

## TRUSTEE TOPICS

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November/ December 2017

### Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Recent conversations at the Village Board level about digital signs, new buildings and upgrades to the downtown have raised the question of what is the charm of our community. Is the charm of our community somehow tied only to the look of the central business district? What about the other local businesses? Do we lose charm every time we get a new building or business?

There are some that would argue that the charm of our community is fragile. That it needs to be protected with the upmost care from change and outsiders. Every year, it seems we lose a couple dozen older houses for brand new construction. Every year we lose some great residents to other towns often due to the lack of housing for our down-sizing residents, yet in turn we are gaining new families. The town continues to change, and yet we haven't lost our sense of community and the desire of others to move in is stronger than ever.

I would like to raise for your consideration that the charm of our community goes beyond the appearance of our cute, historic downtown. While for some residents it is the appearance, the old brick buildings, the colorful awnings, or even just the triangular shape of our business district. For others, the charm of our community is that you can go downtown and know the business owners by name. The charm of our community is that anyone in the Village can stop by Village Hall or a Village Board meeting and have their concerns thoughtfully considered. The charm of our community is the Lion's Club selling Christmas Trees at the pool, the Infant Welfare Society's luminarias on Christmas Eve, Daisy Days and the Dancin' in the Street concerts. The charm of our community is at the heart of every Little League baseball game, downtown event and coffee date.

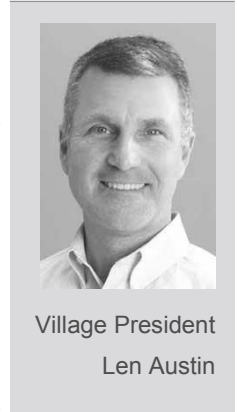
Change can and will happen. It is part of my duty as Village President to make sure we grow and remain current. That it happens in an orderly fashion to enhance the community rather than take from it. I think our roots are strong enough to handle change.

A staffing change I would like to mention is in regard to our Assistant to the Village Manager, Zach Creer. Zach is leaving us in November to further advance his career in La Grange as their Assistant Village Manager. The position in La Grange is an excellent professional opportunity for him which offers new challenges. I had the opportunity to witness Zach bloom as a professional in ability and confidence. In our small Village, the Assistant to the Village Manager handles a very wide range of duties. I have counted on Zach for his perspective regarding social media, research and helping me with these columns, IT advice and solutions, and managing our special events committee that puts on the aforementioned Dancin' in the Street concerts. Zach leaves big shoes to fill! I wish Zach and his family all the best.

See you all at the Christmas Walk, and please shop local this holiday season!

Len Austin

Village President



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# Park District Winter Wonderland

The Clarendon Hills Park District will be a winter wonderland this year, and we encourage local families to have "snow" much fun in our parks this winter. With adequate snow fall, sled hills are available at both Prospect Park and Park Avenue Park. All sledders are reminded to use the designated walkways, and to be aware of others enjoying the hills. The hills are not monitored, and parents are reminded to supervise their children at all times. All sled hills close at dusk.

With adequate weather conditions outdoor ice skating is offered at both the Hosek and Prospect Park Tennis Courts. Please keep in mind that to begin "making" ice, we need an extended forecast of below freezing temperatures (32° F). In addition, three to five days are required to establish a solid ice base. "OPEN" signs will be displayed and the entrance gate will be unlocked when ice rinks are deemed safe and usable. Lights are on a timed "ENERGY SAVER" system and are activated with the push of a button from dusk until 10 PM. Rinks are not monitored, and parents are responsible for supervising children enjoying the rinks.

More detailed information can be found in the Clarendon Hills Park District's Winter/Spring 2018 Program Guide or at [www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org](http://www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org).

## Internet Transaction Safe Zone

Buying or selling for the holidays? Since 2015, the Clarendon Hills Police Department located at 448 Park Avenue, has designated the police station parking lot and the police station lobby as safe zones for online transactions.

Anyone is welcome to meet buyers or sellers in the Police Department lobby during business hours. The lobby is open Monday through Friday 8 AM to 7 PM. After hours, the front parking lot offers a police presence, surveillance cameras, good lighting and an emergency phone. Staff will not get involved in any transactions but can quickly respond to any situation requiring police intervention.

## Winter Vacation Tips

Keep your home safe while you're away by doing these simple things: Set timers for lights so they turn on shortly after it gets dark. A snowed in home is a sure sign you're not home so arrange to have snow removed from the driveway and walk ways if it snows. **Inform the police department you will be gone by completing a VACATION WATCH/UNOCCUPIED RESIDENCE / BUSINESS FORM at the Police station or on line at [www.clarendonhills.us/vacationwatch](http://www.clarendonhills.us/vacationwatch).** Stop deliveries of newspapers and mail. Most importantly, don't post on social media that you are out of town. The fun pictures and stories can wait until you are home.

## REPUBLIC RECYCLING GUIDELINES

**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.

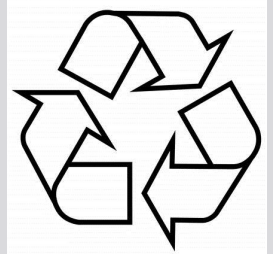
**Metal:** **YES** to aluminum cans, foil, tin and steel cans including empty aerosol cans. **NO** to needles, syringes, pots or pans and **NO** to gas cans or other items containing hazardous chemicals.

**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 (These must be in *Yard Waste* containers); electronic items, printer or toner cartridges.

**Republic Services asks that all bottles and cans by rinsed and boxes flattened.**

**Want more info? Contact Republic Services at 630-964-3232 or visit their website at [www.RepublicServices.com](http://www.RepublicServices.com)**



## Around Town

### Board Meetings

November 6th at 7 PM  
November 20th at 7 PM  
December 4th at 7 PM  
December 18th at 7 PM

### ZBA/Plan Commission

November 16th at 7:30 PM  
December 21st at 7:30 PM

### Chamber of Commerce

December 1st at 6 PM  
Annual Christmas Walk

### Park District

December 10th at 1 PM  
Lunch with Santa  
\$12 per resident  
Registration required

December 19th at Noon  
Holiday Luncheon (Age 50+)  
Free (Bring \$10 non-gender gift)  
Registration required

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

### Library

November 13th at 7 PM - 8:30 PM  
*Author Cyndee Schaffer*  
Presents a memoir, "Mollie's War"  
about the women who served in the  
Women's Army Corp during WWII.  
*Registration required.*

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



## Village Hall Closed

November 10th in observance of  
Veterans Day

November 23rd and 24th in observance  
of Thanksgiving

December 22nd and 25th in observance  
of Christmas Day

January 1st in observance of  
New Year's Day

## Holiday Lights Recycling!

The Police Department is accepting worn out strings of holiday lights and extension cords starting December 1st until February 1, 2018. You can find the collection bin in the lobby of the Police Department located at 448 Park Avenue. This program is part of the Elgin Recycling program. This is their 9th year of running a holiday light recycling program along with 49 Villages. Last year, Elgin Recycling recycled 103,243 lbs of holiday lights that would have otherwise ended up in landfills. You can find out more at [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

*Your lights may have lost their twinkle but they can still help make for a bright future!*

## Christmas Clean Up

Republic Services offers free recycling for Christmas Trees and other live garland during the first two collections in January. All decorations must be removed. Place trees and greenery for recycling at the curb.

## Holiday Refuse/Garbage Pickup

The following holidays alter the collection schedule: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Christmas Day. If any of these holidays fall on a Monday or Tuesday, all refuse, recycling and yard waste will be collected on Wednesday of the same week.

## Refuse and Garbage Containers

Per Municipal Code 39.2

Refuse and garbage containers shall be stored in an enclosed structure or in the back yard of any premises except when set out for collection. The scavenger authorized by the Village, as per Chapter 32 of this Code, will pick up refuse, yard waste, and recyclables in accordance with an agreement between the Village and the scavenger. (Ord. 90-06-10)

## Winter Parking Reminder

Residents are required to park off the Village streets if the weather predicts 2 or more inches of snow fall. This is to allow for proper snow removal.

Please note, no person shall dump snow onto any public road, public sidewalk or fire hydrant. *(It's recommended snow be removed from the top of your vehicle prior to driving!)*



## Snow Removal Safety

When removing snow remember to know your limits. Push snow instead of lifting whenever possible. When scooping up snow, bend your knees and lift with your legs. Try to avoid twisting to throw snow. Take breaks. If using a snow blower watch your scarf and never clear the exhaust chute while snow blower is running. Stay safe.

## Trustee Topics

### Village of Clarendon Hills

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# Christmas Walk is December 1st!

The Chamber of Commerce's Annual Christmas Walk will be held Friday, December 1st. This tradition begins with the Tree lighting at 6 pm in front of the Village Hall. Afterwards, stroll through town where the shops stay open late. The Christmas Walk features refreshments, cookies, a visit from Santa, caroling and sleigh rides. Everything needed to kick off the holiday season. Event ends at 9 pm. Find more info at [www.clarendonhillschamber.com](http://www.clarendonhillschamber.com)

## Luminaria Sales

The Clarendon Hills Auxiliary Chapter of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago (CHIW) invites you to participate in the annual tradition of Luminaria Lighting this Christmas Eve. Once again, the CHIW will donate hundreds of Luminaria to the Village and the members of Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops #51 will light the luminarias in downtown Clarendon Hills on Christmas Eve.

CHIW luminaria kits will be sold in December during the Christmas Walk; regular business hours at the Clarendon Hills Bank and Kramer Foods; as well as the Lions pool parking lot during specific hours; Check for times at the Lions Pool parking lot. [www.clarendonhillsinfantwelfare.org/Luminaria.html](http://www.clarendonhillsinfantwelfare.org/Luminaria.html)

Standard kits consist of five candles and bags being sold for \$6.00. Decorated gift sets are also available.

The funds raised through the sale of CHIW Luminaria in Clarendon Hills help support the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago's full-service clinic for mothers and children that cannot afford health insurance. Please join the community and light each candle for a child on Christmas Eve.

## Christmas Tree Sales

The Clarendon Hills Lions Club sells Christmas Trees starting the Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 24th) at the Lions Park Pool located at 100 Byrd Court. The lot is open Monday - Friday from 6 PM to 8 PM and Saturday and Sunday 9 AM to 6 PM.

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

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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.)