH (Autopay) or pay by Credit/Debit card
- Allows property owners and other out of town payers to make payments on water bills
- Access to faster online bill pay... *great option for snowbirds!*
- Saves residents time by allowing recurring ACH payments, credit card or debit card and will maintain customer information for quicker access and payment for those who do not choose recurring payments
- The option of receiving an e-bill bi-monthly, along with their Trustee Topics newsletter, giving customers more control over paying bills and reducing the risk of bills or payments getting lost in the mail

**Sign up now by going to [www.Clarendonhills.us](http://www.Clarendonhills.us) and  
select Online Bill Pay**



*Another payment option includes the 24 hour/7 days a week drop box  
at the Village Hall front door entrance.*

If you have any questions contact the Water Department at 630-286-5416.

## Park District Photo Contest

Clarendon Hills Park District Snowman Photo contest competition runs through February 28. Snap a photo or selfie with your creation and e-mail a picture to [valeriel@clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org](mailto:valeriel@clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org), including your family name, home address and telephone number.

**The grand prize winner will be contacted on March 2nd.**

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

**January/ February 2018 Trustee Topics**

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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.)



# Thank You to this years Christmas Walk Sponsors



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*We couldn't have done this without any of our Sponsors. We hope that everyone had a great time and we look forward to a Wonderful New Year!!*



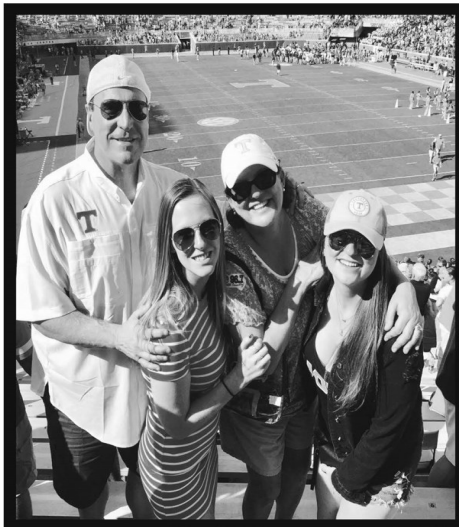
## Happy New Year!

*Thank you* to our  
Friends & Families!

Wishing you a year of  
health, wealth,  
happiness, and the love  
of those you hold dear.

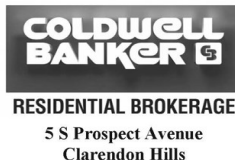
Hoping the New Year  
showers you with all that  
is beautiful.

Love,  
The Rediehs Family



**2018**  
— Happy New Year —

  
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## Registration for the 2018-19 Active Learners Preschool is in progress at the Clarendon Hills Park District

**Terrific Threes**  
MWF  
8:45-11:15am

**Fab Fours/Pre-K**  
MWF  
12:15-2:45pm

September 2018-May 2019  
Tuition R/NR: \$1700/\$1800

We encourage you to observe  
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**630-323-2626**





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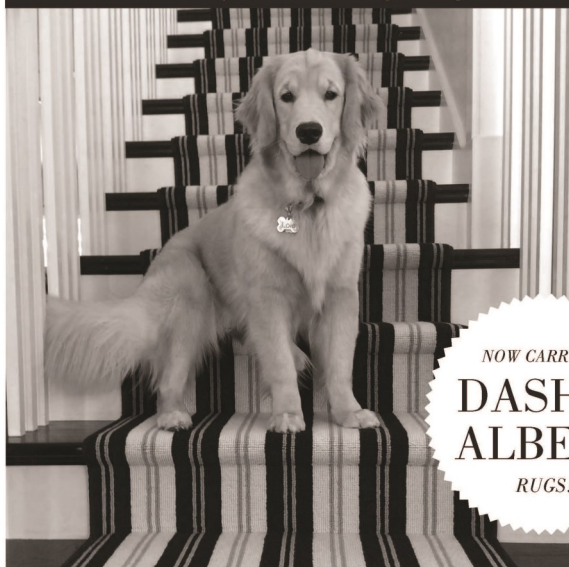
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