



# TRUSTEE TOPICS

## Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It's hard to believe another great summer is wrapping up! It was great seeing so many friends and neighbors at Dancin' in the Street this year. Thank you to the Special Events Committee and our staff for another great series. Construction is progressing albeit slowly on the buildings downtown, and I am happy to see the new restaurant, Brama La Pizza, buzzing with people. If you haven't gotten a chance yet, please take a few minutes to grab a slice.

In contrast to the positive feelings about our town, I am disappointed about what we are seeing in Springfield. Despite (finally) passing a budget, the state continues toward structural financial problems without real reforms. Rating agencies are downgrading communities because of state financial problems (although our Village is one of the few to maintain a AAA rating). The State continues failing to adequately fund our local schools, universities, and keeps picking away at revenues promised to our Village. Instead of fixing problems with the State's revenue base and solving long-term financial problems, the state continues to concentrate on issues which are irrelevant to the State's budget and shift costs to the local governments whom people actually trust and count on to keep us safe and our children educated. Instead of setting up a balanced budget, the State continues to limp along with a huge bill backlog, despite the large income tax increase.

The grand compromise was hardly a compromise at all. We have yet to see any of the promised relief from Springfield from unfunded mandates. We have not received any real workers' compensation reform. We have not gotten any relief from prevailing wages which increase our construction costs and makes needed infrastructure improvements cost prohibitive. Common sense reforms like Suburban Township consolidation, and pension fund consolidation are not within reach. Harder reforms that allow larger consolidations continue to be a fool's dream. Instead of a plan, we have continued uncertainty which will surely continue through the next gubernatorial election.

We are a great State with a world class city, a highly educated population full of talented people, international manufacturing companies, and a strong financial sector. We need meaningful reforms that encourage people to stay in the state after their children complete high school or when they are considering retirement!

Well, enough political updates, now back to the community we enjoy. Please mark your calendars for the next community event which is the Park District's Fall Family Festival on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6:30 in Prospect Park (off Norfolk Avenue). Fun for the whole family with food and beverages and lots of children's activities.

See you around town!

Len Austin  
Village President



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Slow down and keep your eyes on the road! Our charming town has narrow, winding streets and lots of hills that block visibility. On garbage day especially it is important to pay attention as the streets get even more narrow as residents' garbage cans incorrectly encroach on streets rather than staying on their private driveways. The speed limit is 25 mph within the Village, with the speed slowing down to 20 mph in the business district and school zones. We have a lot of children who walk to and from school, along with residents whom enjoy walking to town. Keep you and our other residents safe by driving the speed limit. Please, pay attention to the road, keep off your phones while behind the wheel! Our officers are watching.

# Electrical Aggregation

Following the passage of a 2013 voter referendum by majority vote, the Village of Clarendon Hills has contracted to procure lower-cost electric supply for residents and small businesses. Since the program started, residents have benefited over \$500,000 from lower rates than ComEd base rate. The Village recently renewed the program with the lowest bidder, Dynegy Energy, at a fixed rate of 7.107¢ per kWh for a 13-month term from September 2017 to October 2018. There is no enrollment fee to join, and no early termination fee to leave the program. All residents are automatically enrolled in the program who have not opted-out in previous cycles. There is no required action from residents if they wish to remain in the program. After the initial opt out period, a ratepayer may enroll at any time by calling Dynegy at 844-351-7691 and asking for the Village of Clarendon Hills rate.

ComEd default rate Sep 2017 to May 2018:	7.122¢ per kWh
Clarendon Hills rate to October 2018:	7.107¢ per kWh

The ComEd rate will readjust in June 2018 while the Clarendon Hills rate will remain fixed through October 2018. Additionally, the ComEd rate can float 0.5¢ per kWh in either direction.

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.

As always, residents can choose other third party suppliers. The Village recommends that in doing so, the potential customer read all of the fine print looked especially for introductory rates that increase greatly shortly thereafter. Also, look for potential opt-out penalties in these agreements as these fees often can be large.

***If you require additional assistance, call NIMEC at 800-856-3404 to leave your question and callback number. You will be contacted within 24 hours regarding the issue.***

## Water Bill Late Fee Changes

Water bills are due the 25th day of the billing month. Billing months are September, November, January, March, May and July.

A 10% late penalty will be added to the total amount of the bill after this date. Payment must be received, not postmarked, by the end of the business day of the date due.

Sign up for AUTO PAY with GREEN PAY and never be late paying a water bill! Go to [clarendonhills.us/greenpay](http://clarendonhills.us/greenpay) to sign up.

## Tips on Flood Prevention!

- Clean gutters and install gutter covers to prevent clogging.
- Redefine and clear swales throughout yard to allow an appropriate drainage way for storm water runoff.\*
- Raise the low entry elevation at which storm water can enter your home around basement doorways or windows.
- Install an ejector pump or backflow device to reduce flooding from sanitary sewers and combined sewers.\*
- Verify existing sump pump and outlet pipe have sufficient capacity for discharging during intense storm events.
- Provide a relief outlet for the sump pump outside of the house that is a safe distance from the foundation in case of surcharge, frozen outlet pipe, or other blockage.\*
- Install a backup source of power for sump pump in case of electrical power failure.\*
- Extend downspouts away from the foundation 5-10 feet; be sure discharge remains a distance of at least 5-10 feet from your property line.
- Repair foundation cracks throughout basement to prevent seepage.
- Raise the low-entry elevation of window wells and/or install drains in the window wells and connect them to the sump pump system.
- Install glass block windows in place of basement windows (except escape window required by code) to prevent water inflow or infiltration.\*
- If a storm sewer structure is adjacent to the lot, an underdrain system could be installed to collect excess runoff, any remaining seepage or any infiltration resulting from hydrostatic pressure.\*

The recommendations provided above may not eliminate flooding or flood damage within the residence; however, if installed correctly they should effectively reduce the risk of flooding. It should also be noted that any of the recommendations may be implemented individually, however, many suggestions may be used in conjunction with one another to provide a greater impact in helping to reduce the risk of future flood damage.

**\*Before doing any of this work please check with Community Development Department for permit requirements.**

## Around Town

### Board Meetings

September 5th at 7 PM  
September 18th at 7 PM  
October 2nd at 7 PM  
October 16th at 7 PM

### ZBA/Plan Commission

September 21st at 7:30 PM  
October 19th at 7:30 PM

### Fire Department Open House

October 7th at 11 AM to 2 PM  
316 Park Avenue

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

### Farmers Market - Chamber Event

Through October  
Thursdays 7 AM - 1 PM  
Downtown Triangle

[www.clarendonhillschamber.com](http://www.clarendonhillschamber.com)

### Park District

September 16th at 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM  
*Fall Family Festival* at Prospect Park  
FREE Event

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

### Library

September 25th at 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
Movie "Swing Shift" (1984)  
Starring Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell

October 23rd at 1:30 PM - 3:30PM  
Movie "Sherlock Holmes" (2009)  
Starring Robert Downey Jr. & Jude Law

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



## Village Hall Closed

Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day

Monday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day

## Fire Department Open House!

Come see the fire trucks and fire demonstrations at the Fire Station on Saturday, October 7th 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.



## Planting Partners

Each year individuals, groups, businesses and organizations contribute to the beautification of our Village by sponsoring the raised beds within the downtown. These generous contributions and with the hard work by our vendor *The English Garden*, our downtown plantings are just beautiful. Thank you to the 2017 Planting Partner sponsors.

The Rediehs Family  
The Marquardt Family  
Donna and Darren Vilmin  
Dan Bellich & Keith Chval

Barbara Doll

Christopher B. Burke Engineering  
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Protek International, Inc.

The Palumbo Family Foundation

Sadie Belman

Katie Moran

Michael Abraham Architecture

2018 Sponsorships are available.

[www.clarendonhills.us/Planting-Partners](http://www.clarendonhills.us/Planting-Partners)

## No Sticker!!!

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 must have a sticker. Yard waste stickers are \$2.45 each.



## No Garbage Pickup Sept. 5

Due to the Labor Day Holiday Garbage pickup will not occur on Tuesday, Sept. 5th but rather Wednesday, Sept. 6th. Please plan accordingly.

**Trustee Topics**

**Village of Clarendon Hills**

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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. Also, 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 October 28th from 11 am to 2 pm

Chamber of Commerce Window Decorating Contest  
Tuesday, October 24th 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  
Wednesday, October 25 between 6 pm and 7:30 pm  
Free of charge - *Clarendon Hills residents, only!*

Please e-mail your name and home address to [valeriel@clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org](mailto:valeriel@clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org) no later than 5 pm on Monday, Oct. 23rd. Prizes will be awarded to three "spooktacular" homes!



**Contact Us**

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**Village Trustees:**

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Greg Jordan 630-286-5422  
Ken Hall 630-286-5423  
Carol Jorissen 630-286-5424  
Wil Freve 630-286-5425  
Don McGarrah 630-286-5426

**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

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

**Community Numbers:**

Park District: 630-323-2626  
Public Library: 630-323-8188

**Online Transaction Safe**

**Zone Location:**  
Police Station (448 Park Ave.)

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