



News from Village Hall



Summer 2015

President's Letter

At this time of the year I am reminded of how lucky we are to live in such a unique and inspiring community. Whether you are riding our beautiful trails, walking on our quiet tree covered streets, or taking a relaxing evening cruise on the Fox, I am hoping that all our residents are having a wonderful and safe summer.

Congratulations to our 3 new trustees Brian Cecola, Bryan Croll, and Michelle Maison, and thank you to retiring trustees Patty Meroni, Joe Messer, and Karen Selman for their service to our Village.

As we discussed in the last Newsletter, we have several major issues before the Village that require attention. First, the Village, and our Police officers and their Union have agreed to the financial terms of their contract; second, the Board voted to consolidate our 911 Dispatch center with QuadCom's; and, third, our Roads & Bridges team is working to improve our roads. These topics are covered in detail further in.



Martin J. McLaughlin, Village President

Village and Police Agree to New 3 Year Contract

The Village of Barrington Hills is pleased to announce that after 8 months of contract talks the parties have agreed to the terms for a new labor contract. When the officers organized with the Metropolitan Alliance of Police (MAP) in 2009, the first contract took over 3 years to negotiate and it ended on December 31, 2014. The negotiations and arbitration that led to a new 3 year contract were led by special counsel (and village resident) Ted Clark, along with Police Chief Rich Semelsberger, Deputy Chief Joe Colditz, and Accreditation Manager Bill Walsh. In addition to MAP's attorney, Officers Gary Deutsche and Erik Stokes participated in the talks. With this agreement in place, our police officers, our residents, and the Village will continue to be well staffed, well equipped, and well protected into 2018.

The financial and other agreed to contract terms will be put into a consent award that will be entered by Arbitrator Thomas Yaeger, who helped mediate the new agreement. As a result of this new agreement, the Village has taken a significant step towards normalizing labor relations with MAP. The officers will receive annual pay raises of 2% in 2015, 2.25% in 2016, and 2.5% in 2017. They will also be contributing up to the 15% of the cost of their healthcare insurance, which will bring the officers in line with the contributions made by all other Village employees.

Special Board Meeting Horse Boarding Litigation Public Input Requested

In February 2015 the Board of Trustees amended the Village Code to regulate large scale commercial horse boarding through a Text Amendment to the Village Code. Previously, horse boarding was regulated under the Home Occupation provisions of the Code. Since the adoption of the Amendment, a lawsuit has been filed challenging the Text Amendment. The Board is exploring the Villages options, including the possible settlement of the litigation.

The Village Board is seeking input from the public on this issue. Please plan to attend the Special Village Board Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Countryside Elementary School** to provide comment on the potential settlement. Please email written comments to clerk@vbhil.gov by September 22, 2015.

Please go to vbhil.gov/news.html for more information.

Village Welcomes New Trustees



Michelle Nagy Maison

Trustee Michelle Nagy Maison grew up in Barrington Hills. She attended Grove Avenue Elementary School, Station Middle School, and graduated from Barrington High School in 1984.

She has always been around horses, her parents owned and boarded horses. Her daughter continues the tradition riding and competing around the country.

Michelle is a retired attorney, small business owner, a mediation specialist, serves on the Advisory Board, and works part time, for Barrington Saddlery. Michelle is also the owner of Briës in Barrington Hills.

She has led and participated in many Barrington organizations and non-profits. Michelle is a Board Member for Barrington Children's Charities and a member of the Little Garden Club of Barrington, Association for Conflict Resolution, a Gala Committee Member of Gateway for Cancer Research, and a past Founding Member of the Auxiliary Women's Club for Wellness Place. She is a past member of the Barrington Junior Women's Club and the Barrington Hills Country Club.

Michelle's children, ages 17 and 12, attend Barrington schools and are also involved in a variety of area activities, their favorites include equestrian activities and participating with the Barrington Area Tennis Association.

Brian D. Cecola

Trustee Brian D. Cecola also grew up in the area. He attended Grove Avenue Elementary, Station Middle School and graduated from Barrington High School.

He pursued a degree in Criminal Justice at Southern Illinois University. He is putting this background to good use serving as the Public Safety Chairman for the Village Board. Brian is President of the Lions Club and for years he, along with the Lions and his wife, Stephanie, organized the Barrington Lions Brat Tent over the 4th of July holiday. Fun fact? Did you know the funds raised from the brat tent make the Independence Day fireworks possible!

Brian and Stephanie have been married for 30 years. They have three children, Mikala, a Sophomore attending William Woods University majoring in Equine Science, Grant, a Junior at Barrington High School, and Tyler, going into 5th grade at Countryside Elementary. When not working or volunteering he loves to boat, play sports and spend time with his family.

Bryan C. Croll

Trustee Bryan C. Croll grew up in Barrington Hills and attended local schools too, graduating from Barrington High School in 1989. Bryan attend the University of Virginia and was on the wrestling team. He earned a degree in Environmental Science, and, after graduating he worked as a hydrogeologist in northern California before earning his MBA from Georgetown University.

Since 1999 Bryan has been the president of his family's land and cattle companies in Arizona. Bryan has served as a Barrington Area Conservation Trust board member since 2010, and is currently its Treasurer. With his spare time he likes to swim and ride bikes with his family.

Bryan's wife, Joise Croll, is also a member of the Barrington High School Class of '89. Together they have three children, Courtney (6), William (4), and Evelyn (1).

Remembering Village Clerk Dolores Trandel



In April we lost longtime Village Clerk Dolores Trandel. Dolores constantly went out of her way to put a smile on our faces and she took care of anyone who walked through her door. Whether you just needed a laugh, or you if you were a contractor who forgot your lunch, Dolores was prepared and happy to help. Before joining the Village as a police dispatcher, Dolores owned a pet shop in Cary and some of our current officers even remember stopping to visit the animals. With her love of animals in mind, if you would like to honor Dolores' memory, her family has directed donations to Midwest Labrador Retriever Rescue mlrr.org to continue her kindness.

Another of Dolores' passions was food. An avid cook, Dolores would always be talking about her next dish and sharing her favorite recipes with friends. She would make frozen fruit treats for her coworkers on hot days, and would coordinate fresh fish deliveries with Trustees. During stressful Board meeting preparations, you knew a box of "Joseph's gummy bears" would be sitting on her desk ready to ease the tension.

Through all the adversity over the last 16 years Dolores was there. Ready to be the calm and collected pillar of the Village. Even through disagreements, everyone was happy to work with Dolores.

Dolores' warm and kind assistance to countless Presidents, Trustees, residents, coworkers and visitors will be missed deeply.

Auditors Report for 2014

At the May Board meeting Fred Lantz from Sikich LLP, our Village auditors, presented the Village's financial statements. The full statements can be found at barringtonhills-il.gov/treasurer/audits.html

Auditor's Highlights

"a significant improvement in the combined fund balances to \$3,593,488, an increase of \$640,950 from December 31, 2013"

"that sound financial practices and standards exists which will serve the Village well "

" the reduction of spending can be attributed to reduced legal fees, and sound management practices, and reduced administrative expenses"

Tax Review

For the first time in several years, the Village of Barrington Hills reduced the amount requested in property taxes, effectively lowering the levy. The counties Cook, Kane, Lake and McHenry all allocate the request based on their percentage of the total tax burden, and share the levy requested on the Village's portion of your real estate tax bill. Generally, the Village makes up about 18% of your total tax bill with the school district's portion as the largest share. The remainder goes to the library district, fire districts, community college, etc. In 2015, the Village Board agreed to invest the \$484,000 in savings from reductions off the levy in the General Fund and Police Protection Fund, and apply that to the 2015 road resurfacing program in an effort to close the 4.9 mile gap that exists from our 2004-2014 ten-year road resurfacing program.

Spending Vs. Budget

Year	Budget	Spending	Difference
2013	\$ 8,281,305	\$ 8,045,152	\$ 236,153
2014	\$ 8,387,289	\$ 7,666,789	\$ 720,500
2015	\$ 8,362,428	\$ 3,110,840 (through June)	\$ 5,251,588

Spending is anticipated to be below budget again, as the Village should continue to experience significant savings in legal service and administrative departmental expenses. The consolidation of our 911 services is expected to allow for savings in fiscal year 2016.

Annual Spring Roadside Clean-Up... A SUCCESS!

This past Spring, the Heritage and Environs Committee (HEC), joined by Countryside Cub Scout Pack 187, freed Helm Road, County Line / Lake-Cook Road and the East end of Plum Tree Road from winter debris.



Cub Scout Pack 187 Getting Ready to Clean Helm Road

All in all it was a rousing success! Success, thanks to the Cub Scouts, we had even more people involved than prior years - over 50 volunteers! Success, we collected over 83 bags of litter! Success, Helm Road and Plum Tree Road sparkled like they rarely have before!

In addition to our HEC volunteers, a great many citizens all over our Village could be seen taking advantage of the good weather to



Cub father Paul Rudnicki and daughter helping keep Cubs safe on Helm Road.



*Retired HEC Chairman
P. Denise Israel*

spruce up their yards and roadside frontage.

We give thanks to all HEC volunteers, Cub Scout Pack 187, and thoughtful residents all over our village. Extra Special thanks to resident Michael Hannigan. Mike not only Captained HEC Team 6, but personally picked up numerous bags of litter from our Village roadsides in the weeks before and after the organized HEC Roadside Clean-Up.

Finally, a big thanks to the now retired Chairman of HEC, P. Denise Israel. Denise was Chairman of HEC since the committee was created over 10 years ago. She has guided the committee to undertake projects both big and small, including the force behind organizing the clean up for years. Her legacy extends far beyond the clean roads, styrofoam and shoe recycling. The Village thanks P. Denise Israel for her years of energized service.

Illinois Rail Safety Week, September 13th – 19th

Illinois Rail Safety Week runs from September 13th – 19th. The Barrington Hills Police Department will be participating along with over 200 other agencies in an effort to promote education and safety along railroad property and crossings.

During 2014, Illinois ranked 2nd in the nation in vehicle collision fatalities; let's work together to **Remain Safe!**

Follow 'Operation Lifesaver's'

Top 10 Tips

1. Walking or playing on train tracks is dangerous and illegal.
2. Be prepared to stop at crossings.
3. Cross train tracks at designated highway/railroad crossings.
4. Look for the crossbuck sign, lights or gates at crossings.
5. Listen for warning bells and whistles.
6. Obey the signals.
7. If one train passes, make sure a second train is not approaching on another track in the same or opposite direction.
8. Obey the directions of a police officer or member of a train crew directing traffic at a crossing.
9. Cross the tracks in low gear; do not change gears while crossing.
10. If your vehicle stalls on the tracks, get out quickly and move away from the vehicle and tracks; call the emergency number posted at or near the crossing, and call 911.

If you would like more information about Illinois Rail Safety Week, please visit www.illinoisrailsafetyweek.org.

Serving Their Village

This June the Board of Trustees made 25 appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Sixteen (16) of the appointments are new volunteers to the Village. When a resident accepts the position they take an oath to support the Constitutions of the United States and Illinois, as well as to serve the Village of Barrington Hills to the best of their ability for the duration of their term.

That is no small commitment, appointments ranged from 1 to 7 years! As a member, they are dedicating their time to serving you, the resident, and the best interests of the Village without receiving ANY form of compensation. The names of all the residents currently serving on a Board, Commission, Committee or as a Volunteer are listed below. Next time you see one of them around town, take a second to thank them for all their hard work and dedication.

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| • Kenneth Bosworth | • Johanna Croll | • Colleen Konicek | • Suzy Mogler |
| • Lorraine Briggs | • Curt Crouse | • Gwynne Johnston | • George Moser |
| • Debra Buettnr | • Laura Ekstrom | • Julie Joyce | • George Panos |
| • Donato Cantalupo | • Patti Fahey | • Victoria Kelly | • Kelcey Roberts |
| • Brian Cecola | • Neil Fern | • Barbara Kemp | • Jim Root |
| • Stephanie Cecola | • Linda Fox | • Frank Konicek | • David Stieper |
| • Arnold Cernik | • Gary Gabriel | • Chris Krzysko | • Jessica Underwood |
| • Richard Chambers | • John Gigerich | • Michelle Maison | • Robin VanCastle |
| • Jane Clement | • Fritz Gohl | • Anne Majewski | • Kim Van Fossan |
| • Shirley Conibear | • Jan Goss | • Lou Anne Majewski | • Erin Vondra |
| • Linda Cools | • Michael Harrington | • Kelly Mazeski | • Dan Wolfram |
| • Pamela Cools | • Patrick Hennelly | • Martin McLaughlin | |
| • Bryan Croll | • Mary Beth Holsteen | • Daniel Mjolsness | |

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

One of the great certainties in life is that there will always be roads under repair in Illinois. Below is an attempt to keep you apprised of the roads either under construction or scheduled for 2015.

Village Roads

- Plum Tree Road (Ridge to Village limits)
- Haegers Bend Road (County Line to Chapel)
- Meadow Hill Road (Fox Trail to Spring Creek)
- Ridge Road (Patching only)
- Helm Road (Patching only)

County Roads

- Otis Road from Brinker to Dundee Lane

Completed

- Dundee Road Route 68 (Route 25 to Barrington Rd)

Brian Cecola, Roads and Bridges Chair, working with Dan Strahan has contacted Cook County requesting review of the status and paving schedule of each of our County maintained roads. We will be publishing this schedule and updating you as we receive it on our Village website.



*Roads & Bridges
Trustee Brian
Cecola with IDOT
Contractors*

BACOG PRIVATE WELL WATER TESTING EVENT PICKUP – OCTOBER 5th - 8th

In Barrington Hills all of our drinking water comes from the shallow aquifer system. There is no regulation that requires outside entities to test your **private well water** or the aquifer. You are responsible for making sure your home's water is safe to drink. Barrington Area Council of Governments has partnered with the Lake County Health Department laboratories to make private well water testing **fast, easy** and **inexpensive** for YOU.

How Does It Work?

Pick-Up a Test Kit at Village Hall

October 5th - October 8th, 9am - 5pm

Bring \$12 exact cash or check

(payable to "Lake County Health Department")

Then Drop-Off Your Sample

OCTOBER 13th, at The Garlands

Between 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm

The Garlands of Barrington

1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington

OUR OFFICIALS ARE ALWAYS PREPARING



The Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management used federal and grant funding to build the Cook County Emergency Operations Center in an effort to prepare, protect, and mitigate the effects of a natural or man-made disaster and major incidents. This facility and the associated equipment is available to all area municipalities in the event of an emergency.

In addition to the facility, equipment, and support offered by Cook County, all Barrington Hills Police Officers have received extensive training in the National Incident Management System.

Not only is this infrastructure in place, the Village, including officers and elected officials, is constantly called upon to attend and participate in local, regional and Statewide exercises. We participated in a regional disaster training simulation in April coordinated with Lake County, Good Sheppard Hospital, and multiple police and fire departments in our area. This event was attended by over 50 municipal and county elected officials and regional safety personnel in addition to health care officials and utility representatives. Additionally, we met with Senator Richard Durbin to discuss rail disasters and what assistance the local communities could rely upon in the event of a rail emergency .

Ongoing exercises and meetings like these are designed to keep the critical lines of communication and coordination open and efficient in case of a real emergency.



From left to right are Barrington Hills Chief Rich Semelsberger, Cook County Department of Homeland Security, Chief of Law Enforcement Support Ed Burke Jr., and 100 Club CEO Joe Ahern (a Barrington Hills resident) at the June 25th, 2015 tour of the new Cook County Emergency Operations Center.

Dispatch Transition Update

The Barrington Hills Police Department (BHPD) has begun the transition process to consolidate dispatch operations to QuadCom located in Carpentersville. An experienced Project Management team has been contracted and has been working closely with Barrington Hills Police and QuadCom personnel to facilitate a smooth transition. The target date for the cutover to QuadCom Dispatch is late October.

After the consolidation to QuadCom is complete, administrative calls to the police department will continue to be answered by BHPD personnel at 847-551-3006. Calls that require a police response will be answered by QuadCom personnel by either calling 911 or the QuadCom non-emergency number.

When in doubt, call 9-1-1.

For the residents of Barrington Hills this will be a seamless transition. No action is required unless you have an alarm that is directly connected to BHPD Dispatch. If you do, please contact Communications Supervisor JoAnne Gumprecht at 847-551-3006 to discuss your options.

Barrington Hills is very excited to be able to join QuadCom. They currently dispatch for Carpentersville, East Dundee, Sleepy Hollow, South Barrington, & West Dundee, as well as the Carpentersville, East Dundee, Rutland Dundee and West Dundee Fire Departments. Quadcom is a 'state of the art' operation that has at least two (2) experienced dispatchers working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer emergency calls and immediately dispatch police and fire services.

"The very same Officers whom serve you now, will continue to respond to all requests for service just as they have done in the past."

If you have any specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me at 847-551-3006 or rsemelsberger@vbhpd.net.

**Stay Safe,
Chief Semelsberger**

The 150th Anniversary 4th of July Celebration

This year Barrington hosted quite a parade and Barrington Hills was well represented!

First, congratulations must go to Barrington Hills resident Dede Wamberg who chaired the event committee, organizing the parade and working with Village of Barrington officials. A special thanks to Michelle Maison and her son, Brian & Josie Croll and family, Maria Hayes, and Colleen Konicek and family who walked the parade representing the Village of Barrington Hills. President McLaughlin was honored to serve as a parade float judge.

What a great presentation, as usual, by the Riding Club of Barrington Hills, Elaine Ramesh, Louis Lacovelli, Jessica Underwood, Mary Beth Holsteen, Mike Zachar and family, Gigi Iacovelli, Gretchen Hess, Lorelei Benkendorf, Leah Collister and family, Mani Ramesh and Sally Robinson and family, who all participated with the Riding Club.

The gorgeous carriage from Tudor Oaks won the "President's Award." They featured period dress, elegant footman and riders, it was quite a treat.

Thank you to all the other residents in Barrington Hills who participated!



Courtesy of the BH Riding Club: Gretchen Hess and her horse at the parade.

Longmeadow Parkway Project

The Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) is in the 2nd phase of engineering for the proposed Longmeadow Parkway Project. The project is a proposed four lane highway connecting IL Route 62 to Huntley/Boyer Road, crossing the Fox River via a proposed toll bridge. The easternmost section of the project is in the vicinity of Autumn Trail within the Village. Construction of the westernmost portion of the project may begin as early as this fall.

In the past the Village has supported the study of the corridor, but recognized the study should consider and include safety and capacity improvements along IL Route 62. Based on recent inquiries the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has no plans to initiate such a study in the near future. In June, the Board passed resolution 15-23, opposing construction of the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor because it will significantly alter the character of the community and add traffic to an already congested road.

To date the funding for the Longmeadow Parkway project remains unclear and is expected to rely heavily on toll revenue to meet the debt obligations that KDOT will incur. The project is expected to impact a

number of properties within Barrington Hills, but is not anticipated to significantly reduce traffic on other area bridge crossings. For these and other reasons, the Board voted to oppose the project. Should the project continue to move forward, the Village will work with residents and KDOT to minimize, where possible, the impacts of construction.



Location of Proposed Longmeadow Parkway Project in Barrington Hills



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The Hills Are Alive



October 10, 2015 1-5 PM
Barrington Hills Park District Riding Center
361 Bateman Road Barrington Hills, IL

THANK YOU to all of the area vendors and residents who have made "The Hills Are Alive" possible through their generous donations. Visit vbhil.gov/hillsalive.htm for more info.
If you or your business would like to help make this year's event a success please call Anna at 847.551.3000