



Village of Clarendon Hills Trustee Topics

September/October 2011

Village, Flagg Creek planning for road repairs

Over the past year, the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District (FCWRD) has undertaken a major construction project through sections of Clarendon Hills. The project includes more than \$14 million in improvements in Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills and Westmont that will help relieve sanitary sewer surcharging during heavy rainfalls.

The nature of the construction work has significantly impacted some Village streets. The Village and FCWRD have been negotiating restoration standards, with the Village set on ensuring streets were brought to an acceptable condition, which has taken much longer than anticipated.

The Village and FCWRD recently reached an agreement to restore Harris Avenue as part of the Village's 2011 Road Program. This work was recently completed. Both groups remain committed to restoring the remaining streets impacted by the project during this construction season, and have reached a tentative agreement to complete work by late October. The Village Board is expected to review a proposal in September. If approved by the Village Board and the FCWRD, restoration work would begin shortly thereafter.

The toll this project has taken on both Village streets and residents has not been taken lightly. Prior to the start of the construction, the Village entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with FCWRD, Hinsdale and

Westmont. The agreement outlined plans for construction, safety and pavement restoration following the project's completion. As construction progressed, the Village and FCWRD came to different interpretations of the agreement. Since that time, the two groups have negotiated an agreement for the restoration work, with the Village requiring FCWRD to bring streets to an acceptable condition. The agreement set for consideration in September achieves this goal.

Under the current proposal, FCWRD would be responsible for conducting the road repairs. The repairs would include repaving the full width of the roadway in some areas and patches in others, depending on the degree of the disturbance. Once this work is completed, the Village would pay FCWRD a maximum of \$46,000, with any savings FCWRD realizes through the project applied to the Village's obligation. In addition, the Village will pay for its contract engineering firm, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, to oversee quality control for the project, ensuring the contractors hired by FCWRD complete the project in line with the Village's standards.

The Village will continue to keep residents updated on the project, especially those who may be directly impacted by any planned construction work. Those with questions about the project may contact the Village's Public Works Department at 630-286-4750.

2011 Community Needs Survey

Each year the Village of Clarendon Hills conducts a Community Needs Survey in order to gather resident feedback that will guide policy initiatives and assist the Village Board with making decisions.



The survey will be mailed in mid-September to a randomly selected sample of 1,000 households in Clarendon Hills. The answers of all respondents will be combined to portray a statisti-

cally accurate picture of Village opinions. If your household receives a survey, please complete it and submit it at your earliest convenience so that your opinions can be counted. Any resident who receives a survey and has questions may contact the Village at 630-286-5402.

The survey results will be published in December on the Village's website at www.clarendonhills.us and will be available at the Clarendon Hills Public Library.

Message from the President and Board

Dear Friends,

September brings with it the end of an eventful summer. Dancin' in the Street was again a great success, with residents and visitors coming downtown to enjoy our great concert series. We also recently concluded the Village's 2011 Road Program, which continued the installation of new concrete shoulders. The concrete shoulders not only improve the look of our roads but will help extend their useful life, making them a great addition to our community.

Moving into September, the Village is kicking off its 2011 Community Needs Survey. We are always looking for feedback from residents on how we are doing. Informally this happens through everyday contact with residents and business owners. To ensure we are meeting the needs of all residents, however, the Village supplements this dialogue with an annual survey, which gives us a more statistically represented view from the community on how we are doing.

Surveys will be mailed to a random sample of homes in mid-September. If you receive a survey, I ask that you spend the time to complete it and return it in the envelope provided. Results of the survey will be available online and at the Clarendon Hills Library in December.

Your feedback is vital to guiding these decisions and to helping us know that we are making the best choice for our community. We look forward to your input.

Sincerely,
Thomas F. Karaba
Village President



Emerald Ash Borer confirmed in Clarendon Hills

On August 3, the Illinois Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of Emerald Ash Borer in the Village of Clarendon Hills. While this is the first confirmed presence, it is not unexpected as surrounding communities have been confirmed to have EAB. The Village has been actively managing the population of public ash trees for several years and is in compliance with IDA regulations.

The IDA says that newly infected ash trees may show few, if any, symptoms and may appear healthy and green for up to two years. Residents should assume ash trees on their property are infested. The IDA recommends destroying declining ash trees, or in some

cases aggressive insecticidal treatments, which may slow the rate of tree mortality. Residents may also consider systemic insecticides on individual trees that are not yet severely infested.

The Village encourages residents to become informed and educated about trees on their property, especially ash trees. Residents who suspect a private ash tree on their property is infested or susceptible to infestation should seek additional information and consider treatment or removal options. The Village can declare private-property trees that are failing and have become hazardous to be a



public nuisance, requiring property owners to have the trees removed.

DuPage County is part of a 25 county area in northeastern Illinois under a quarantine. No ash trees, parts of ash trees or cut non-coniferous wood can be transported outside of the quarantine area in order to prevent the spread of EAB. Many professional tree removal companies are certified to appropriately handle ash trees and ash tree debris.

Residents may find additional information about EAB on the Department of Agriculture Website at www.illinoiseab.com.

Find the Village on Facebook, Twitter

The Village of Clarendon Hills now offers more ways for residents to stay in touch with news, upcoming events and other important information. Residents can find the Village of Clarendon Hills on Facebook and Twitter, making it easier than ever to stay connected.

The Village wants to ensure residents have multiple ways in which to receive not only regular news and reminders, but also emergency updates when they are needed. Last year, the Village established its new e-mail newsletter, which is sent every two weeks to subscribers. Recently, the e-mail newsletter was utilized for emergency updates during this summer's severe weather. The addition of Facebook and Twitter will allow more ways for residents to receive this information.

The Village will continue to publish its

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regular bi-monthly Trustee Topics information, which contains news, a letter from the Village President, Village Board agenda items and an upcoming calendar event. The e-mail newsletter and social media will serve as supplements to this information in between publication.

Additionally, please note that while the Village's various means of electronic communication may be utilized in an emergency, they will not replace regular emergency warnings.

Help keep sidewalks clear, safe for walkers

With school back in session, residents are reminded to trim any trees or shrubs that overhang sidewalks and that may create a hazard. Residents are responsible for trimming private vegetation to maintain clear passage on the sidewalks.

The Village reminds residents that while the Village does provide parkway tree trimming, it also encourages residents to take care of minor tree maintenance issues on parkway trees if they are able. For example, residents are encouraged to trim low-hanging branches that interfere with sidewalks, or trim "suckers" from the base of trees.

If you have questions about parkway trees, or to report a problem, please contact the Village's Public Works Department at 630-286-5460.

A big 'Thank you' for the 2011 concert sponsors!

The 2010 Dancin' in the Street Summer Concert series was again a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came to downtown Clarendon Hills to enjoy the excellent music, delicious food and great friends.



This year's concert series featured music from Green Thirteen, One Foot in the Groove, West Side Winders, Evolution, Souled Out Funk and Chicago Catz. The music was just the beginning, as concert-

goers were also able to sample the delectable offerings of Absolutely Delicious, Scapa Italian Kitchen, Maijean, and Village Gourmet, Redd Herring and Uncle Bub's B-B-Q during this year's concert series.

Many thanks to primary sponsor of the concert series, **Fifth Third Bank**, whose contribution shows their commitment to the community and is truly appreciated.

The following sub-sponsors also receive a

big thanks for their support: **All Wined Up; Allied Waste; Christian Church of Clarendon Hills; Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce; Oak Brook Racquet & Fitness Club; Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins; and Christopher Burke Engineering.**

The Village would also like to thank the members of the Special Events Committee who volunteered their time throughout the year to make the concert series a success.



Clarendon Hills Fire, Police parade to mark Sept. 11, honor local soldier

The Village of Clarendon Hills Fire and Police Departments will hold a "Welcome Home Parade" on Sunday, Sept. 11. The parade will honor Spc. Mark Brownlow and commemorate the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Spc. Brownlow serves in the 656th Transportation Company, 310th Battalion based in Hobart, Ind., which recently returned from Afghanistan. As a civilian, Spc. Brownlow is a part-time Firefighter and full-time Emergency Medical Technician with the Clarendon Hills Fire Department.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. from

Plainfield Road and U.S. Route 83. The route will progress west along Plainfield Road to Clarendon Hills Road where it will head north, eventually leading to Prospect Avenue through downtown Clarendon Hills. Clarendon Hills Fire and Police, along with the Warriors' Watch Riders will escort Spc. Brownlow, family and other returning veterans.

The parade will also serve to commemorate the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001. The celebration honors all soldiers and their families, and the tragic loss of life, including firefighters and police officers, that occurred that day.

Fire Department Open House Oct. 1

The Clarendon Hills Fire Department will host an open house on Saturday, October 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in honor of Fire Prevention Week, which is October 9 through 15. This year's fire prevention theme is "Protect Your Family From Fire."

The Clarendon Hills Fire and Police Departments join forces for the open house, which will take place at the Fire Station,

316 Park Avenue. The event will include police and fire demonstrations, equipment displays, blood pressure screenings, fire sprinkler demonstrations, vendors and a free lunch. In addition, children will be able to practice fire safety in the Fire Safety Trailer.

This year the Open House will also include a blood drive sponsored by the Fire Department and LifeSource.

Reminder to stay safe in school zones

The Clarendon Hills Police Department, in partnership with the Illinois Secretary of State, wants to remind all citizens of the need for safety near schools. Recently, there has been an increase in school bus loading zone fatalities in the State of Illinois. Nearly half of the deaths occurred near school buses where motorists failed to stop for a bus with its red lights activated and stop sign extended.

Safety Alert for Students

• Never assume cars are going to stop for the flashing red lights of a school bus.

• Always look both ways and proceed with caution.

Safety Reminder for Motorists

• On a two-lane road, traffic coming from both directions must stop for a school bus.

• On a multiple lane road, traffic traveling the same direction must stop for a school bus.

• The general speed limit in a school zone drops to 20 miles per hour during school hours when children are present.

• It is unlawful for drivers to talk on cell phones while driving in a school zone.

Village provides free Wi-Fi access downtown

Businesses, residents and visitors have access to free wireless internet in the downtown area. The wireless network is a feature of the Village's expanded video surveillance system near the commuter station and various locations downtown.

To access the network, locate the hotspot ac-

cess point from your computer or handheld device. Select the option to connect to the "Clarendon Hills Wireless." Open your web browser and enter the user name "public" or "public1" and the passwords "access1" or "access2" respectively. Users are limited to 60 minutes of internet access per login.

Reminders

Fall Fest is Sept. 10

The Clarendon Hills Park District will host its Family Fall Fest from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 10 at Prospect Park. The event will feature activities, food vendors, musical entertainment and exhibits presented by various community organizations. For more information, please contact the Clarendon Hills Park District at 630-323-2626.

Leaf collection begins Oct. 3

The annual free fall leaf pick-up service starts Monday, October 3 and will continue each Monday through November 28.

Leaves placed in biodegradable paper yard waste bags or placed loosely in trash containers will not require yard waste stickers during this period. Do not use plastic bags. Leaves should not be piled loosely on parkways and yard waste should not be mixed with leaves. Leaves cannot be burned within the Village limits.

Recycling Cart Update

In late July, residents received a new recycling cart from Republic Services, formerly Allied Waste. Unless otherwise requested, residents received a 65-gallon cart. Please note that residents have the option of exchanging their 65-gallon cart for a smaller 35-gallon cart if it better meets your needs. However, carts must be exchanged within 60 days of the original delivery, or by approximately September 13, or a fee may apply. If you would like to exchange your cart, please contact Republic Services at 630-964-3232.

New Business...

Lagestee-Mulder Realty & Investment Corporation
115 55th Street, Suite 300
Tad Lagestee
630-325-8338

ZBA/Plan Commission

Action at 8/18/11 ZBA/PC:

Case 450: 300 Holmes Avenue & 115 – 55th Street—plat of resubdivision—recommended for approval

Case 451: 124 Eastern Avenue—variation to allow garage in front of principal structure—approved

Future meetings (9/15/11 and 10/20/11):
No cases currently scheduled



Trustee Topics

Village of Clarendon Hills
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Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

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PAID
Clarendon Hills,
Illinois 60514
Permit No. 45

ENHANCED CARRIER ROUTE PRESORT
POSTAL CUSTOMER
CLARENDON HILLS, IL 60514

Community Schedule: September/October

Monday, September 5

Labor Day -- Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 6

Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. *(Please note date change due to holiday.)*

Saturday, September 10

Park District Fall Fest at Prospect Park

Thursday, September 15

ZBA/Plan Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 19

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 1

Fire Department Open House,
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday, October 3

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, October 17

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 20

ZBA/Plan Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Village Board Actions | July/August 2011

Appointment: Acting Police Chief Ted Jenkins was appointed as Interim Police Chief for a six-month term.

Proclamation: Fifth Third Bank, local sub-sponsors, and the volunteer members of the Special Events Committee were acknowledged for their support of the 2011 Dancin' in the Street summer concert series.

Passage of Ordinances: (1) establishing the prevailing rate of wages for Public Works projects performed by outside contractors; (2) establishing Special Service Area Number 23 in the Village; (3) authorizing and providing for the issuance of \$500,000 General Obligation Bonds to fund the road improvements within Special Service Area Numbers 18-23; and (4) levying direct annual taxes on properties located within Special Service Area Numbers 18-23 for tax years 2011 through 2025.

Adoption of Resolutions: (1) approving a two-year Labor Agreement and Side Letter Agreement between the Village and the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council; (2) approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and DuPage County for the construction and maintenance of certain improvements to 55th Street; (3) approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and the Clarendon Hills Public Library regarding sharing telecommunications and in-

formation technology services; (4) approving a revised Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and DuPage County regarding participation in the DuPage County Interoperable Emergency Radio Dispatch System; and (5) approving professional services expenditures to fulfill Motor Fuel Tax-qualified expenses reporting requirements for a comprehensive tree survey and inventory.

Authorization: (1) to issue a raffle license and a temporary special event liquor license to the Clarendon Hills Lions Club for Lions-Fest scheduled for August 27, 2011; (2) to reject all bids submitted at the June 21, 2011 bid opening for the Central Business District enhancement and water main replacement project; (3) to approve a State Bid contract for the purchase of a 2012 Ford F450 1.5-ton replacement dump truck for the Public Works Department; (4) to issue a temporary special event liquor license for the Clarendon Hills Park District's September 10, 2011 Family Fall Festival; (5) to issue a permit for the Knights of Columbus Council of Notre Dame Parish to conduct a roadside fundraiser on September 16, 17, and 18, 2011; and (5) to accept the proposal from Kamp Synergy, LLC to upgrade the Village's SCADA system, which enables the continuous operation of the Village's public water supply.

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