



# News from Village Hall



Winter 2016

## *President's Letter*

To all my neighbors,

I trust that, like me, you enjoyed the winter season with friends and family. The kids are back to school, and several of you have made the trek to warmer climates waiting for the return of Spring. Thank you to the volunteers that contributed 100's of hours serving on Village Boards, Commissions and Committees in 2015, making Barrington Hills the great place we all call home.



The Village of Barrington Hills closed its fiscal year with a reduction in the Levy for the second year in a row, requesting a 4.1% decrease in 2016. The levy has been reduced from \$6.56 million in 2013 to \$6.18 million today. We were able to increase our cash reserves providing the Village stability in fund resources. A portion of the savings generated will be invested in our roads. We will return to meeting our 10 year road resurfacing schedule of 3.2 miles of road per year. The Village has worked collaboratively with our neighbors in Algonquin on the Haeger's Bend/Spring Creek Road resurfacing program which saved our community time and money. We also have initiated regional discussions with the Cook County Department of Transportation regarding improvements on county road's outside of our control to expedite repairs.

The Board determined a full time Treasurer was no longer required. Interviews were conducted and the Board recently passed a resolution appointing Barrington Hills' resident, Peggy Hirsch, as Village Treasurer on a part-time basis. Peggy will start in this capacity in March and we are looking forward to working with her as we know she will be an asset to the Village. A Deputy Clerk has been appointed to serve as a backup to Anna Paul, our current Clerk. Thank you to resident Robin VanCastle for graciously accepting this volunteer role. We also will be finishing our efforts to digitize Village records, improving access to information long stored in "the Barn" behind Village Hall.

The reductions in overall Village spending should continue in 2016 due to our dispatch consolidation efforts with QuadCom and as we strive to further improve our Village services and efficiencies.

In 2016 we will be putting our best foot forward for our residents and future residents. We will be investing part of last year's savings to clean up the Village Hall with new flooring and new paint to bring it out of the 1980's. We will also improve and update our web presence, highlighting what makes Barrington Hills a wonderful place to live, work and play.

I look forward to continuing to serve you as Village President in 2016. I consider it a great honor and privilege. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*President McLaughlin*



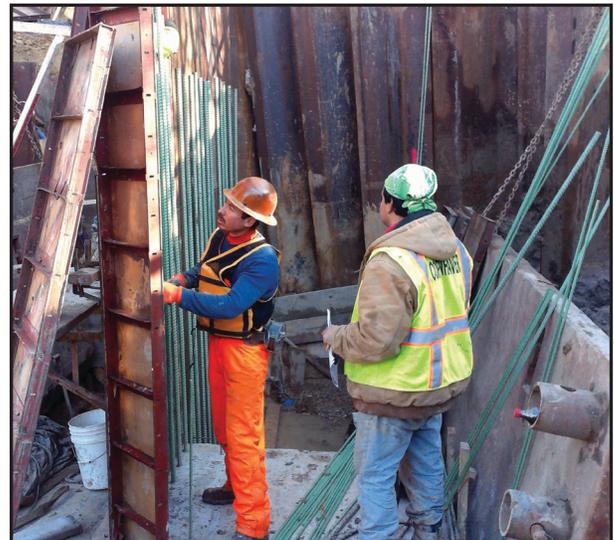
## Cuba Road Bridge Update

Construction for the replacement of the Cuba Road Bridge began in early November when it was closed to all traffic. The Bridge is scheduled to reopen in May 2016.

### Why is the bridge being replaced (and closed) over the winter instead of waiting until spring?

IDOT reduced the safe weight limit over the bridge, first to 10 tons and then to 5 tons this past fall. With that reduction, we're required to inspect the bridge every 3 months instead of every 2 years. If the Village waited until spring to replace the bridge we would have had to pay nearly \$10,000 for at least two additional structural inspections and bridge deck surveys. We also ran the risk of an overweight vehicle ignoring the signage, proceeding over the bridge and causing it to collapse. Additionally, IDOT could have closed the bridge completely at any time, in which case the bridge could have been closed for 3-4 months before a contractor could even begin work.

For more FAQ go to [vbhil.gov/roads.html](http://vbhil.gov/roads.html)



## Recycle Political Signs at Village Hall

After the elections are over keep the old signs out of the trash. Drop Political signs off by the Village Hall "Barn" to be recycled.

## Countryside School Green Club



Saturday, April 16, 2016  
10 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
Countryside School Parking Lot

205 W County Line Rd, Barrington Hills, IL

- Cork: natural & synthetic
- Styrofoam: all colors
- Packing peanuts & bubble wrap
- CDs, DVDs, VHS and cassette tapes with plastic & cardboard cases
- Batteries: alkaline, Ni-Cad, NiMH, button, car & laptop
- Cell phones and accessories

Proudly sponsored by Countryside Green Club and Signal Hill Chapter of DAR

## Equestrian Update

The Horsemen’s Council of Illinois posted an article in their Fall 2015 issue, stating: “If you own, ride, love or dream of a horse, you are part of a vast and amazingly diverse industry. Some call merely *‘the Horse Industry’*; but that does not come close to describing it, and to those outside looking in, it limits what we are and whom we touch.”

Through combined efforts of the protecting and restoring of our natural environment, ecosystem, and as communities around us expand, our unique Village becomes the *countryside* that is desired. One of the attractions of this vast countryside is the beautiful horse farms and the horses that graze the lands. Horses have worked the land, provided transportation, and entertained our youngest to oldest throughout the years. The equine is a huge part of our community today through breeding and training farms, clubs and not-for-profit groups who provide rescue, rehabilitation and therapeutic outreach. Horses have also brought together many individuals who have worked hard to preserve and restore the land both privately and in partnership with our Forest Preserves, so all residents can enjoy the lush open spaces. Horses bring joy; loving them, watching them, or seeing how they touch the lives of others.



Sheryl King, PhD, President of the Horsemen’s Council of Illinois, puts it nicely: “We need to reach beyond our own private self-gratification through horses and introduce others to the joy of knowing horses.” Barrington Hills is unique and enjoyed by many individuals of many interests. The Equestrian Commission is working toward a common goal of sharing the best opportunities as it relates to the equestrian world and preserving the lands that support such activities. In 2016 the Equestrian Commission will give a “leg up” on all the positive attributes of the equestrian world and work to share the joy with the entire community.

## Vehicle Sticker Program Discontinued

This fall the Board of Trustees voted to repeal the Vehicle Sticker Program. Residents are no longer required or able to purchase a vehicle sticker going forward. After reviewing the cost to administer the program, the limited revenue generated, and the reduced records hours, it was determined to be in the best interest of our residents to discontinue the program.

## Don't Forget to VOTE

Know your dates

- 2/29/2016** First day of early voting
- 3/10/2016** Last day to request a vote by mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
- 3/14/2016** Last day of early voting
- 3/14/2016** Last day of grace period registration and voting
- 3/15/2016** Election Day

For more information go to [vbhil.gov](http://vbhil.gov) and click the Vote Box.



## Cub Scout Pack 187



Cub Scout Pack 187 had a busy 2015! They took it upon themselves to champion Helm Road, cleaning the roadsides of debris in the Spring and Fall. They presented the colors at The Hills Are Alive 2015 Heritage Festival and assisted with cleanup.

They also had a run in with Officers Walsh and Parada. After the scouts were fingerprinted, they reviewed various crime evidence gathering techniques and earned their evidence and forensics badge. Pack 187 THANK YOU for all that you did for the Village in 2015!



## Pack 187 is Kicking Off the Cleanup Season April 23

On Saturday April 23, 2016 the Cub Scouts will be opening the roadside cleanup season by, once again, tidying up Helm Road from all the winter debris.

**Now it is your turn! Take the lead and organize a group to cleanup your neighborhood's roadside this spring and summer.**

The Village supplies safety vests and garbage bags; you supply the workforce and the fun. Call 847.551.3000 to pick up vests and bags. Send us your pictures ([village@vbhil.gov](mailto:village@vbhil.gov)), share the fun and encourage your friends to cleanup their neighborhoods and compete to see who can tally the most bags.



## Adopt a Village Road

The Village approved a resolution allowing groups to "adopt" Village Roads.

The Cub Scouts wasted no time, immediately after the resolution's passage they decided they wanted to continue their work, and officially adopt Helm Road. The Village recently approved their application and a sign will be installed noting their adoption of Helm Road.

If you are interested in following in the Scouts' footsteps, please contact the Village for more information on how you or your organization can adopt a Village Road.

## CFC Plant Sale Set for May 7-8

### *Start planning your native garden now.*

Citizens for Conservation will hold its annual Native Plant, Shrub and Tree Sale on Saturday May 7 and Sunday May 8, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The sale will be held in the Good Shepherd Hospital barn area, east of the hospital, across from CFC headquarters at 459 W. Highway 22, Lake Barrington.

This is CFC's 20th annual plant sale, and to celebrate, the organization aims to have 20,000 native plants in the ground from the sale. Buyers can choose from a huge selection of robust, hardy native plants, and knowledgeable volunteers will be on hand to answer questions. As part of CFC's Milkweed for Monarchs campaign to encourage monarch populations, seven varieties of native milkweed will be available for \$2.50 apiece.



*Prairie Smoke*



*Royal Catchfly*

**Pre-sale online ordering will be available March 1 - April 15, and helps ensure you will get the plants that you want. Pickup date for preorders is May 6, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.**

**This year's sale is on Mother's Day weekend, and Mother's Day gift certificates will be available in the online store as well. Also new this year: the sale will be open to CFC members on Friday from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

**To order online go to [www.citizensforconservation.org](http://www.citizensforconservation.org). If you have questions or wish to have an order form mailed, call CFC at 847-382-SAVE (7283).**

## *Holiday Party*

*This year the Village Board hosted a Holiday party for the Board, Commission and Committee Volunteers as well as all Village Administrative and Police Department employees. The Board used the opportunity to thank all for their dedication in 2015. Thank you to Trustee Michelle Maison for graciously opening her home and to those who were able to attend the party.*



## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



### Dispatch Consolidation

In October the Barrington Hills Police Department (BHPD) successfully migrated dispatch operations to the QuadCom Police & Fire 911 Center. The transition has been seamless. When Barrington Hills' residents call 911 they are immediately connected to the QuadCom Dispatch Center. Our same Police Officers continue to be available to provide assistance to Village residents and visitors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

**For emergency assistance  
ALWAYS call 911.**  
**For non-emergency  
police response call QuadCom  
at 847-428-8784.**



### Going Out of Town?

**Sign up for the house watch program.** Officers will check on your home if you're on vacation, concerned about a recent incident, the home is vacant, or under construction. Please submit the house watch form a minimum of 2 business days prior to the start date of the house watch.

**Signup:** Form is available at [vbhpd.net](http://vbhpd.net), click 'Services' drop down menu.

**Submit:** Email ([records@vbhpd.net](mailto:records@vbhpd.net)), fax (847-551-3055), drop-off or U.S. Mail (112 Algonquin Road). BHPD will confirm receipt and you can travel with peace of mind.

### Administrative Hours

Do you have a question?  
Need a report?  
You can still reach the BHPD Records Staff Monday thru Friday from 8am to 4pm at 847-551-3006 or by dropping in.

*The Barrington Hills Police Department strives to provide the best service possible to our residents. Please feel free to contact us with suggestions for improvement or to just let us know how we are doing.*

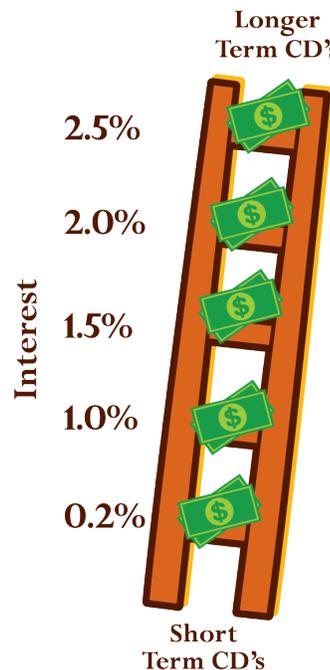
## LIFE SAVING AWARD PRESENTED TO OFFICERS DEUTSCHLE AND PARADA



On January 27th, 2016 Barrington Hills Police Officers Gary Deutschle and Sabas Parada responded to a 9-1-1 call of a woman who had overdosed on heroin. Officers found the woman unresponsive, but breathing. BHPD Officers administered Naloxone (Narcan) and monitored the woman's breathing and pulse. The woman stopped breathing and the Officers began CPR. Once the Narcan had time to circulate, the woman began breathing on her own. The woman was taken to a local hospital by ambulance and later released after treatment. The Village applauds the exemplary actions of Officers Gary Deutschle and Sabas Parada. The Board of Trustees and Chief Semelsberger proudly presented each Officer with a 'Life Saving Award' at the February Board of Trustees Meeting. If it were not for the rapid response and quick thinking of these Officers, this young woman may not be alive today.

## Money Ladder

The Village will be implementing a new cash investment program. We will manage our Village assets to maximize the interest earned on reserve funds. This program was initiated by the Treasurer and Village President after reviewing the old investment policy and determining it was outdated and should be improved.



The Village now follows standards and practices common for cash reserves held by municipalities. Previously, our funds were invested in ultrashort CDs which returned next to 0%. Under the new program we will be balancing inflows and outflows while establishing a ladder approach for Village funds. This will enable the maximum interest to be earned when maturing CD's periodically come due.

## Heritage Tree Ordinance Being Reviewed

The Plan Commission is working on redrafting the Village's Heritage Tree Ordinance after issues with the current ordinance were discovered in 2015. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend Plan Commission Meetings and/or to email comments to the Village at [village@vbhil.gov](mailto:village@vbhil.gov)



Meredith Tucker of CFC presents to Plan Commission: Benefits of Native Trees.



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## CALENDAR

<b>February 29</b>	<b>Early Voting Begins</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Time</b>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Election Day</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Earth Day Recycling Drive</b>
<b>April 23</b>	<b>Neighborhood Cleanup Season Kickoff</b>
<b>May 7-8</b>	<b>CFC Plant Sale</b>