



VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS

TRUSTEE TOPICS

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September/October 2019

Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

With summer in the books and school back in session, I wanted to take a moment and thank the community for what has been an outstanding season. Between Dancin' in the Street being packed with neighbors, your cooperation as we complete the Road Improvement Program, the recoating of the Burlington Avenue Water Tower and the continued planning of the Downtown Revitalization Project, it has been a fun and productive summer.

On Saturday, August 10th the Village Board met for its biannual Goal Setting Session. A lot of important issues were discussed, two which I want to bring special attention to: small cell sites (for 5G wireless technology) and tax increment financing districts (TIFs).

Over the next few years our Village will have to work with cell carriers to help them deliver 5G service to residents of Illinois. Our part involves administering the permitting process of these sites. The sites, which most likely will look like long aluminum poles coming up from the ground, will be on the parkways, typically on corners throughout the Village. While I think we are all looking forward to faster internet service on our mobile devices, legislation passed in Springfield has taken away our ability to regulate the sites in terms of their height and their location. These poles may change the makeup of our parkways and we may begin to see quite a few of them within the next couple of years. We are not unique in that this lack of local-control was decided by the Federal Government and Springfield while the communities of the State are left to figure out how to operate within their parameters.

Secondly, the Village Board further discussed creating a (TIF) district to support business development in our Downtown. TIFs, short for Tax Increment Financing, work by designating an area (the district), setting a "base" property tax value to properties within the district, and reinvesting any increase beyond the "base" value into improvements for the district. Taxing bodies, including the schools and the Park District, still receive their share by taxing the "base" value of the properties throughout the TIF's lifespan while the increases are used for economic or infrastructure purposes. TIFs are a common tool used by communities. We have had success with our existing TIF on Ogden Avenue, which was used to bring in Infiniti of Clarendon Hills. I believe a TIF will be useful to maintain, renovate, and sustain the character of our Downtown.

Before I sign off I wanted to invite residents to our Recycling Extravaganza taking place on September 14th at Prospect School. See the details within this newsletter. I also want to extend a thank you to the Special Events Committee, Public Works and Police Department staffs who put on another great Dancin' in the Street concert series. With school now in session, please remember to keep your eye on the road and obey the speed limits!

See you around town,

Len Austin
Village President



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

Back to School Safety

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, 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.
- Look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas. Watch for children near parked cars. They may run out from between them.
- 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 when driving near 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 a two lane, 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.

Election Judges Wanted and Needed!

The DuPage County Clerk's Election Division has begun their countdown to the 2020 elections and is actively looking for Election Judges to serve on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.



If you are interested in working and being paid for the time:

Election Judge: <https://www.dupageco.org/Election/JudgeApplication/>

Student Judge: <https://www.dupageco.org/election/> - click on Student Judge of Election Online Application

Contact: Valerie Prohammer at 630-407-5615 or electionjudges@dupageco.org with any questions.

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 \$2.75 each. Stickers are sold at Village Hall, Clarendon Hills Hardware and Jewel on 55th.



Around Town



Board Meetings

Sept. 3rd at 7 PM cancelled
Sept. 16th at 7 PM
Oct. 7th at 7 PM
Oct. 21st at 7 PM

ZBA/Plan Commission

Sept. 19th at 7:30 PM
Oct. 17th at 7:30 PM

Fire Department Open House

Oct. 5th 11 AM to 2 PM
316 Park Avenue

www.clarendonhills.us

Farmers Market - Chamber Event

Thursdays 7 AM to 2 PM
Downtown on Prospect Ave.

www.clarendonhillschamber.com

Historical Society - Open House

Sept. 14th at Noon to 2 PM
Oct. 12th at Noon to 2 PM
At Heritage Hall located at 50 Sheridan

www.clarendonhillshistory.org

Library

Sept. 17th, Oct. 8, Nov. 5
2 PM - 3 PM

Chair Yoga - FREE

Great for Adults with limited mobility
Registration Required

www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

September 14th at 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Fall Festival at Prospect Park
FREE event.

Featuring a petting zoo, inflatables,
seasonal games and activities

www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org

Village Hall Closed

Weekdays from Noon to 1 PM for lunch

CLARENDON HILLS RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER, 14, 2019

PROSPECT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

100 N. PROSPECT AVE.

9 AM - NOON



ITEMS ACCEPTED:

BAROMETERS
BICYCLES & BIKE HELMETS
BOOKS
BRITA & PUR WATER FILTERS
CD'S & DVD'S (NO CASES PLEASE)
DOCUMENTS FOR SHREDDING (LIMIT 3 BOXES PER CAR) * SPONSORED BY STATE SENATOR SUZY GLOWIAK *
EYE GLASSES
HEARING AIDES
KEYS (HOUSE, CAR & LUGGAGE)
LATEX PAINT**
MERCURY THERMOMETERS
MERCURY THERMOSTATS
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
PROPANE TANKS
RECORDS (LP'S, 45'S & 78'S)
SLA BATTERIES (CAR, BOAT OR SUMP PUMP) NO ALKALINE BATTERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

* DOCUMENTS FOR SHREDDING MUST BE FREE OF PLASTIC, RUBBER BANDS, PAPERCLIPS OR ANY OTHER NON-PAPER MATERIAL

** THERE IS A FEE ASSOCIATED WITH RECYCLING LATEX PAINT - \$2 PER QT., \$4 PER GAL. & \$10 PER 5 GAL. BUCKET

- ALL OTHER ITEMS ARE FREE TO DROP OFF
- NO BUSINESS WASTE PLEASE

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

ALKALINE BATTERIES, BUSINESS WASTE, ELECTRONICS, LIGHTBULBS, HAZARDOUS WASTE AND OIL BASED PAINTS

QUESTIONS ON ITEMS ACCEPTED PLEASE CONTACT: (630) 545 - 9710



Fire Department Open House!

Come see the fire trucks and fire demonstrations
at the Fire Station on Saturday, October 5th 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.



Not every hero wears a cape.
Plan and Practice your Escape™

Halloween Activities

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.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Family Trick or Treat Event held Downtown
Saturday, October 26th from 11 am to 2 pm

Chamber of Commerce Window Decorating Contest
Tuesday, October 22nd 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 24th 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 valeriel@clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org no later than October 23rd 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

September/ October 2019 Trustee Topics

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Village Clerk: (Tues & Fri AM)

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Finance Dept.: Press 2

Building Dept.: Press 3

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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.)