

Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

“A couple favors, please...”

I, along with over 100 community members, recently attended an opioid discussion and presentation at Clarendon Hills Middle School. We were very fortunate to have the DuPage Coroner, Dr. Richard A. Jorgensen, the DuPage State’s Attorney, Bob Berlin who is also a resident of the Village, and a former addict, Tim Ryan, make shocking presentations. Believe me, you could hear a pin drop in the gymnasium with what these dedicated men had to say.



Village President
Len Austin

This epidemic is being attacked on many fronts from the local level to the national level. Progress is being made with doctors prescribing fewer opioid pills after surgeries. I personally was prescribed these painkillers after knee and shoulder surgeries. They work extremely well when used as prescribed, the problem is they are extremely addictive and often times, there are plenty of pills left over from a prescription after they are no longer needed. Hopefully no longer are people heading home from surgery with 30 pills and instructions to take them for such a length of time as to get addicted.

The Village offers a service to safely dispose of unneeded prescription pills. I ask that you to head to your medicine cabinet and pull out all those prescriptions you no longer use and take them to the lobby of our police station and throw them out. The disposal box is immediately to your right when you walk in. There’s no signing off on papers and the only question you will be asked is whether any of the items you are turning in are liquids or inhalers, as those items have to be separated.

Why dispose of them you ask? First, they’re probably expired and if you get sick or need surgery the doctor will prescribe them again. Secondly, flushing them down the toilet puts chemicals in the water stream that cannot be filtered out. Finally, why worry when you have guests or workers in your home that are using your bathroom? My father-in-law had to fire a housekeeper when he discovered she had been stealing his pain medication. Why worry? Get rid of the temptation!

My second favor, “Let’s make Clarendon Hills less attractive”

Why would we possibly want to make Clarendon Hills less attractive you ask? Because locking your car doors, hiding garage door openers and locking your house and garage will eventually get the word out to the criminals walking our streets at night that our town is a waste of time! I’ve had several discussions with our DuPage State’s Attorney as well as our Police Chief and his staff regarding the difficulty of catching these criminals. Both are doing everything they can to prosecute and publicize that our area is not a good place to do their dirty work in.

There are several avenues that are being addressed to stem this problem. The City of Chicago and a group of state lawmakers are pushing to tighten up a loophole in the current laws regarding carjackings. About 74% of carjackings in Chicago end up as misdemeanor trespassing due to a loophole that makes the police prove the person driving a stolen car knew it was stolen. Carjackings have skyrocketed to about 1,000 last year alone in Chicago. Let’s hope that Springfield can get this done to make these violent, often armed, hijackings stop!

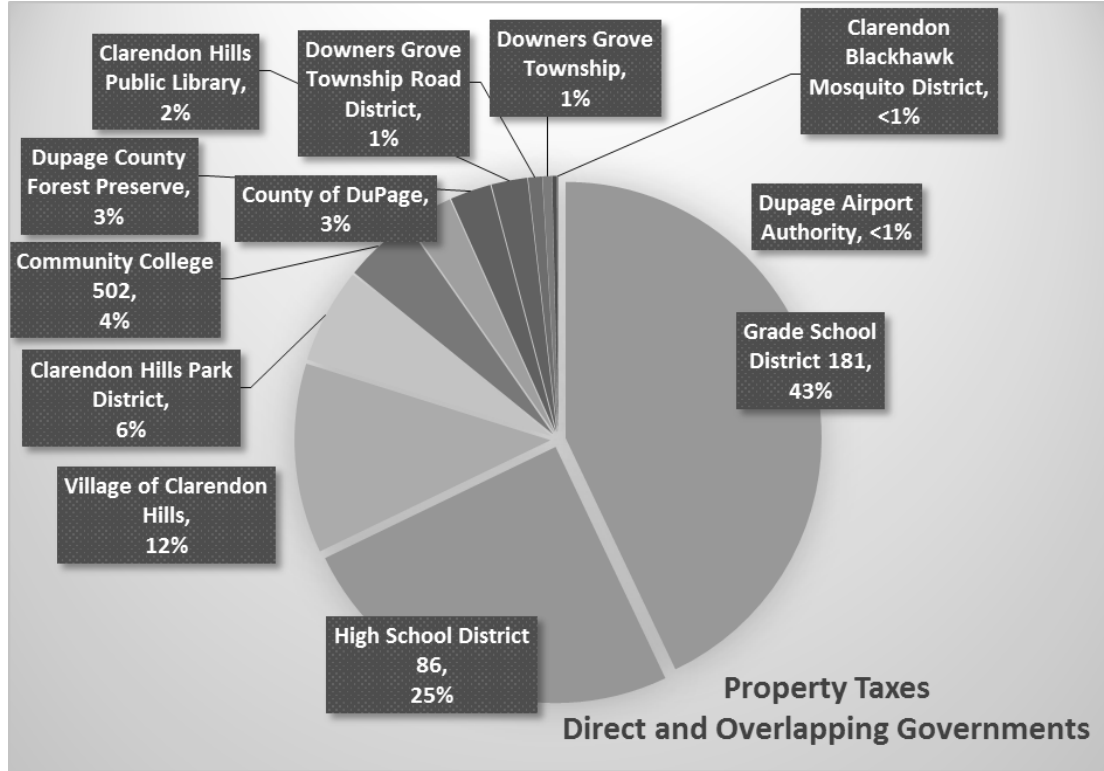
One last request I want to ask of you is to not hesitate to call our police department when you see someone suspicious in your neighborhood. You’re not being a bother, you’re helping out your neighbors and our police department!

Hope to see you around town.

Len Austin
Village President

Where Do Your Property Taxes Go?

We hope you find this information helpful in interpreting the true value and purchasing power of the property taxes you pay. As you can see from the chart, the Village of Clarendon Hills portion of your tax bill is just 12% of a property owner's real estate tax bill that funds the Village's core services. The Village continues to provide outstanding value for your tax dollars by keeping the streets and public areas neat and well maintained, provide police and fire protection, reliable water service, and doing these efficiently as possible. As the chart illustrates, the remaining 88% supports the various school districts, park district, DuPage County, and Downers Grove Township as illustrated below.



Tax Levy

Property taxation can be confusing. The property taxes that you will be paying in 2018 are for what is called the "2017 Tax Levy Year".

Tax Rate

The tax rate is the result of dividing the tax levy by the assessed value and multiplying that number by 100. It is the common factor applied to a property's billing value to determine their tax contribution. Given the aforementioned estimated assessed value and the recommended tax levy, the Village's 2017 tax levy rate (exclusive of the Library) is estimated to 0.7164, a decrease of 0.0076 from the prior year.

The estimated increase in the Village's 2017 assessed valuation would be the fourth increase since the 2014 levy as the overall EAV declined in levy years 2010 through 2013. The following is a six year history of the Village's tax rates and assessed valuations.

| Tax Levy Year | Year | EAV | Tax Rate |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|
| 2017 | Calendar Year 2018 | 536,133,295 | 0.7164 |
| 2016 | Calendar Year 2017 | 530,825,045 | 0.7240 |
| 2015 | Stub Year 2016 | 495,292,137 | 0.7618 |
| 2014 | Fiscal Year 2016 | 457,578,882 | 0.7809 |
| 2013 | Fiscal Year 2015 | 453,437,001 | 0.7687 |
| 2012 | Fiscal Year 2014 | 463,340,982 | 0.7309 |

Around Town

Board Meetings

March 5th at 7 PM
 March 19th at 7 PM
 April 2nd at 7 PM
 April 16th at 7 PM

ZBA/Plan Commission

March 15th at 7:30 PM
 April 19th at 7:30 PM

www.clarendonhills.us

Library

March 31st at 10 AM to 1 PM

National Crayon Day!

Bring your old or unused, broken or whole crayons to the library and stay to help peel and sort them. The crayons will be donated to the SCARCE Super Crayon Project. If you can't make our event this day, feel free to drop off any unwanted crayons to the library during the month of March to be sorted and peeled on National Crayon Day!

www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

Pool Passes

March 12th Season Pass Registration for Lion's Park Pool starts at the Community Center located at 315 Chicago Ave.

March 30th 10:50 AM
 Easter Egg Hunt in Prospect Park
 Meet at Clarendon Hills Middle School
 Kids ages 3-12 - FREE

April 3rd at Noon
 Spring's in Bloom Luncheon - Free
 For Adults 50 and better.
Registration required.

www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org



Village Hall Closed

Weekdays from Noon to 1 PM for lunch

Spring Cleaning

Spring is upon us and gives most of us the urge to take care of some household cleaning prior to enjoying the warm summer days.

Yard Cleanup usually includes not only grass clippings but weeds, leaves and other brush. These items should be placed into biodegradable paper bags or bins clearly marked "Yard Waste". Tree trimmings should be tied into bundles no larger than 4 feet long and 18 inch in diameter. Each bin, bag or bundle requires a Yard Waste Sticker. You can purchase these stickers at the Village Hall, Clarendon Hills Hardware or the Jewel-Osco on 55th Street. Yard waste pickup begins with the April 3rd pickup.

Large Bulk Items (Items that don't fit in your can) can be set out on regular refuse pickup day, but only one large item each week without a refuse sticker. Additional items would require a sticker each or arrange a special pickup for multiple items by contacting Republic Services at www.republicservices.com or 630-964-3232.

Hazardous Waste items requires special care and is **not acceptable in your weekly refuse pickup**. The Household Hazardous Waste facility in Naperville (1 of 4 statewide) is open and available to all residents of Illinois. They are located at 156 Fort Hills Drive, Naperville. For more information contact (630) 420-6095 or check out their website at:

<http://www.naperville.il.us/services/garbage-and-recycling/household-hazardous-waste-facility/>

Acceptable items:

- Aerosol cans
- Automotive fluids (including oil, gasoline and anti-freeze)
- Asbestos materials (in a size that will fit in a 55-gallon drum and not in excess of 50 pounds)
- Batteries (including automotive, marine and sump pump)
- Fire extinguishers
- Flammables
- Fluorescent bulbs, CFLs (sealed, unbroken only)
- Household cleaners, drain openers and pool chemicals
- Mercury
- Paints and stains (oil-based only)
- Peanut oil
- Poison, pesticides and fertilizers
- Non-controlled prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Propane tanks (20 pounds)
- Solvents and strippers
- Thermostats
- Unknown hazardous substances

Procedures

Stay in your vehicle! This is for your safety. Clearly mark items in your trunk as HHW material to avoid having personal items collected by a hazmat crew member. Expect that there may be a wait. This facility is one of only four household hazardous waste sites in Illinois. Hazardous materials dropped off are processed for disposal as they are received at the facility. Please only bring accepted items to help expedite the collection process.

Trustee Topics

Village of Clarendon Hills

1 North Prospect Avenue
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

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Illinois 60514
Permit No. 45



The Village of Clarendon Hills offers CPR Training and/or certification. If interested, please call the fire department at: 630-286-5430 or email cpr@clarendonhills.us

If your electricity goes out, you should call Com Ed at 1-800-EDISON 1 (334-7661) (*do not call 911 for electrical outages*).

The first Tuesday of every month at 10 AM we test the Outdoor Severe Warning Siren.

You can pay your water bills on line. Go to www.clarendonhills.us and click the "Online Bill Pay" button right under the SEARCH box.

You don't need a permit to install a fence on your property. You do need to follow the municipal code. Find out more at www.clarendonhills.us/code. See section 20.4.5.

There are several commuter parking passes available. Find out more at www.clarendonhills.us/commuter-parking

If you see something suspicious, it's okay to call 911 to state your concern.

Animals

All residents are required to have a Village Animal License for all cats and dogs more than 4 months old. You must present a current certificate of rabies inoculation from a veterinarian in order to obtain the license. New residents must obtain a pet license within 30 days of moving to the Village.

The License fee to be paid annually is \$15 for each dog and cat. The annual license period begins **July 1st** of each year and ends on June 30th of the next year.



Find Recent Village Board Actions at
www.clarendonhills.us/AgendaCenter

March/ April 2018 Trustee Topics

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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

Community Numbers:

Park District: 630-323-2626

Public Library: 630-323-8188

Online Transaction Safe

Zone Location:

Police Station (448 Park Ave.)