

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS

TRUSTEE TOPICS

www.clarendonhills.us

September/October 2022

Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Village continues to bloom with the native and annual plantings in the garden beds downtown. We love the feedback on how beautiful the added floral and greenery contributes to the ambiance of the Village. Since the last issue, we have wrapped up a successful events season including the Dancin' in the Street concert series, Daisy Days and Daisy Dash. We had some huge crowds at these events that by some estimates set records. Local businesses were also enjoying the impact with increased sales throughout the season.



Village President
Len Austin

The Farmer's Market continues every Thursday until October 20th. Additionally, the Chamber and our local businesses are planning even more events in the downtown. We look forward to an Oktoberfest on September 17th, hosted by local businesses in the downtown including the Open Door Taproom & Bottleshop. In October, the Witches Ride continues and will take place along with the annual Halloween Walk being held October 29th. This is a culmination of efforts by local volunteers, the new Chamber Director position funded by the Village, our local business community and village staff. I look forward to even more fun, family friendly events that make our town an attractive place to live.

In the face of near record inflation, the Village continues to look for ways to save residents money while keeping services at a high level. Budget season has started in the Village and at the instruction of the Village Board, the starting point is a 2% increase in the property taxes. Given new construction in the Village, a typical homeowner may only see a 1% increase, or less, on their Village portion of the bill. We were able to do this while increasing police staffing, continuing the staffing enhancement in the fire department that started in 2020 and purchasing a new fire apparatus for the department. The biggest factor in keeping taxes down is strict fiscal discipline and continued growth in our business community. Please continue to support all the businesses in Clarendon Hills. Our businesses are geographically spread out from the downtown district along the tracks as well as Ogden Avenue and 55th Street. Something as simple as shopping at the Clarendon Hills Jewel-Osco instead of the Westmont Jewel-Osco can mean hundreds of dollars a year difference in local revenues.

As we approach election season, there is one issue that will be on the ballot in November that was initiated by the Village Board. As our current long time Village Clerk Dawn Tandle, has decided not to run for election again, we are considering whether to make this elected local clerk position into an appointed position. In this issue of Trustee Topics, there are some facts to guide you in your decision. Please take time to consider the vote on this when you head to the polls November 6th.

Enjoy the cooling weather, see you around town.

Len Austin
Village President

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

REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT


At the July 18, 2022 Board meeting, staff was directed to proceed with a referendum to convert the Village Clerk position into an appointed rather than an elected position. This would take effect at the end of the current elected term in May 2023. Dawn Tandle, the current long term serving Village Clerk, has advised that she does not intend to run for election in 2023 for another term. The proposed question will be on the November 2022 ballot.

The Village determined that the duties could be absorbed by current staff members and/or minor contractual spending with a projected savings to Village residents. The Village currently employs an Executive Assistant that acts a Deputy Clerk in order to fulfil some of the duties of the position in the Clerk's absence. Unlike other paid positions within the Village, Illinois State Statute requires a referendum be approved to allow for the position to be appointed and to distribute the statutory duties of the position among staff. The Village Clerk would be appointed by the Village President with the advice and consent of the Village Board if the referendum is approved.

The proposed question will be on the November 2022 ballot.

Shall the Village Clerk of the Village of Clarendon Hills be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, rather than be elected?

_____ Yes _____ No



SCHOOL BUS

"If only I'd stopped when the yellow bus came my way."

No Regrets When You DRIVE WITH CARE

- Slow down near bus stops and watch out for kids.
- Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm means the school bus has stopped to load or unload children.
- On a two-lane road or a divided roadway with no median, all drivers in both directions must stop.
- Obey the traffic laws, signals and speed limits.
- When a bus is traveling on a four-lane roadway (example 55th Street) with two lanes traveling in the opposite direction, only those lanes of traffic traveling in the same direction as the school bus must stop. Pupils are not required to cross 4 or more lanes of traffic.

PHONE DOWN ↓ BUCKLE UP ↑

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Police Chief Weekly Report

This report is part of the weekly department reports that can be found on the village website

www.clarendonhills.us/weekly



FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE!

Come see the fire trucks and fire demonstrations at the Fire Station on Saturday, October 1st from 11 AM to 2 PM. Stop by for some food, refreshments, and meet our firefighters along with Sparky the Fire Dog!

The Fire Station is located at 316 Park Avenue.

Around Town



Board Meetings

Sept. 6th cancelled
Sept. 19th at 6:30 PM
Oct. 3rd at 6:30 PM
Oct. 17th at 6:30 PM

www.clarendonhills.us/agendacenter

ZBA/Plan Commission

Third Thursday of each month unless there are no cases to be heard.

Sept. 15th at 7:30 PM
Oct. 20th at 7:30 PM

Farmers Market - Chamber Event

Thursdays 7 AM to 1PM
Village Hall Plaza at 1 N. Prospect Ave.
Last day October 20th!

www.clarendonhillschamber.com

Library

October 22nd at 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Bats and Other Misunderstood
Creatures (Family/Youth Program)
Registration required

www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

September 17th 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Family Fall Festival at Prospect Park
Food, Inflatables and Petting Zoo!

September 19th 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Movie Monday "West Side Story"
Adult Program. Registration required.

October 7th 1PM - 2 PM
Oktoberfest Bingo
Senior Program. Registration required.

Check out more of their events at
www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org

CLARENDON HILLS ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION



Please note that the Clarendon Hills residents will be allowed to place accepted electronic waste items at their curb for collection by LRS if they call **844.NEED.LRS** or submit a request at <https://LRSrecycles.com/ewaste>. Residents who don't request and/or enroll for this service may not have items collected. When residents enroll, they are required to list the items for pick-up.

Date of collection is **October 24, 2022.**

This event will take place for **one day only**, and you **must enroll**.
Enrollment deadline is October 19th.

ALLOWABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

TV's, printers, computers, computer monitors, laptops, gaming consoles, fax machines, scanners, stereo equipment, cell phones, keyboards/mice, extension cords, telephones, cameras, network cables, computer cords.

SMALL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES:

Blenders, microwaves, toasters, alarm clocks, hair dryers (most small corded items).

NOT ACCEPTED:

Electronics containing liquids/hazardous materials (these items include air conditioners, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, etc.), batteries for cars, boats, sump pumps, etc., smoke detectors, thermostats, lightbulbs, gas-powered items.

If an allowable item is too large to handle, or needs special consideration, LRS may not be able to take it, or reschedule for a different day.

QUESTIONS?

For more information, questions and to arrange for services, please call LRS Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at **844.NEED.LRS** or email Service@LRSrecycles.com.

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

Village Hall Closed

Weekdays from Noon to 1 PM for lunch
September 5th - Closed in observance of
Labor Day
September 9th - Closed at Noon - Staff event

No Stickers For YARD WASTE!!!

For the months of October and November, Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) will provide unlimited collection of yard waste containers without stickers for the purpose of leaf collection. To avoid any confusion, all bagged yard waste (leaves, mixed grass leaves, fall clean up, etc.) shall be picked up at no charge during these months. Simply place out with your other garbage without a sticker.



Trustee Topics
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Clarendon Hills
Trick or Treating hours are
Monday, October 31st
from 3 pm to 7 pm



Howl-oween night will be upon us soon and we will see goblins and ghouls meandering the streets of Clarendon Hills. We ask that drivers please keep a look out for the master pumpkin carvers at play as they shuffle from house to house in hopes for some treats that day.

Be sure the gremlins, mummies and monsters wear proper shoes and that their fang-tastic and fabulous costumes are not too long which can create tripping hazards. Remind them to stop and look prior to crossing streets and not to travel alone.



If for any reason, you don't care to have pirates, witches and superheroes knocking on your door, simply don't decorate your yard, keep outside lights off and close curtains. This is a clear polite sign for them to move on to the next enchanted home.

ADDITIONAL HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Clarendon Hills Chamber Halloween Window Painting

Downtown, Monday, Oct 24th from 3:30 pm to 5 pm (Oct. 25th rain date)

Clarendon Hills Chamber Halloween Walk

Downtown, Saturday, Oct. 29th from 11pm to 2pm

Find out more details for these Chamber events at www.ClarendonHillsChamber.com

9th Annual Clarendon Hills Park District Halloween House Decorating Contest

The Park District is looking for the best decorated houses in town. All houses will be judged on creativity, originality and arrangement. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Winners will receive a gift card to a local restaurant. Registration is required by Tuesday, October 18. Houses will be judged on the evening of October 19 or 20th between 4-7pm. All decorations must be put up by you and your family members in order to participate. Winners will be announced via the Clarendon Hills Park District Facebook page on Friday, October 21. Free for all Clarendon Hills residents. Register at www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org code 865300-10

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Non-Emergency:

Police: 630-286-5460

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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.)