



Village of Clarendon Hills Trustee Topics

March/April 2011

Message from the President and Board

Dear Friends,

What a winter this has been! From record-breaking snow falls to the bitterly cold temperatures we expect as Chicago-area residents – I think we're all ready for spring.

This spring is an especially exciting one for our community. On February 28, we welcomed our new Village Manager, Randall Recklaus. Over the last several months, the Village Board had the opportunity to interview an excellent pool of candidates. In the end, however, it was clear that Randy had the experience and personable style that will benefit our community. We are very glad to have Randy at the Village!

The Village has continued to move forward during this time of transition. The biggest project this time of the year is always preparing the Village's budget for the next fiscal year. This is always a challenge, especially during these difficult times when revenues aren't nearly keeping pace with growth in expenditures of all types. Village staff have been reviewing expenditures and focusing resources on the most essential services the Village provides. This is clearly not a sustainable pattern, and the Board is facing difficult decisions to maintain the Village's fiscal health. The Board and public will have opportunities to dialogue on the Village's budget, including a workshop scheduled for 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 19 at the Police Department.

Residents will also have the opportunity to look at the future of the Clarendon Hills train station. The Village has undertaken a Train Station Area Redevelopment Planning project, funded by the RTA and the West Suburban Mass Transit District. The plan continues progress from the 2006 Downtown Master Plan and outlines a more detailed vision for what the site might look like in the future. A community meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday March 14 at Prospect School. While we will need significant private and public investment to redevelop the Metra parking lot and surrounding areas, we want to plan today for the reality of tomorrow. Please join us on the 14th of March.

Warmest regards,
Thomas F. Karaba
Village President

Meet the New Village Manager Randall Recklaus took post February 28

The Village Board of Trustees recently appointed Randall Recklaus as the next Village Manager of Clarendon Hills.

The Board approved Mr. Recklaus's contract with the Village at its Feb. 7 Board meeting. He started with the Village on Feb. 28. Mr. Recklaus succeeds Rob Bahan who left the position in November 2010 to become the Village Manager for Winnetka.

Since 2000, Mr. Recklaus has served as the Assistant City Administrator for the City of Batavia. Mr. Recklaus also worked for economic development consulting firm S.B. Friedman and Company, and the City of St. Charles. He has a Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Illinois University. Mr. Recklaus was selected from a pool of 112 candidates from 30 states.

"We were very impressed with Mr. Recklaus's accomplishments, including his private sector and economic development experience," Village President Tom Karaba said. "We believe he will work very well with our residents, our business community and our municipal organization."

While in Batavia, Mr. Recklaus

served as the Project Manager for the City's Financial Sustainability Project, studying all revenues, expenditures

and city operations, resulting in a savings of \$1 million annually. He also directed the City's economic development function, negotiating several agreements for successful mixed-use

and commercial projects in downtown Batavia. He was involved in the development and implementation of Batavia's downtown redevelopment plan. He has a demonstrated record of involvement in the communities he has served. Mr. Recklaus served as a DeKalb County Board member while he was in college.

"I am truly honored to be chosen as the next Village Manager of Clarendon Hills. It is one of Chicagoland's best-kept secrets," Mr. Recklaus said. "I look forward to getting to know the residents and business community over the coming months and taking on the challenges that lie ahead."



Budget workshop planned for March 19

The Village Board of Trustees will hold a budget workshop for the Fiscal Year 2012 budget at 8 a.m., Saturday, March 19 in the Police Department training room.

The Workshop gives Trustees an opportunity to review and discuss the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, as well as the ten year capital plans.

Over the past several months, Village staff and the Finance Committee have reviewed anticipated revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012. The Village is anticipating relatively stable revenues next year, but little growth. At the same time, however, costs of all types con-

tinue to increase. Therefore and in order to balance the budget, Village staff have proposed further reductions to the departmental budgets by eliminating or deferring certain expenditures.

These expenditure reductions will be reviewed by the Village Board at the workshop to ensure the outlined budget meets with the Village's priorities.

Copies of the draft budget will be available for public review at the Village Hall and the Clarendon Hills Public Library beginning Feb. 28. Questions regarding the budget or budget process may be directed to the Finance Director Peg Hartnett at 630-286-5415.

**Budget Workshop
Saturday, March 19
8 a.m.
Police Department
Training Room**



Village unveils new format for water bills

Village residents will notice a change to their water bills beginning in March. The Village will begin using a new water bill mailed in a sealed envelope as part of the Village's Identity Theft Program and Prevention Policy.

The Village Board recently approved a contract with Third Millennium Associates to print and mail the new bill format. All water meter reading and billing questions will still be handled by Village staff.

Residents will no longer receive a post-card style bill, but rather they will receive an 8½ by 11 inch paper bill with remittance stub. A return envelope will also be included. Automatic debit payments will continue to be processed in the same way.

As part of the transition, the Village will also begin mailing the Trustee Topics newsletter with the new water bills as a cost-savings measure. Trustee Topics will continue to be printed on a bi-monthly schedule, so the newsletter will be enclosed with water bills every other month. Those residents who do not receive water bills will still receive the Trustee Topics newsletter.

Residents may direct questions about the new bills to the water billing department at 630-286-5416.

**VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS
WATER BILL**

1 This is the message center. This is where you will look for upcoming events, Holiday closures, Etc.

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL BILLING INFORMATION

2 BILL DATE: 02/07/2011 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 123-4567-89-01
 NAME: SAMPLE A SAMPLE
 SERVICE ADDRESS: 123 MAIN

METER INFORMATION		BILLING PERIOD	
Current Reading	249	Current Reading Date	01/31/2011
Previous Reading	247	Previous Reading Date	12/31/2010
Consumption (1,000 gallons)	2	Type of Reading	ACTUAL

3 **PAST DUE BALANCE** \$0.00

4 **CURRENT CHARGES**

Water	\$25.86
Water Service Charge	\$10.00
TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES	\$35.86

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6 **TOTAL DUE BY 02/28/2011** \$35.86
TOTAL DUE AFTER 02/28/2011 \$38.45

A 10% LATE PENALTY WILL BE ADDED TO CURRENT CHARGES IF PAYMENT IN FULL IS NOT RECEIVED BY DUE DATE.

DETACH HERE RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO CLARENDON HILLS DETACH HERE

7 **Village of Clarendon Hills**
 One North Prospect Avenue
 Clarendon Hills, IL 60514
 (630) 286-5400
 www.clarendonhills.us

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 123-4567-89-01
 SERVICE ADDRESS: 123 MAIN

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE BY 02/28/2011	\$35.86
TOTAL DUE AFTER 02/28/2011	\$38.45
AMOUNT PAID	

NO CASS/COA
 SAMPLE A SAMPLE
 123 MAIN STREET
 CLARENDON HILLS, IL 60514-1234

123456789012

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Water bill explained

- 1** Look for messages about upcoming events and things to know.
- 2** Account information.
- 3** Water usage summary.
- 4** Past due charges for the account.
- 5** Summary of current charges.
- 6** Total charges due in current billing cycle.
- 7** Remittance stub. Return stub in included envelope with payment. Postage is required for payments mailed to the Village.

Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District beginning next phase of construction

Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District (FCWRD) recently again began work on constructing a major sanitary relief sewer that runs through sections of Hinsdale, Westmont and Clarendon Hills. The construction project includes more than \$14 million in improvements that will help relieve sanitary sewer surcharging during heavy rainfall.

New 36 inch concrete pipe is being installed on Park Avenue from Walker to Richmond Avenue. The new pipe will be installed 20 feet deep.

The first phase of construction began February 21 and is expected to continue through March 7. During this time, work will take place on Park Avenue near Western. This construction will result in the closure of a portion of Park Avenue im-

mediately east of Western. The area will be closed during construction hours, which will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Detours will be posted directing traffic to Walker. Businesses will be accessible during this work, including the Post Office.

The second phase of work is expected to begin after March 7 and will last through May. Construction will continue west on Park Avenue.

During both phases of this project, Park Avenue from Richmond to Western Avenue will be open to east-bound traffic only.

Questions about the project can be directed to Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District at 630-323-3299; the Clarendon Hills Public Works Department at 630-286-4750. In case of emergency, dial 911.

For more information, maps and updates on the project, visit the Village's website at www.clarendonhills.us/flaggcreek.cfm.

D181 Foundation Green Expo Planned

The District 181 Foundation is hosting a "Believe in Green" expo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 9 at Clarendon Hills Middle School.

The event will include various eco-friendly products and services from eco-minded vendors, student exhibits and performances. The expo will also include family-friendly exhibits, demonstrations and speakers.

Attendees will also be able to recycle their electronics, documents, bicycles, alkaline batteries and crayons.

Last year's event drew more than 1,000 attendees.

For more information and a complete list of activities and materials accepted for recycling, please visit District 181 Foundation's website at www.D181foundation.org.



Public invited to view, comment on concept plans for train station

Over the last several months, the Village has been reviewing concepts for the future of the train station site and is seeking your input on the project.

A public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 14 at Prospect School. At the meeting, consultants will present concept plans for review and comment.

The proposals outline potential opportunities for public and private investment to better utilize the current train station site and parking facility. The redevelopment concepts are intended to not only improve commuter options but also to create additional opportunities for growth in the downtown. While there are no firm plans to move forward with construction on the site, working toward an approved concept plan will help the Village plan for improvements and provide a starting point for potential developers.

Public input early in the planning process is important to these types of projects because public support for major construction projects may make the project more

appealing to potential developers. The public meeting is an excellent opportunity to review the concepts and have a say in what the site may look like in the future.

The Train Station Area Redevelopment Plan is a continuation of the Village's Downtown Master Plan, which was approved in 2006 following significant public input. Redevelopment of the Train Station site was a key component of the Downtown

Master Plan. The planning process will include several public meetings, including review by the Downtown Design Review Commission, the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals and the Village Board.

The Train Station Area Redevelopment Plan is funded through two grants the Village received. The Regional Transportation Authority contributed \$80,000, and the West Suburban Mass Transit District contributed a \$20,000 match. The process will result in a refined plan for the area and the steps necessary to implement the elements of the plan.

Visit www.clarendonhills.us for more information.

**Train Station Area Redevelopment
Community Discussion
7 p.m., Monday, March 14
Prospect Elementary School
Gym/Multipurpose Room**

Special Events Committee seeks volunteers

The Village is seeking residents interested in being part of the Special Events Committee. Committee volunteers plan, organizing and run the Village's Dancin' in the Street summer concert series. Planning is currently under way for the 2011 concert series, which is anticipated to run from June 22 through July 28.

Committee members meet one to two

times a month beginning in January and leading up to the concert series, and then are asked to commit time to help run the concerts during the summer.

If you are interested in being part of the Committee or would like additional information, please contact Christina Collison at ccollison@clarendonhills.us or 630-286-5402.

Contemplating a construction project?

Clarendon Hills residents are invited to a free symposium consisting of local builders and architects on Wednesday, March 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Clarendon Hills Village Hall board room. Residents considering re-

modeling their current home, building new, or interested about the building process or current trends will be given the opportunity to ask questions and talk to the construction professionals.

Reminders

Schedule your Block Party!

With spring approaching, now is the time to start thinking about submitting your request for your block party.

To ensure safety and honor requests for visits by the police department, a maximum of four block parties on each Saturday and each Sunday will be permitted. Block party requests will also be evaluated geographically to avoid potential traffic problems.

We will make every effort to accommodate requests. However, on occasion residents may be asked to consider an alternate date so residents are encouraged to plan early.

Permits are required to close a street for a block party. As a reminder, there is no fee for a block party permit. Block party applications are available on the lower level of Village Hall or on the Village website, www.clarendonhills.us/administration.cfm.

Public Works Department seeks Seasonal Employees

The Village of Clarendon Hills Public Works Department is seeking seasonal summer help. Hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with required Wednesday evenings.

Applicants are required to have a physical and drug screen upon hire. The job will consist of lawn mowing and other public works-related duties. Applicant must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license. Applications are available at the Public Works Facility located at 452 Park Avenue during office hours or by contacting the Public Works Department at 630-286-4750.

New Business: Jennycakes

102B S. Prospect Ave.

Bakery

Owner: Jennifer Surowiec

630-391-2614

**2011 Planting
Partners Program
kicks off!**

This year the Village is offering the opportunity to sponsor planting beds in downtown Clarendon Hills. Sponsorship includes a planter bed of your choice, plaque with inscription, and watering and maintenance through the summer. See the insert or visit the Village's website for more information.



Trustee Topics

Village of Clarendon Hills
1 N. Prospect
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Clarendon Hills,
Illinois 60514
Permit No. 45

ENHANCED CARRIER ROUTE PRESORT
POSTAL CUSTOMER
CLARENDON HILLS, IL 60514

Community Schedule: March/April 2011

Monday, March 7

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9

Builders Symposium, 6 to 9 p.m.

Village Hall Board Room

Monday, March 14

Train Station Project Public Meeting,

7 p.m. at Prospect School

Thursday, March 17

ZBA/PC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 19

Village Board Budget Workshop,
8 a.m., Police Department Training Room

Monday, March 21

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 4

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 18

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 21

ZBA/PC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Village Board Actions | January/February 2011

Appointments: Randall ("Randy") Recklaus was appointed Village Manager. Residents Renee Kirin was appointment Chairperson and Beth Ryan was appointed as a new member of the Special Events Committee.

Passage of Ordinances: (1) authorizing the sale of five surplus vehicles in the Police Department's possession; and (2) proposing the establishment of Special Service Area Numbers 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 and providing for Public Hearings and other procedures in connection therewith.

Adoption of Resolution: (1) approving an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Interoperable Emergency Dispatch Radio System between the County of DuPage and the Village of Clarendon Hills.

Authorization to: (1) approve the Fiscal Year

2011 budget transfers for Village employee salaries and associated benefits; (2) outsource the Village's utility bill processing and mailing to Third Millennium and Associates, Inc.; (3) purchase a replacement back-up generator for the Village Hall; (4) issue a temporary liquor license to Notre Dame Parish for its annual Fish Fry on March 11, 2011; (5) accept the professional services proposal from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for design and construction engineering for the central business district enhancements associated with the grant received from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and for design and construction engineering for the Prospect Avenue and Park Avenue water main replacement project; and (6) purchase two new vehicles for the Police Department.

Sign up for the Village's e-mail newsletter!

Sign up for the new e-mail newsletter to ensure you stay up to date on the latest Village news and events. The service is secure and you will only be contacted regarding Village and community matters. Sign up online at www.clarendonhills.us/subscribe.cfm.



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