

# VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS

# TRUSTEE TOPICS

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November/ December 2020

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

As fall wanes and winter approaches, it looks like we are going to experience another wave of coronavirus and the associated economic impacts. Continue to wear masks and follow the public health guidelines to try to limit the spread of the virus. Also, please do not forget about our local businesses. When you do your Christmas shopping think first of our retail shops downtown like Vintage Charm, Clarendon Hills Hardware, Hallmark Store, Learning Express, Amazing Grace, I Want Candy, and The English Garden. I know it's easy to just hit the "buy now" button on Amazon, but a healthy business district in our town is a huge asset and a big reason people choose to live in Clarendon Hills. Out of every dollar spent locally, 68 cents ends up staying local, compared to less than 48 cents for a big box retailer and even lower for internet retail. In addition, remember with our restaurants, "al fresco" dining will keep going as long as it's feasible, but ultimately restaurants are going to need carryout and delivery orders to keep the lights on.




Village President  
Len Austin

On a different note, I want to give thanks to our police department for apprehending two perpetrators in early October. These suspects were in the process of stealing goods from local cars and one of the perpetrators was armed. Our officers showed restraint, and fast thinking in an extremely stressful situation, but they do need our help. I stressed this last month and will again, PLEASE LOCK YOUR CARS AND YOUR HOMES! It is only a matter of time before one of these altercations becomes tragic for a resident, one of our officers, or one of the criminals. By leaving car doors unlocked with keys or a garage door opener inside, or a forgotten unlocked door to your home, the suburbs have become a hot bed for theft and other activities. Help prevent crimes in our neighborhood by following the **9:00 pm Routine** every night.

- Remove all valuables from your vehicle(s), including keys and garage door openers
- Lock and secure your vehicle(s).
- Lock and secure your house and garage.
- Turn on your outside lights.
- Report any suspicious activity.

As we enter this time of thanks, I want to personally thank everyone for their efforts over the last difficult year. Thank you to our small business owners, many of whom have had to dip into their own savings to stay afloat. Thank you to our police officers for keeping us safe. Thank you to our paramedics that have been putting themselves in danger in order help treat people in need. Thank you to our grocery store clerks, wait staffs, and healthcare workers that continue to be on the front line in the pandemic. Beyond these people, thank you, Clarendon Hills residents. This has been a tough time, and I know everyone has made sacrifices this year including many that have lost loved ones or jobs. Please continue to be strong, we will all make it through this together.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, See you around town!



Len Austin  
Village President

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

# Downtown Revitalization Project

*A note from our Community Development Director Dan Ungerleider, AICP*

From my office window, I see so much progress, thanks to the hard work of community volunteers, hard-working contractors and consultants supporting the Village's Downtown Revitalization Project. The Golf and Burlington Avenue intersection has been reconfigured with stop signs, short cross-walks, and a new kiss-and-ride waiting area. The Village Hall front lawn has been expanded and landscaped with sturdy, native landscaping. Bioswales have been installed on both sides of Burlington Avenue. New dark-sky friendly lighting has been installed on both sides of the BNSF railroad tracks. Underground utilities and stormwater structures have been installed south of the tracks, topped with concrete and steel commuter shelters-in-the-making. The commuter parking lot has been reconstructed and reconfigured. And, BNSF has begun to install a new gate crossing system at the Prospect Avenue Crossing.

What's next? On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Village will be rededicating its WWII Memorial and Flag Pole in front of Village Hall. Between now and December, the inbound train station and the streetscape work in front of Village Hall will be completed. The South lot will once again be open for commuter parking. And most of the Prospect Avenue gate improvements will be completed. Next spring, the construction of a new outbound station across from Village Hall and installation of a new watermain on Ann Street, north of Park Avenue, will begin.

Thank you for your patience, and best wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season.

Dan Ungerleider, AICP  
630-286-5412 office



## WWII Memorial and Flag Pole Rededication

Due to the required attendance of several Boy Scouts (In masks) the public is asked to participate via Facebook live feed at 11 AM on November 11th.

<https://www.facebook.com/VillageofCH/>

*Note the Village Hall is closed for business on November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.*



## Christmas Clean Up

Republic Services offers free recycling for Christmas Trees and other live garland during the first two collections in January (Jan. 5 and Jan. 12). 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 23rd until February 1st, 2021. 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 12th year of running a holiday light recycling program along with 51 Villages. Last year, the *Village of Clarendon Hills collected 988 lbs of holiday lights!* Elgin Recycling recycled a total of 91,484 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!*

## Around Town

### Virtual Board Meetings

Nov. 2nd at 6:30 PM (note time)  
 Nov. 16th at 6:30 PM  
 Dec. 7th at 6:30 PM  
 Dec. 21st (Cancelled)

### ZBA/Plan Commission

Nov. 19th at 7:30 PM  
 Dec. 17th at 7:30 PM  
[www.clarendonhills.us](http://www.clarendonhills.us)

### Chamber of Commerce

*Annual Christmas Walk Cancelled*  
  
[www.clarendonhillschamber.com](http://www.clarendonhillschamber.com)

### Library

**November 23 at 10 AM**  
*Cosley Zoo Presents Critter Class*  
 Youth Program—Ages 5+  
 Zoom Program  
*Registration Required.*

**December 1 at 7 PM**  
*Holiday Movies and Music*  
*Registration Required.*  
*Adult Program - Zoom*

630-323-8188  
[www.clarendonhillslibrary.org](http://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org)

### Park District

**November 27—December 29**  
 Clarendon Hills Park District Turkey  
 Walk-Off At-Home Challenge

Stay active over the long holiday weekend while completing a 5K each day. Each participant will receive a Turkey Walk-Off participation gift.

Walkers or runners please register at [www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org](http://www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org).

**“Letters from Santa”**  
***Due December 7th - \$7 resident fee.***  
 Share in some holiday magic as your child receives a personalized letter from Santa Claus, filled with holiday joy and Christmas spirit. Starting Nov. 1st, questionnaires are available at [www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org](http://www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org)

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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS (CHEMICAL) WASTE EVENT

NOVEMBER 14, 2020

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

DU PAGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
 2015 MANCHESTER RD., WHEATON, IL  
 Entrance at County Campus

### Accepted Items

Used oil, used, Antifreeze / Old Gasoline / Auto Fluids  
 Household Chemicals & Cleaners  
 Solvents / Pool Chemicals  
 Cooking Oil  
 Poisons / Pesticides  
 Paint thinners  
 Aerosol paints  
 Oil Based Paints & Stains  
 Unwanted Medication (Non-DEA controlled)  
 Lawn & Garden Chemicals  
 Liquid & Solid Fertilizers  
 Rechargeable & Lithium Batteries  
 Automotive & Boat Batteries  
 Fluorescent Light bulbs (Limit 15/Car)  
 Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs)  
 Mercury & Mercury Containing Items  
 Small Propane Tanks Only  
 Small Refrigerant Tanks Only

### Items Not Accepted

Ammunition  
 Fireworks & Explosives  
 Fire Extinguishers  
 Latex Based Paint  
 Sharps/Syringes  
 Medical Waste  
 DEA Controlled Medication  
 DEA Controlled Substances  
 Radioactive Material  
 Gas Cylinders (except small handheld propane)  
 Refrigerants (except small handheld size)  
 Household Garbage  
 Business or Institutional Waste  
 Empty Containers  
 Traditional Recyclables

Questions regarding this recycling event should be directed to DuPage County Environmental Division (630) 407-6700 [www.dupageco.org/recyclingevents](http://www.dupageco.org/recyclingevents)

## 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.

## Leaf Pickup

Free Leaf pickup will continue for the month of 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 (grass clippings, sticks, weeds, etc.) must have a sticker. Yard waste stickers are \$2.75 each. Stickers are sold at Village Hall, Clarendon Hills Hardware and Jewel on 55th.

## Village Hall Closed

Weekdays from Noon to 1 PM for lunch  
 Nov. 11th in observance of Veterans Day  
 Nov. 26th and 27th in observance of Thanksgiving  
 Dec. 24th and 25th in observance of Christmas  
 Jan. 1st in observance of New Year's Day!



**Trustee Topics**  
**Village of Clarendon Hills**  
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Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

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## Clarendon Christmas Trees

The Chamber of Commerce is looking for families, groups and or businesses to give the downtown business district some Christmas spirit. Trees will be up in town for the entire month of December for all our residents to see. For a \$120 donation to the Chamber of Commerce a tree will be placed with your groups name and ready to be decorated by your group. Some may be lit depending on their location. First come first serve. Check out <https://www.clarendonhillschamber.com/trees>

## Christmas Tree Sales

The Clarendon Hills Lions Club sells Christmas Trees starting the Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 27th) 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](http://www.clarendonhills.us/AgendaCenter)

November/ December 2020 Trustee Topics

## Contact Us

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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.)