

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS

TRUSTEE TOPICS

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July/August 2020

Message from the President.

Dear Neighbors,

Summer is finally here and with it we are starting to reopen after the past few months of shelter-in-place. I know I have been saying this every issue, but please shop at our local businesses. All our retailers are open, restaurants will continue to offer outdoor seating and will now be open for limited indoor seating. Introduce your friends to our downtown businesses. Each establishment needs your help to stay in business. Given the changes to the Governor's Executive Orders and movement from Phase 3 to Phase 4, please continue to follow the guidelines and in particular, the requests regarding mask wearing and social distancing.



Village President
Len Austin

Despite the COVID-19 virus, we have a number of projects moving forward in the downtown. Beyond the train station and street pedestrian safety improvements detailed in this issue, we expect a surge of private investment soon. This includes plans to fill long vacant properties like the former Ebenezer's space, the former Aguamiel restaurant and the Village Arts Building. COVID-19 continues to cover projects in a veil of uncertainty, but all signs are that these projects will progress and inject some new excitement into our downtown. Village Staff and the Village Board continue to work with our other landlords and business owners to fill and redevelop other business spaces. We are hopeful that we will have more announcements soon.

In other news, the Chamber and Village continue to look for unique ways to partner together to provide some summer events that involve proper social distancing. We are trying everything we can to help and promote our businesses, while providing outlets for safe fun for our residents. Besides the two virtual concerts we held on 6/24/2020 and 7/1/2020, we are planning different ways to provide live music in the downtown on Wednesday nights which will remain within the State guidelines and are in the planning stages for a drive-in movie. More to come on these events soon.

See you around town,

Len Austin

Village Emergencies/ Notices

We have a new text alert system in place for residents that would like to receive texts in case of an emergency. Although residents who have already signed up for general notifications by email will still receive them, we know that some residents would prefer a text in case of an Emergency here in Clarendon Hills.

Resident may sign up for the new Emergency Text Alert by visiting www.clarendonhills.us/alerts

If you would like to just receive general email notifications, like garbage delays, main road closures, etc., please send an email to admin@clarendonhills.us. You can always keep up to date by visiting our website www.clarendonhills.us or by following us on Facebook at VillageofCH

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

Downtown Revitalization Updates!

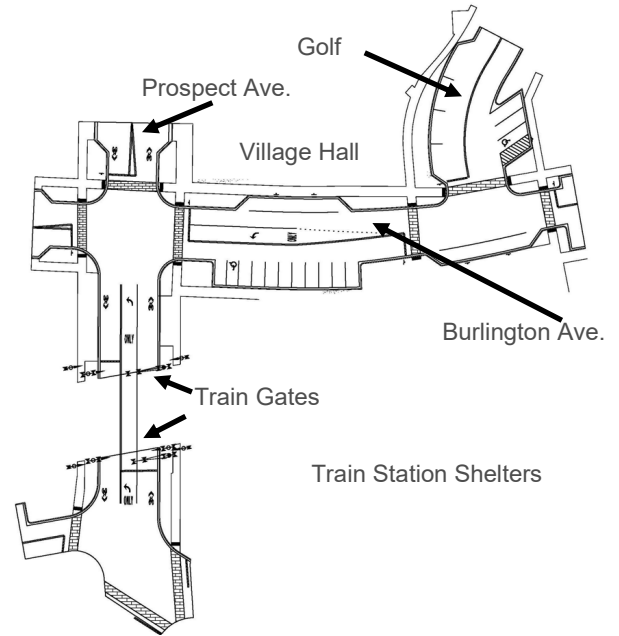
The Downtown Revitalization Project is a set of public improvements designed to enhance the viability and pedestrian safety of Downtown Clarendon Hills. This project is funded mainly by grants and includes three components: 1) Prospect & Burlington Avenue Improvements; 2) Prospect Avenue Railroad Crossing Improvements; 3) Inbound & Outbound Train Station Improvements. The Downtown Revitalization Project was started in January 2020 and is expected to be completed by spring 2021.

Keep up with future progress at www.clarendonhills.us/dtrupdate

Prospect and Burlington Avenue Improvements

New stormwater facilities have been installed between the railroad tracks and Burlington Avenue. New curbing and sidewalks, framing shorter crosswalk and parking areas, are installed on the south side of Burlington Avenue. Work is underway removing the Golf Avenue curve to make way for a safer t-shaped intersection at Golf and Burlington Avenue.

WWII Memorial. The WWII memorial donated originally and decorated by a wreath each year by the Clarendon Hills Woman's Club formally located at the northwest corner of Prospect and Burlington Avenue desperately needed to be restored. An important component of the streetscape project is to relocate the flagpole and memorial in front of the Village Hall just outside the Board Room. Thankfully before the plaque is remounted in the Fall, local resident and Eagle Scout candidate James Carlos Campbell offered, working with fellow Scouts, to clean and restore the plaque to its original glory. Carlos plans to lead a formal dedication ceremony early fall 2020. We are very thankful.



Prospect Ave Railroad Crossing Improvements

These improvements will include the relocation of the mechanical bungalow to the west side of Prospect Avenue, installation of improved pedestrian crossing gates, and a new quad-gate grade crossing system at Prospect Avenue. Once BNSF has completed this work, the Village will be able to build a new commuter and bicycle shelter at the southeast corner of Burlington and Prospect Avenues. Already installed are delineators which our Police Department worked to get to assist in the prevention of motorists turning to drive down the tracks in error.



Around Town

Board Meetings

July 6th Cancelled
 July 15th at 7 PM
 August 3rd at 7 PM
 August 17th at 7 PM

ZBA/Plan Commission

July 16th at 7:30 PM
 August 20th at 7:30 PM

www.clarendonhills.us

Farmers Market - Chamber Event

Thursdays 7:30 AM to 2 PM
 Downtown on Prospect Ave.

www.clarendonhillschamber.com

Historical Society

www.clarendonhillshistory.org

Library

Once Upon A Time In Clarendon Hills
 Summer Reading Challenge from June
 8 - August 1 find out more at
www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

Active Learners Preschool
 Registration for 20-21 School Year

www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org
 630-323-2626

Train Station Improvements

Construction of the concrete retaining wall along the inbound platform is complete. This wall will have RGB lighting which will allow for the change of colors . This wall will soon be made part of the new commuter shelters placed along the platform. In June the installation of underground utilities and storm-water facilities was completed to prepare for the construction of the new commuter shelters which should begin in July. Footings for the inbound shelter which includes the bike shelter have been poured.



RGB Lighting



First Footing (inbound bicycle shelter)



Village Offices Closed

Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day

Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day

Garbage Pickup Delayed

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, Garbage pickup will not occur on Tuesday, Sept. 8th but rather Wednesday, Sept. 9th. Please plan accordingly.

Richmond Education Gardens & Apiary

The Villages of Clarendon Hills and Westmont have been working together to design and develop the Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary. We are excited to see the progress that has been made since the groundbreaking in 2017. This once unused 0.15 acre was a Village public road right of way, in between the Village of Clarendon Hills Public Works facility and the Downers Grove Township Highway Garage, south of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad. This right-of-way is owned by both the Village of Clarendon Hills and the Village of Westmont. Once completed, the Gardens will provide a new place in our communities to promote education programs about natural and organic gardening methods and our environment. On a nice day, go check it out. This is an aerial picture taken by Downers Grove Township in June. In this picture you can see that with a lot of coordination, donations and volunteer hours, this project has come pretty far.



Find Recent Village Board Actions at
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July/ August 2020 Trustee Topics

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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.)