

# VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS

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January / February 2019

Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays with family and your New Year is off to a great start.

First and foremost, I want to thank all who were responsible for putting on the Christmas Walk on December 7th. We had a great turnout and wonderful night of caroling, ice sculpting and of course, the tree lighting. If you were unable to join us, be sure to stop by next year. It is one of the highlighted events of each year that brings the community together once the cold weather has settled in.

I would also like to take a moment and recognize all of the hardworking individuals from our Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works Department. While we're home taking time off to be with our families and loved ones over the holidays, they are ensuring our community is safe. With the recent deaths of two Chicago policemen, I can't say enough how grateful we are for those in uniform.



Village President

Len Austin

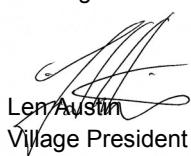
With a New Year comes a new budget and in December, the Village Board approved the 2019 Calendar Year budget. I want to highlight three facts for you:

1. The Village is making conscious efforts to only levy what is needed for its services. We are increasing the levy by 2.1% rather than the estimated maximum of 3.25%. The 2.1% increase puts us in line with the consumer price index (CPI) as declared by DuPage County Clerk's Office. This is the third year in a row the Village will not levy the maximum allowable amount. The tax levy assists the Village in funding day-to-day functions such as public safety and public works, amongst other core services.
2. For the fourth budget year in a row, your water rate will not increase. The last increase was implemented in 2016 as a result of the passage of an ordinance in 2011. The 2011 ordinance was passed to keep up with increasing water rates by the DuPage Water Commission and the City of Chicago. It has also allowed the Village to continue its "pay as you go" method of funding water main replacements rather than issuing bonds and paying interest on those bonds.
3. The Village will be taking on several infrastructure projects in 2019 to continue investment in our community. The projects include the last year of the Road and Water Main Replacement Program as well as the start of our Downtown Revitalization Project. We have a lot to look forward to over the next 12 months, please be patient, the construction inconvenience will be worth it!

Some final thoughts on the budget. The Village only makes up 12% of your total property tax bill. The other 88% of your bill funds Schools, the Park District, County Governments and other taxing bodies. If you are interested in viewing the 2019 Budget and supporting information, please visit our website at [www.clarendonhills.us](http://www.clarendonhills.us).

On a final note, with the Holiday Season all but over, I want to again encourage everyone to shop local. Shopping at Jewel (at 55<sup>th</sup> Street and Holmes) and buying your new and used vehicles from Infiniti of Clarendon Hills makes a huge impact. We also have several small businesses across our community that would truly appreciate your patronage. Shopping local keeps your sales tax dollars here in the Village, creates jobs and affords us the quality public services we come to expect.

Looking forward to Spring.....



Len Austin  
Village President

# Exciting Projects Planned for 2019



- **Downtown Revitalization Project** - In 2019 the Village will be making major infrastructure improvements to its Downtown. Improvements include razing its out-of-date train station and constructing a new cost-conscious station that will improve safety, incorporate green infrastructure and introduce enclosed waiting areas and covered bike shelters.

The Prospect Avenue Railroad Crossing will also be improved with the installation of a state of the art quad-gate system which will allow for a safer crossing for pedestrians.

Tying these projects together will be improvements at the intersections of Prospect and Railroad, Prospect and Burlington, and Burlington and Golf Avenues, as well as the streetscapes along Prospect and Burlington Avenues. In addition to reducing the pedestrian crossing distance at the intersections, new plazas and landscape areas will be created to provide space for community activities and gatherings.

In total, the Village has been awarded over \$3.5 million dollars in grant funding from federal, state and local programs in support of these improvements. For more information, visit [www.clarendonhills.us/dtrevitalization](http://www.clarendonhills.us/dtrevitalization).

- **Chestnut Alley Improvements** - Earlier this year DuPage County awarded the Village a grant to fund infrastructure improvements along the Chestnut Alley, between Burlington Avenue and Chestnut Avenue. In the summer of 2019 the Village plans to reconstruct the alley with new pavers, underground stormwater storage, with an improved pumping station to remove stormwater. While these improvements may not address the worst of storms, it will help to protect the adjacent residential and business properties during the most common rain events.
- **Infiniti New Vehicle Storage Annex Project** - In late 2018 the Infiniti of Clarendon Hills purchased the tire center building across from their dealership, at the southwest corner of Ogden Avenue and Woodstock Avenue. In 2019 the Village's car dealership will redevelop the property for a new vehicle storage parking lot.

- **Burlington Avenue Water Tower Recoating and Branding Project** - In 2018, the Village recoated and branded the Park Avenue Water Tower. In 2019-2020, the Village will give the Burlington Avenue water tower the same treatment. This type of maintenance is required every 15-20 years and is done to extend the useful life of our water towers. Funding for this work comes from the Village's Water Fund.



- **Parking Lot Pavement Improvements** - In conjunction with the Road Improvement Programs, the Village plans to complete much needed pavement improvements to the Park Avenue Commuter Lot west of the Village's Fire Station. The Park Avenue Parking Lot is owned by the Village and is open for parking on an hourly basis.

- **Downtown TIF Study** - In 2018, the Village conducted an economic incentives study which analyzed potential development tools that the Village could employ to encourage private investment for the Downtown Business District. In 2019 the Village will be conducting a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Feasibility study which will analyze the potential benefits a downtown TIF district would provide to the Village. More information about the Study and the upcoming report can be found at [www.clarendonhills.us/dtedtools](http://www.clarendonhills.us/dtedtools).

## Reminder: Garbage Pickup Procedures

We are reminding residents that garbage cans should be placed at the end of your driveway and not on the street which includes the concrete ribbons. This makes it easier and safer for our crews to clear the streets of snow and allows cars to go around garbage trucks picking up cans.

## Around Town



### Board Meetings

January 7th cancelled  
 January 22nd at 7 PM rescheduled  
 due to MLK Day

February 4th at 7 PM  
 February 19th at 7 PM rescheduled  
 due to Presidents' Day

### ZBA/Plan Commission

January 17th at 7:30 PM  
 February 21st at 7:30 PM

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

### Library

January 21st 12:30 PM to 2 PM  
*Kids Movie Matinee: Wreck-It Ralph*  
 Bring your own lunch!

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

### Park District

February 2nd 6 PM to 7:30 PM  
*Family Fun Night*  
 At Clarendon Hills Middle School  
*FREE event for CH residents*  
 Pre-Registration Required

### February 8th 6PM to 8 PM

*Mommy-Son Date Night with a Sports Theme (wear your sports jersey)*  
 Boys ages 4-10 with their moms  
 \$35 per couple; \$7 each additional son  
 Registration required by 2/4/18



*Snowman Photo Contest!!!!*  
**Deadline is February 28th**  
 Send photo, including family name, home address and phone number to

[valeriel@clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org](mailto:valeriel@clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org)

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

## Village Hall Closed

Monday, February 18th in observance of Presidents' Day

## Richmond Education Gardens & Apiary



The Village continues to work in conjunction with the Village of Westmont in the development of the Richmond Education Gardens & Apiary, a new public space for our communities to promote education programs about natural and organic gardening methods and our environment.

A majority of the funding supporting this project has come from community organizations and businesses, and resident donations. In fall 2018 the Village installed a underground cistern and under drain stormwater harvesting system that will later be used to irrigate the gardens.

In spring 2019 the Villages plan to oversee the installation of concrete, pavers and other natural and structural improvements at the Gardens. More information about the project is posted at [www.richmondgardens.org](http://www.richmondgardens.org).

Donate and follow the project at [www.facebook.com/richmondeducationgardens](http://www.facebook.com/richmondeducationgardens).

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Might you know someone interested in investing in Clarendon Hills? Check out these potential opportunities:

- ⇒ 201-211 Burlington Avenue (fka Arts Building/ Police Station);
- ⇒ 2 S Prospect Avenue (fka Quinn's Coffee House);
- ⇒ 14 S Prospect Avenue (fka Ebenezer's Gift House);
- ⇒ 104 Walker Avenue; 200 Park Avenue (fka Fifth Third Bank);
- ⇒ 401 55th Street (Tracy's Tavern).

Contact the Community Development Dept. for more information at 630-286-5410.



## Road Construction

The 2019 Roadway Improvement Program (SSA 32 and SSA 33) 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 Services Area tax specifically the SSA 32 and SSA 33. The pavement portion of this program will be funded entirely by the Village with no SSA involvement. This year's program will also include the replacement of old water mains which is paid for from the Water Fund.

Improvements will be made to the following streets:

- Walker Avenue between Park Avenue and 55th Street
- Prospect Avenue between Park Avenue and 55th Street;
- Harris Avenue between Walker Avenue and Eastern Avenue;
- Anne Street; and
- Byrd Court.

A Public Hearing for these SSAs will be Tuesday, February 19th at 7 PM as part of the Regular Rescheduled Board Meeting being held at the Village Hall. Find more information regarding the road program, including a timeline, and updates during the project at [www.clarendonhills.us/SSA2019](http://www.clarendonhills.us/SSA2019)

**Trustee Topics****Village of Clarendon Hills**

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## Holiday Lights Recycling!

The Police Department is accepting worn out strings of holiday lights and extension cords starting December 1st until February 1, 2019. You can find the collection bin in the lobby of the Police Department located at 448 Park Avenue.

## Stay in the Know

Ever wonder how your neighbor knows what's going on in the Village in between Trustee Topics issues? They are probably on the Village's email list, visit our website and/or follow our page on Facebook or Instagram and you can too.

Email [admin@clarendonhills.us](mailto:admin@clarendonhills.us) to be added to the General Email list. We only send out important emails that affect the daily lives of our residents. Things like garbage pickup delay, emergency road closures, community wide power outages and/or long term train crossing closures.

Keep up to date by checking our Village website home page News and Events at [www.clarendonhills.us](http://www.clarendonhills.us). You can also read weekly Manager/Staff reports every Friday under the Government tab at Weekly Staff Reports. Interested in our Board Meetings? You can always attend them in person or listen to them the next afternoon from the website. Simply go to <http://www.clarendonhills.us/AgendaCenter> under the Government tab under Agenda & Minutes. Look for the speaker symbol under media.

Follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram at VillageofCH. We love sharing the great happenings going on here in Clarendon Hills!

## Secretary of State Mobile Unit

The Clarendon Hills Bank is sponsoring the Secretary of State Mobile Unit on Friday, January 18, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm. Secretary of State Mobile unit will be here at Village Hall to renew or correct your Drivers License/State ID, get a new license plate sticker and/or register to be an organ donor. For questions regarding this visit contact the Clarendon Hills Bank at 630-323-1240.

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

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Dawn Tandle 630-286-5403

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

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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.)