

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS TRUSTEE TOPICS

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Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

This was the best year for the Dancin' in the Street concert series! We had the most attendance and one of the best years in beer sales! Thankfully the weather cooperated and there were no summer storm threats that have made us cancel nights in the past. Thanks go out to our Village Staff, Police Officers and Public Works employees that set the event up each week, keep it secure, then tear it down and clean up seamlessly. I also want to thank the members of the Special Events Committee that you see working the beer tent. All of these residents do a lot more than sell beer. They are tasked with choosing bands, picking food vendors, the stage provider, advertising and signage. Their dedication and hard work have grown the events year after year. Without our event sponsors, Dancin' in the Street wouldn't exist. Please thank and support them with your patronage!



Village President
Len Austin

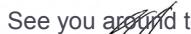
Back in August you may have noticed our Public Works crew repainting road crossing markings which is a sure sign it's back-to-school time. Please show extra caution as the children are walking to school. Be on the lookout for school zone signals and always obey speed limits in our Village. Stop for each school bus loading and unloading and be sure to slow down and obey all traffic laws especially when entering a school zone. Remember to stay off your cell phone as well, it is illegal to use them AT ALL in school zones.

Not only are the seasons changing but we are living in a rapidly evolving world, one which impacts us on a national as well as a local level. This includes how we recycle. You may be seeing stories of China, a chief importer of recycled goods, refusing to accept or becoming more stringent on the quality of recyclables they will accept. These stories are putting a spotlight on a topic I would like to address: good recycling habits. So who's the recycler in your home? We have become overly ambitious with our habits and it's hurting what otherwise would be a tremendous opportunity. So what do good recycling habits look like? A good rule of thumb is if it is soiled or wet, it probably cannot be recycled. One soiled item can contaminate a whole load of otherwise clean recycled goods making the whole load become regular trash. "Soiled and wet" includes greasy pizza boxes, oily takeout containers and used napkins and tissues. If you are going to recycle a plastic bottle, jug or metal can, make sure it is clean and dry before putting it in your bin. DO NOT BAG your recyclables. Bagging them disrupts the sorting process, so keep them loose. Our refuse and recycling contractor, Republic Services, has a great website for you to explore and learn these quick and easy lessons. Visit them at www.recyclingsimplified.com. The Village website, www.clarendonhills.us/refuse also has information on recycling, including electronics recycling and hazardous waste. For some quick tips on recycling, turn to our "Proper Recycling" article on page 2 of this issue of Trustee Topics.

I am pleased to report our Economic Development Commission met in early August and is analyzing a report on the potential for our Village to employ economic tools to help our Downtown grow even more. I am excited to see what they come up with but I encourage you to be on the lookout for their future meeting dates.

I also want to welcome our new neighbors, Dr. Weston Shelton and Dr. Lauren Molinaro at Root & Bloom Chiropractic, to our downtown business district. We are excited to have them!

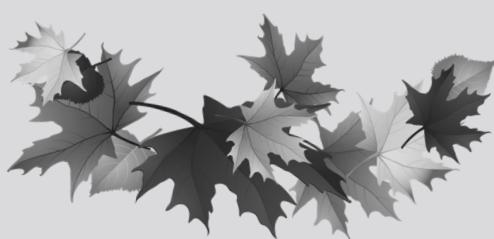
See you around town!



Len Austin
Village President

No Sticker For Leaves!!!

For the months of October and November, **leaves only** in yard waste cans or paper yard waste bags may be placed out on Tuesdays with your other garbage without a sticker. Other yard waste (grass clippings, sticks, weeds, etc.) must have a sticker. Yard waste stickers are \$2.55 each. Stickers are sold at Village Hall, Clarendon Hills Hardware and Jewel on 55th.



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

Fire Department Open House!

Come see the fire trucks and fire demonstrations at the Fire Station on Saturday, October 6th from 11 AM to 2 PM. Stop by for some food, refreshments, and meet our firefighters along with Sparky the Fire Dog!

The Fire Station is located at 316 Park Avenue.



Electrical Aggregation—100% Green Energy

Following a 2013 referendum, residents allowed the Village of Clarendon Hills to negotiate the purchase price of combined electrical supply on behalf of residents and small businesses enrolled in the Aggregation Program (Program). The Village can leverage better pricing by lumping several purchasers together opposed to an individual going to the market on their own. Since 2013, the Village has held a competitive bidding process on behalf of participants to find the best electric prices. The lowest competitive bidder is awarded a contract for a 12 month period. The 2017-2018 supplier's contract expires at the beginning of October, 2018.

In June of 2018, the Village again held a competitive bid for the Program. This year, bidders offered rates very similar to ComEd's rate. It was estimated the lowest competitive bidder would save Program participants around \$5 to \$10.00 over the course of the 12-month contract. Due to the eclipsing of alternate suppliers and ComEd's rates, the Village Board authorized a new program with MC Squared (MC2). The new Program will charge participants the same rate as ComEd but all energy consumption will be offset by the purchasing Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). By purchasing the RECs to offset consumption, the Village's new program is 100% green energy. You do not need to do anything to participate in the Village's program if you are already enrolled. If you are currently enrolled in the Program and **wish to opt out, you have 21 days after August 14, 2018 to do so**. You can opt out by calling 1-855-745-9989, Monday-Friday between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

To learn more about this year's program, please visit www.Clarendonhills.us/electric-aggregation.

As a reminder, all of the wires and transmission are still handled by ComEd. To report an electrical outage, or for questions pertaining to your ComEd bill, call ComEd at 800-334-7661.

Residents can choose other third party suppliers. If doing so, the Village recommends you read all of the fine print, especially for introductory rates that increase shortly thereafter. Also, look for potential opt-out penalties in these agreements.

If you require additional assistance, call NIMEC at 800-727-3820 to leave your question and callback number. You will be contacted within 24 hours regarding the issue.

PROPER RECYCLING

Paper: YES to mixed paper; advertisements, direct mail, paper, gift wrap, envelopes, magazines, newspapers and catalogs. NO to disposable diapers or rags and NO to soiled items like napkins and tissues.

Cartons: YES to cardboard and boxboard, soda and beer cases, milk and juice containers. NO to cardboard soiled with grease or food (i.e. pizza boxes) and NO to polystyrene foam materials coded #6 (i.e. egg cartons).

Glass: YES to clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars. NO to mirrors, window glass, Pyrex glass, dinnerware or any ceramics. NO to compact fluorescent or other light bulbs.

Metal: YES to aluminum cans, foil, tin and steel cans including empty aerosol cans . NO to needles, syringes, pots or pans and NO to gas cans or other items containing hazardous chemicals.

Plastic: YES to plastic bottles and containers coded #1 thru #5 and #7, but not #6. Six and twelve pack rings are also accepted. NO to plastic bags, film, Styrofoam or packing peanuts. NO also to plastic take-out containers, cups, plates or utensils; NO plastic toys, insecticide and hazardous chemical containers.

Unacceptable Items: Tires, engine parts, auto body or interior parts; Motor oil, paint, car batteries, antifreeze or liquids of any kind; Garbage and food waste; Wood pallets or construction lumber; Yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves and tree or plant branches; electronic items, printer or toner cartridges.

Republic Services asks that all bottles and cans be rinsed and dried and boxes flattened. Learn more by visiting Republic Services at www.recyclingsimplified.com. For more information visit www.Clarendonhills.us/refuse.

Around Town

Board Meetings

September 4th at 7 PM
(Rescheduled from September 3rd)

September 17th at 7 PM

October 1st at 7 PM

October 15th at 7 PM



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 stop sign 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.

ZBA/Plan Commission

September 20th at 7:30 PM

September 18th at 7:30 PM

www.clarendonhills.us

Farmers Market - Chamber Event

Thursdays 7 AM to 2 PM

Downtown on Prospect Ave.

www.clarendonhillschamber.com

Library

September 15th 1 PM to 3 PM

Adoption Process A to Z

Registration required.

September 25th 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Movie: "Saving Mr. Banks" staring

Tom Hanks and Emma Thompson

Movie about Walt Disney creating the Mary Poppins movie from the book.
Adult Program.

October 27th 5 PM to 5:45 PM

Halloween Hunt for the Great Pumpkin!

Watch "It's a Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" and then participate in a Halloween hunt through the library.
Registration required. Family event.

www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

September 15th 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Family Fall Fest at Prospect Park

FREE event.

September 28th 6:30 PM to 8 PM

Prospect Park Campfire (Council Ring)

FREE event for CH residents.

Bring flashlight and stick for roasting marshmallows!

www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org

Trustee Topics

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Halloween

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 roaming 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 stop and 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
Saturday, October 27th from 11 am to 2 pm



Chamber of Commerce Window Decorating Contest
Tuesday, October 23rd at 3:30 pm grades 4-8 in teams up to 5 plus an adult. Contact: Rusty Scheel at 630-325-5888 to enter.

Clarendon Hills Park District Halloween House Decorating Contest
Thursday, October 25th between 6 pm and 7:30 pm
Free of charge - *Clarendon Hills residents, only!*

Please e-mail your family name, telephone number and home address to valerie@clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org no later than October 24th. The only rules of the contest is that you must be a resident and all decorations must be installed by homeowners and members of their immediate families.

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

Contact Us

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Wil Freve	630-286-5425
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Village Clerk: (Tues & Fri AM)

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.)