

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS

TRUSTEE TOPICS

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March/ April 2021

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

What a winter! Our Village is proud to have a great reputation for snow removal and our Public Works crews have done a fine job of keeping our roads clear of snow and ice.

Thanks are in order to our residents for their census participation! Despite the pandemic, we had one of the highest participation rates in the country at nearly 82%. Even with the difficulties census takers experienced, this beat the 2010 rate of 80% participation. This means we will not be overlooked for our state and federal funding nor our representation in state and federal government.

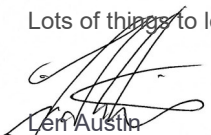


Village President
Len Austin

Another exciting piece of news is the rapidly increasing accessibility to the COVID-19 vaccines. In February, the Village provided some staffing to assist Hinsdale School District 86 with vaccine distribution at Hinsdale Central High School. Together we were able to help get 1,200 vaccines administered in a single day to essential school district workers and seniors from the school district's feeder communities. Suzanne and I are looking forward to getting the shots as soon as we are eligible. I have had doctors in town reach out to me personally expressing the safety of the vaccine and urging people to trust our public health officials that are working around the clock to get us back to normal. Even if you are concerned about getting the COVID-19 vaccine for yourself, please reach out to your trusted medical professionals to learn of the impacts that vaccinating may have in our community.

As we look forward to spring and resident commuters traveling downtown on a more regular basis, please take a moment to see all the Downtown Revitalization improvements. The intersection in front of Village Hall is safer and provides a much more useable front yard for community activities. The Train Station redevelopment is in its final phases and looks great! The Prospect Avenue train gate improvements were well under way before the weather halted work. As terrible as COVID was in limiting travel, it certainly allowed the contractors to work on the projects without much interruption. I am looking forward to a planned sculpture made of recycled railroad track iron rails that will be installed along the east wall of the main train shelter when weather permits. Railway gates will soon be finished as well as demolition and reconstruction of the outbound shelter. The improvements we are making will enhance the look of our village as a whole and increase pedestrian safety.

Lots of things to look forward to in 2021. Hang in there!



Len Austin
Village President

Go Green....

Like most bills these days, residents can sign up and receive their Water bills by email. The best thing about this it is it's never lost or delayed due to weather! Sign up today at www.clarendonhills.us/greenpay

In addition to getting your water bills by email you can view your account history and/or choose to set up automatic bill pay if you like! Automatic bill pay helps to reduce late payments and fees. This can also be done by going to www.clarendonhills.us/greenpay

Contact the Water Billing desk at 630-286-5416 if you require assistance setting up your account.



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

Volunteer Opportunities

Although the decision to hold the summer concert series Dancin' in the Street has yet to be determined, we do know that we are planning on offering not-for-profit organizations an opportunity to promote and fundraise for their organization by staffing the beer tent during the concert events. This would be a great way to get visibility for your organization, recruit new volunteers, and provide service to our "Volunteer Community".



If your organization would like to volunteer to assist staffing the beer tent during a future Dancin' in the Street summer concert, please contact Assistant Village Manager Zach Creer at 630-286-5402. Please know that all volunteers for these events must be 21 or older and Bassett training will be required in addition to a minimum commitment of 4 people for the duration of the concert.

Stay in the Know

Ever wonder how your neighbor knows what's going on in the Village in between Trustee Topics issues?

- Email admin@clarendonhills.us to be added to the General Email list for things like refuse service changes, train breakdowns, etc. or sign up directly from the "How do I" tab on the village website www.clarendonhills.us.
- Check our Village website's home page News and Events at www.clarendonhills.us.
- Read weekly Manager/Staff reports every Friday under at www.clarendonhills.us/weekly
- Attend or listen to our Board Meetings www.clarendonhills.us/AgendaCenter.
- Follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram at VillageofCH. We love sharing the happenings going on in Clarendon Hills!

Where do your Property taxes go?

We hope you find this information helpful in interpreting the actual 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 11% 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, providing police and fire protection, and ensuring reliable water service. As the chart illustrates, the remaining 89% supports the various school districts, park district, DuPage County, and Downers Grove Township, as described below.



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Around Town



Board Meetings

March 1st at 7 PM*
 March 15th at 7 PM*
 April 5th at 7 PM*
 April 19th at 7 PM*

ZBA/Plan Commission

March 18th at 7:30 PM*
 April 15th at 7:30 PM*

** Due to Covid- Village meetings may be virtual and held at earlier times. Check website for accurate information. www.clarendonhills.us*

Library

March 11th at 7- 8 PM
The Dutch House by Ann Patchett
 Online book discussion
 Registration Required.

April 22nd at 7- 8 PM
Earth Day: Revenge of the Toxic Robot Presented by Talewise
 Family science Adventure
 Registration Required.



March 29th, June 7th,
 August 30th and
 November 8th
 from 1:30 to 6 PM

Versiti Mobile Unit Blood Drive
 Registration Preferred.

630-323-8188
 www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

April 1st at 4 PM to 5 PM
 American Girls Spring Social
 (Ages 4-7) \$18 per resident
 Bingo with our doll
 Registration required.

April 18th at 10 AM to Noon
 S.T.E.A.M. Sundays
 (Ages 7-10) \$19 per resident
 Hands on experiments & challenges
 Registration required.

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

Property taxes continued...

Tax Levy

Property taxation can be confusing. The property taxes that you will be paying in 2021 are for what is called the "2020 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 the tax contribution. Given the estimated assessed value and the recommended tax levy, the Village's 2020 tax levy rate (exclusive of the Library) is estimated to 0.6956, a decrease of 0.0151 from the prior year.

The estimated increase in the Village's 2020 equalized assessed valuation (EAV) would be the seventh increase since the 2014 levy as the overall EAV declined in levy years 2011 through 2013. The following is a ten-year history of the Village's tax rates and assessed valuations.

Tax Levy Year	Year	EAV	Tax Rate
2020	Calendar Year 2021	600,217,115	0.6956
2019	Calendar Year 2020	594,274,371	0.7107
2018	Calendar Year 2019	589,886,781	0.6946
2017	Calendar Year 2018	566,649,956	0.7009
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
2011	Fiscal Year 2013	495,348,509	0.6575

ESTIMATED 2020 LEVY YEAR PROPERTY TAX BILL

Based on an average home value of \$500,000 in Clarendon Hills, taxes paid to the Village in 2020 would be \$1,118. This estimate assumes a residential exemption of \$6,000.

	Estimated 2020 Tax
Average Sale Value [A]	\$500,000
Equalized Assessed Value [A/3=B]	\$166,667
Residential Exemption [C]	(\$6,000)
Billing Value [B-C=D]	\$160,667
Tax Rate/\$100 of Assessed Value [E]	\$0.6956
Property Tax Paid to the Village [DxE/100]	\$1,118

For more information contact the Finance Director Potempa at 630-286-5415.

Village Hall Closed

Weekdays from Noon to 1 PM for lunch

Political signs

With election day approaching on April 6, 2021, residents are reminded that per Village Code signage on public right of way is prohibited. In addition, Political signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area, shall not be illuminated, and shall be confined within private property. (Ord. 93-04-04; amd Ord. 10-09-27; rev. Ord. 19-10-26).

Residents can review the entire signage code (Article 12.4 C-8 Sign regulations) on the Village website at www.clarendonhills.us/zoningregulations



LAKESHORE
Recycling Systems

New Refuse Service

Beginning April 1, 2021, the residents of Clarendon Hills will have Lakeshore Recycling Systems as their waste and recycling provider. Under this new contract a few things will be a noticeable change such as:

- Service days for residents north of the BNSF railroad tracks will switch to Monday. Residents south of the tracks will remain on Tuesday.
- Billing will occur quarterly. Auto pay is available and encouraged. Sign up can occur after your initial invoice is received.
- Residents will see a savings under the new contract (between 10% and 20% depending on selected service).
- Electronic waste is accepted from the curb twice a year on scheduled dates. We will keep you posted.
- You can choose to have a smaller can than the standard 95-gallon if you like. You can choose to have a 65-gallon or 35-gallon can. If you prefer the smaller can you should call 1-844-NEED-LRS (1-844-633-3577) or register online at www.LRSrecyclees.com/ClarendonHills

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

March/ April 2021 Trustee Topics

Contact Us

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Dawn Tandle 630-286-5403

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

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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.)