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Message from the President—

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I hope you had a great holiday season and that the New Year finds you well!

The Christmas Walk turned out great – nice chilly holiday weather and a beautifully decorated downtown. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for organizing the event, for business owners that were open to receive our families and to Public Works for all the decorations. Congratulations to Cullen Craig for winning the Cub Scouts' competition for highest popcorn sales. Cullen had the honor of lighting the Village Christmas tree.



Village President
Len Austin

In other news, in November the Village Board voted to only take the new growth portion of the tax levy and not the Consumer Price Index (CPI) portion. This means the Village will only get additional funds for the new construction we are experiencing throughout town. The Village Board and I consider this a welcome dividend from all the new growth. The Village continues to look for ways to lower costs and increase revenues without burdening residents with lower quality services or higher taxes. Keep in mind, the Village only receives 12-13% of your property tax bill to provide you with police, fire, public works and village administrative staff. The Village Board also voted not to raise water rates this year due to the positive financial condition of The Water Fund and the fact that the City of Chicago held rates constant.

The Village felt comfortable moving forward with this property tax plan, despite ongoing discussions in Springfield that could significantly cut revenues to our local government. Every dollar spent on the local level is another dollar spent enhancing infrastructure you use every day, ensuring your safety, or educating our communities' kids. It is important to protect these services and allow local governments the certainty to make decisions like freezing taxes when warranted by finding cost savings or other increases in revenue. Please support efforts to preserve local funding and local control.

On a lighter note, the Village NEEDS volunteers. Our special events committee, in particular, is looking for a few residents to assist in organizing and running our summer concert series. Please email the committee staff liaison, Zach Creer if you are interested at zcreer@clarendonhills.us.

Stay warm this winter. I am looking forward to seeing you around town!

Len Austin
Village President

2017

55th Street Sub-Area Plan Under Review

The Village of Clarendon Hills is in the process of revising its comprehensive plan for the area south of 55th Street, which includes both incorporated and unincorporated areas. The 55th Street Sub-Area is located south of 55th Street, east of Richmond Avenue, north of 59th Street, and west of Route 83/Kingery Highway. This plan aims to define alternatives for “what-ifs” that may arise in the future so that Clarendon Hills and the other nearby governmental entities are prepared to serve the sub-area accordingly. The 55th Street Sub-Area Plan will assist the Village of Clarendon Hills and residents of the area in understanding the sub-area community and how it can be ready for future growth and change.

The project is designed to serve the Village in multiple ways:

- Providing long range guidance, and actions for the near term, that spell out a measured approach to the possibility of annexing and servicing areas south of 55th Street.
- Identifying potential issues related to infrastructure and community services that may arise in serving current and future residents in the sub-area.
- Defining a vision for the sub-area that presents desired outcomes for residents and businesses, and is embraced by the entire Village so as to help diminish the perceived disconnect with the sub-area.
- Identifying opportunities along 55th Street and in the rest of the sub-area related to economic development, effective public services, and community character.

On November 10th, 2016 the Village had a well-attended open house for people who currently live in the sub-area. Feedback included:

- Desire to preserve the “swamp” as a wetland and enhance it to be a nature area that can be better enjoyed
- Reporting of Flooding issues along various parts of 55th Street, as well as at Clarendon Hills Road and 57th Street
- Need for a four-way stop at Virginia Avenue and 56th Street
- Prevent connection of current dead-end streets and improve the pedestrian ways instead
- Various opportunities for possible redevelopment
- Need for pedestrian infrastructure at the Holmes Ave./59th St./MacArthur Dr. intersection
- Concern about 56th Street’s changing width and overall maintenance due to different governing bodies

On December 5th, Teska and Associates presented the preliminary existing conditions report on the area to the Village Board. These findings included interviews with existing governmental units in the area, local community leaders and local residents. It also included an economic analysis of the area for future development.

In general this report found the unincorporated areas have a private water system in an aged/poor condition, some storm water issues and road infrastructure in need of some repairs. The area in general suffered from a fragmented and often confusing system of service delivery for police, fire, garbage and other essential services. The economic analysis found limited commercial economic development potential. On a positive note, residents of the area appreciate the rural qualities of the subarea including the lot sizes and fewer government regulations.

The planning process will continue with Teska Associates presenting recommendations and a final report in the spring. This will include a complete analysis and plan that can be used for future decisions in the area.

Go to: <http://clarendonhills.us/55streetplan> for updates on the projects.

Around Town

Board Meetings

January 16th at 7 PM
 February 6th at 7 PM
 February 21st at 7 PM

ZBA/Plan Commission

January 19th at 7:30 PM
 February 16th at 7:30 PM

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Library

Movie - January 30 at 1:30 PM
 Registration Required
Roman Holiday (1953)
 with Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck

February 14th All Day
 Valentine's Craft Day (Youth)

www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Park District

Snowman Photo Contest
 Dec. 1st - February 28th
 Take a picture of you and your favorite made snowman and send it along with your family name, address and phone number to the Park District at valeriel@clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org
 Or mail to CH Park District at 315 Chicago Ave.

Dreaming of summer, yet?
 Mark your calendar -March 13th
 Season Pass Registration for Lion's Park Pool starts at the Community Center located at 315 Chicago Ave.

www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org



Village Hall Closed

Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day

Construction planned for 2017

The 2017 Roadway Improvement Program (SSA30) was approved by the Village Board in November. The road construction will include the installation of concrete shoulders (called ribbons) which will be funded through a Special Service Area tax specifically the SSA.30. The pavement portion of this program will be funded entirely by the Village with no SSA involvement.

The streets within the Village that will be under construction during the summer of 2017 are:

- * Naperville (Richmond – Oxford)
- * Traube (Richmond – Oxford)
- * North Richmond (Ogden – Chicago)
- * Oxford (Ogden – Chicago)
- * Woodstock (Ogden – Chicago)

Public Hearing for this SSA will be Tuesday, February 21st at 7PM as part of the Regular Re-Scheduled Board Meeting held at the Village Hall. Find more information regarding the road program including timeline at www.clarendonhills.us/SSA30

Enjoying Winter

Here in the Village of Clarendon Hills there are always things to do due to our great resources such as the Clarendon Hills Park District and our Village Library. Both of these resources offer programs and events for not only the children of our community but adults of all ages. Check them out in person or online.



Clarendon Hills Park District: <http://www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org>
 315 Chicago Avenue
 630-323-2626

Clarendon Hills Library: <http://clarendonhillslibrary.org>
 7 N. Prospect Avenue
 630-323-8188



The Clarendon Hills Historical Society is looking for members/volunteers with experience in the area of **Public Relations** to help organize and coordinate events and fund raisers for our Village Historical Society.

Please contact Lucia Davila
luciaemil@aol.com or
clarendonhillshistory@gmail.com
www.clarendonhillshistory.org

Gardens' Bricks



Personalized Engraved Bricks are available for purchase. **Show your support and order now!** These bricks will be used in the walkways of the Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary. Help create this amazing outdoor classroom in our community. Purchase bricks to support the project and to honor your family, pets, or promote your business.

You can find out more about the Gardens and the purchasing of bricks at:

www.clarendonhills.us/gardens

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Middaugh, Walker, Holmes, Cook and McIntosh streets are named after prominent original Clarendon Hills residents from the 1800's.

The first permanent Clarendon Hills store and post office was built in 1916.

The Hinsdale Golf Club was established in 1898. Initial membership was \$10 plus an additional \$10 for annual dues.

The Village of Clarendon Hills was incorporated in 1924. Mr. Orrin Goode was the first Village President.

The Clarendon Hills Lions Club was established in 1950. They donated the Triangle here in town that bears the name of former Lion member Ken Sloan.

Daisy Days was first established in 1974 as a sidewalk sale to commemorate the Village's 50th Anniversary. It has grown into a wonderful Chamber of Commerce summer event that's fun for the whole family.

Dancin' in the Street concert series started the summer of 2000. This event is run by the Special Events Committee made up of volunteers. Volunteers are needed for this year, if you are interested contact the Village.

Daisy Dash is a 5k run/walk every Father's day weekend which donates 100% of their net proceeds to charities. This started in 2003 to honor David Weber, a local resident, who passed away suddenly at the age of 32.

Christmas Eve Luminaria lighting started in 1965 when the Infant Welfare Society brought this tradition from Mexico to the Village of Clarendon Hills as a fundraising event. Many still participate in this annual fundraiser.

There is a lot of history and tradition in this charming village. Many current residents were born and raised here. New residents can't help but hope for the same for their children. Find more history info at www.clarendonhillshistory.org

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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.)

Find Recent Village Board Actions at

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