



VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS

TRUSTEE TOPICS

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November/ December 2019

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

As the leaves rapidly change to fall colors, I am reminded that twelve months ago in the November/December issue of Trustee Topics, I wrote about the Downtown Revitalization Project. The Downtown Revitalization Project ("Project") is a complete transformation of Downtown and features streetscape improvements, intersection realignments and a new train station with surrounding shelters. This is a massive project involving many moving pieces with several agencies including BNSF Railroad, Metra and the State of Illinois. Since it has been a year, I would like to discuss the process and provide updates on what has happened since then.



Village President
Len Austin

First a little background. The Project consists of three major components, a new train station and shelters, streetscape improvements along Prospect and Burlington Avenue and railroad crossing gate improvements on Prospect Avenue. The streetscape improvements and the railroad crossing improvements are being done in conjunction with the State, who has awarded the Village grants to complete them. The State will also be managing the bidding process and construction of these two components, while the Village will be managing the construction of the train station and its shelters.

The Project has been in the making since 2014, when the Village adopted the Downtown Master Plan. The train station was reviewed in open meetings by the Downtown Design Review Commission in early 2018 and discussed at several Village Board meetings since. After all the bidding and negotiation, we are ready to break ground in November!

While we all look forward to the entire Project's completion in the fall of 2020, it needs to be clear...the construction will impact us. There will be cold days where we will not be able to warm up in the station, there will be rainy days where we may not have a shelter, there will be traffic, and there will be dust. While the Village will do its best to alleviate concerns, we should prepare to be inconvenienced. A temporary warming trailer will be placed nearby for commuters during the winter and we will still be able to lock our bikes. The South Lot parking will be cut by half, requiring some commuters to park in the lot while others will be parking on Railroad Avenue and Walker Avenue. It is construction and at times it will be a pain but we will get through it. Be sure to visit Clarendonhills.us/DTrev for up-to-date information on all three components of the Project.

On a final note, don't let the construction keep you away from our wonderful Downtown. Support our local businesses. Purchase your gifts and eat your meals right here. Your patronage goes a long way in keeping our Village charming and a wonderful place to live.

Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones. With the holidays fast approaching be sure to join us on December 6th for the annual Christmas Walk. Can't wait to see you there!

Len Austin
Village President

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

Christmas Clean Up

Republic Services offers free recycling for Christmas Trees and other live garland during the first two collections in January (Jan. 7 and Jan. 14). All decorations must be removed. Place trees and greenery for recycling at the curb.



Holiday Lights Recycling

The Police Department is accepting worn out strings of holiday lights and extension cords starting November 22nd until February 1, 2020. 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 11th year of running a holiday light recycling program along with 51 Villages. Last year, the *Village of Clarendon Hills* collected 676 lbs of holiday lights! Elgin Recycling recycled a total of 101,747lbs of holiday lights that would have otherwise ended up in landfills.

You can find out more at www.elginrecycling.com

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

Adult-Use Cannabis Information

The Village of Clarendon Hills Board voted unanimously to prohibit adult-use cannabis business establishments within the Village on October 21, 2019. This includes the following:

- Adult-Use Cannabis Craft Grower
- Adult-Use Cannabis Cultivation Center
- Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization
- Adult-Use Cannabis Infuser Organization or Infuser
- Adult-Use Cannabis Processing Organization or Processor
- Adult-Use Cannabis Transporting Organization or Transporter

Public Act 101-0027 (Act), signed by Governor JB Pritzker on June 25, 2019, becomes effective January 1, 2020. The Act legalizes the possession and private use of cannabis for Illinois residents over 21 years of age. The Act prohibits the use of cannabis in public places, schools, and child care facilities among other locations.

Home grow cannabis is only authorized for medical cannabis program participants, and is limited to five plants per residence and is subject to specified restrictions. Home grow of recreational cannabis by non-medical participants is prohibited.

The Act applies the restriction of the Smoke Free Illinois Act on smoking cannabis, and provides that property owner may prohibit the use of cannabis by any guest, lessee, customer or visitor. In addition, lessors may prohibit cultivation of cannabis by their lessees.

Residents of Illinois who are 21 years or older can possess 30 grams of marijuana, 5 grams of cannabis concentrate, or edibles containing up to 500 milligrams of THC. Non-Illinois residents may only possess half of these amounts while visiting Illinois. Cannabis use will be prohibited in public places, motor vehicles, parks and on school grounds. Use will also be prohibited near someone under the age of 21 and near an on-duty school bus driver, police officer, firefighter or corrections officer.

Want to know more about Public Act? Visit www.iml.org/cannabis

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Around Town



Board Meetings

Nov. 4th at 5:30 PM (note time)
Nov. 18th at 7 PM
Dec. 2nd at 7 PM
Dec. 16th at 7 PM

ZBA/Plan Commission

Nov. 21st at 7:30 PM
Dec. 19th at 7:30 PM
www.clarendonhills.us

Christmas Walk - Chamber Event

Dec. 6th 6 PM
Starting at 1 N. Prospect then heading to Downtown Business District

www.clarendonhillschamber.com

Historical Society

Nov. 9th at Noon to 2 PM- *Open House*

Nov. 16th at 1 PM
Sears' Homes Presentation

Heritage Hall is located at 50 Sheridan
www.clarendonhillshistory.org

Library

November 14 at 7PM
Lincoln on the Gettysburg Address
Adults Program
Registration Required.

December 5 at 6:30 PM
Read to the Dogs
Registration Required.

630-323-8188
www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

Dec. 8th at 1 PM - 2:30 PM
Lunch with Santa at Community Center
\$10 per person for residents.
Enjoy lunch, music, seasonal crafts, and get your photo with Santa!
Registration required.

Dec. 17th from Noon to 2 PM
Holiday luncheon for Seniors (50+)
At Community Center (315 E. Chicago)
Bring a \$10 non-gender grab bag gift.
Registration required.

Park District Number: 630-323-2626
www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org

What's Happening Downtown

In 2018 the Economic Development Commission, under the direction of the Village Board of Trustees, hosted an Economic Development Summit. During the event, the panelist discussed issues, opportunities, and methods the Village should consider using to attract investment and new businesses in the Downtown. Shortly after the Summit, the Village Board hired Ehlers & Associates, Inc. to prepare a Downtown Economic Incentives Study for their consideration and approval. A copy of the approved July 31, 2018 Study is posted at www.clarendonhills.us/dtedtools. The Study provides an overview of potential financial tools that would generate base-line revenue, that in turn, could be used to create financial incentives for private investment in the Downtown. Specifically, the Study reviewed three financial mechanisms: special service areas, business districts, and tax increment finance districts (TIF), and concluded that TIF would have the greatest potential of providing the most revenue without negatively impacting the value of the existing downtown properties. As a result of the Study, the Village Board included funding for consultant services needed for the development of a Tax Increment Finance District Eligibility Study.

June 17, 2019 the Village Board approved the Professional Services Agreement with Ernst & Young LLP for Tax Increment Financing consulting services. During the October 21, 2019 Village Board Meeting Ernst & Young LLP presented a draft of the Downtown Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project Report. When adopted, this report would be used to establish a downtown TIF district. During the presentation, the Village Board directed Staff to proceed with the formal process required to establish a downtown TIF district.

The Village Board understands that the Downtown is a vital part of the community and are considering all options that would be best for the existing and future downtown business community and the community-at-large. Keep up with this project by attending Village meetings or visiting www.clarendonhills.us/dtTIF.

Support your local business community by keeping your money at home: Shop, Eat, and Play in downtown Clarendon Hills!

Garbage Pickup Procedures

We are reminding residents that garbage cans should be placed at the end of your driveway and not on the street which includes the concrete ribbons. This makes it easier and safer for our crews to clear the streets of snow and allows cars to go around garbage trucks picking up cans.

Village Hall Closed

Weekdays from Noon to 1 PM for lunch

Nov. 11th in observance of Veterans Day

Nov. 28th and 29th in observance of Thanksgiving

Dec. 24th and 25th in observance of Christmas

Jan. 1st in observance of New Year's Day!



Village of Clarendon Hills
Tuesday Garbage/ Recycling pickup **will not be affected** by any of the holidays in November, December of 2019 or January of 2020!

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Christmas Walk is December 6th!

The Chamber of Commerce's Annual Christmas Walk will be held Friday, December 6th. 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. The event ends at 9 pm. Find more info at www.clarendonhillschamber.com

Christmas Tree Sales

The Clarendon Hills Lions Club sells Christmas Trees starting the Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 29th) 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.



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 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 <https://clarendonhillsinfantwelfare.org/luminaria>
Order on-line at <https://clarendonhillsinfantwelfare.org/luminaria-orders-online>



Standard kits consist of five candles and bags being sold for \$6.00. 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.

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

November/ December 2019 Trustee Topics

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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.)