

# VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS TRUSTEE TOPICS

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July/August 2019

Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Hard to believe summer is here already! Seems like just yesterday we were dreaming of the warmer temperatures and a break from school. With these warmer temperatures comes the pounding of construction and, new to 2019, a flurry of bills passed by the State Legislature. Let's dig in.

You may have heard about several bills passed by our State Legislature in early June. There is a lot to unpack but I want to bring to light a few of those bills that may affect us right here at home. First, we have a new State budget. It introduces a lot of spending hikes including hundreds of millions of dollars for every level of education. Second, we also have a new capital budget dubbed "Rebuild Illinois." This capital budget has money for projects across the State and includes Metra improvements. The Village has been fortunate enough to secure some funding for the Downtown Revitalization Project. With all of this new spending, comes increases to taxes and fees including a doubling of the gas tax and certain fees such as license plate renewals. Electric vehicle owners see big increases to license fees as they obviously pay no gas taxes. In November of 2020 we will all be asked to vote on a constitutional change from the current flat income tax to the graduated income tax Governor Pritzker campaigned on.



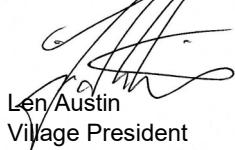
Village President

There are two more bills I wanted to give special attention to. The Legislature tackled an advantage e-tailers, such as Amazon, have over brick and mortar stores. The goal is to ensure they are paying state and local sales tax. I think this is an important step to leveling the retail playing field and will support our Downtown stores and hopefully encourage more in the future. The other bill is marijuana. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, residents will legally be able to possess certain amounts of it. We will also see cultivation and dispensary licenses awarded to businesses in the State. The Village Board and I, along with staff, have been actively monitoring these two items and will continue to see how they may affect our community.

Locally, I wanted to bring you up to date on the status of our Road Improvement Program. The purpose of the Program which began in 2009, is to repave our roads and install concrete shoulders. It also established Special Service Areas (SSAs) which assist in its funding. This past year the Village moved to create two SSAs to close out the Program. As part of the establishment of an SSA, residents living within the proposed area have the democratic right to reject it if over 50% of homeowners and residents do not want it. Residents in both proposed SSAs participated in this democratic process. As such, we will not be moving forward with the program during 2019 for Byrd and Ann but we will move forward with the program on Walker, Prospect and Harris. I would like to thank the residents who have reached out and taken the time to learn about these projects. We have experienced contractors who won the bid this year and we look forward to completing it with them. More information can be found at [Clarendonhills.us/SSA2019](http://Clarendonhills.us/SSA2019).

On a lighter note, what hasn't changed is our Dancin' in the Street concert series on Wednesday nights. Come shop, eat and enjoy live music while visiting with your friends and neighbors.

See you around town,



Len Austin  
Village President

## 2019 Water Quality Report

The Village of Clarendon Hills 2019 Water Quality Report has been published. We are happy to report we currently meet or exceed all water quality standards established by the U.S. EPA and IL EPA to ensure the drinking water is safe for your family. You can read the full report at Village Hall or [www.clarendonhills.us/waterquality](http://www.clarendonhills.us/waterquality)



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

# MUSIC IN CLARENDON HILLS!

Keep up with all the events this summer by following us on Facebook!

[www.facebook.com/VillageofCH](http://www.facebook.com/VillageofCH)

## Dancin' in the Street Concerts

Wednesday night concerts (Downtown on Prospect Ave) are a great time to get out of the house, see some neighbors and meetup with old and new friends. Arrive at 6:30 PM to get a bite to eat and be ready by 7:00 PM for live music. Bring your appetite and favorite lawn chair. Tasty food and beverages will be sold while live music is played.

**Per Village Ordinance, no private alcohol allowed.**

Dancin' in the Street is organized by the volunteers of the Special Events Committee. You will usually find many of these great individuals working the beer tent during the Wednesday night concerts. Members are Chairman Trustee Ken Hall, Anne Abraham, Matt Watne, Mike Barcelos and Tim French. Other community members volunteer their time to work the tent as well. Thank you to all!

The concerts are paid for by the sponsors below and new this year, donations made by purchasing the special Dancin' in the Street Vehicle Stickers. We thank the residents for their continued support of this event and ask that you be sure to thank our sponsors when you use their services. Discover more at [www.clarendonhills.us/DITS](http://www.clarendonhills.us/DITS)

### BANDS

**7/3 No Concert**

**7/10 - Peach's Beach Party**  
(Tropical Rock)

**7/17 - The Millennials**  
(Classic Rock, Dance and Pop)

**7/24 - Sting Rays**  
(50s, 60s, and 70s Rock)

**7/31 - Libido Funk Circus**  
(Dance, Rock, Pop)

**8/7—Fossil Fuel**  
(Classic & Alternative Rock)

## 2019 CONCERT PARTNERS

### 2019 STAGE SPONSORS



## Around Town

### Board Meetings

July 1st Cancelled

July 15th at 7 PM

August 5th Cancelled

August 19th at 7 PM



## 2019 Road Program

In a previous issue we discussed the 2019 Road Program, which includes the installation of concrete shoulders (called ribbons). These ribbons, a portion of right-of-way drainage and restoration work are funded by a Special Services Area tax commonly referred to as a SSA and is paid for by the residents within the SSA area. Two SSAs were proposed this year but due to petitions being successfully submitted in early spring, only one of the two SSAs is moving forward and that is SSA 33, which includes 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;

In addition, after hearing feedback from residents, the Village Board has decided to authorize a wider design for Prospect Avenue (up to 24' from 20') and Walker Avenue (up to 22' from 21') because of concerns that the streets would otherwise be too narrow. This will result in additional costs for the added pavement and ditch/drainage adjustments required by the wider footprint. Because this decision is based in large part on the relatively heavy traffic load on these streets, The Village Board has determined that the Village will cover the full cost of the widening.

The watermain replacement project has been completed in the SSA 33 area and the Road Improvement Project will now begin and continue for the remainder of the summer. The roadwork will consist of: construction of new concrete shoulders; slightly widening the street; driveway apron restoration; ditching/grading in the parkways; grinding the existing road surface; and placement of the first course of asphalt. The intention is to start with Walker Avenue with each phase of the project.

We will do all we can to provide regular updates regarding the construction schedule and the anticipated disruptions. If you are interested in these construction updates, please provide your e-mail address to [Pnickell@clarendonhills.us](mailto:Pnickell@clarendonhills.us).

## Secretary of State Mobile Unit

Clarendon Hills Bank is once again, hosting the Secretary of State Mobile Unit on Friday, July 19th from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Village Hall Board Room. Renew or correct your Drivers license/State ID (If driving test not required), get new license plate stickers and/or register to be an organ donor.

### Park District

July 13th at 8 AM to 10 AM

*Fishing Derby at*

Prospect Park Pond

*Residents Only - FREE event.*

*Registration begins at 7:45 AM*

*Catch and Release, bring your own pole (2 pole limit) and bucket.*

August 3rd at 9 AM

*(Check in at 8:30 AM)*

*6th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lions Park Pool \$20.00 per boat.*

*Registration by August 1st required.*

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

## Village Hall Closed

Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day

Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day

## Garbage Pickup Delayed

Due to the Labor Day Holiday Garbage pickup will not occur on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd but rather Wednesday, Sept. 4th.

Please plan accordingly.

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

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Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

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# *Thank you Planting Partners!*

Each year individuals, groups, businesses and organizations contribute to the beautification of our Village by sponsoring the raised beds within the downtown. With their generous donations, we are able to bring beautiful color to what would otherwise be just simple beds. We are very thankful for the following 2019 sponsors.

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The English Garden Flower Shop

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**Village Clerk: (Tues & Fri AM)**

Dawn Tandle 630-286-5403

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

Finance Dept.: Press 2  
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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.)