

President's Letter

Greetings!

There has been a lot going on in our Village since our last newsletter. I trust that as fall yard cleanings are underway and sprinkler systems are winterized, that you--like me--have taken the time to get in that last round of golf, match of tennis or a beautiful trail ride taking in the tremendous fall foliage. In this issue, we'll be updating you on many of the important issues facing our community. As always, it is our intention to keep you informed and engaged as we continue to keep Barrington Hills the beautiful, unspoiled harmonious community you expect.



President McLaughlin and daughter Clare at NU football game

We've made a lot of changes over the last year, some more significant than others. To begin, the Village Hall has a new coat of paint, and durable carpet squares have been installed. We've added another layer of financial oversight and management with our professional partners. Beginning January 2018, the Police Pension Fund will have a new manager and the Village will have a new engineer. As you will soon read, our longtime Village Administrator Bob Kosin will be retiring at the end of 2017. We have begun the search to find a new administrator. When you read this we will have passed the 2018 Budget and be working on the Tax Levy. Last year we reduced the Tax Levy by 14%. We are working hard to minimize expenses when possible, continuing our fiduciary responsibility to our residents. We are participating in exploratory discussions with the Illinois Department of Transportation during their safety improvement study on State Route 62. Trustee Brian Cecola, who heads our Roads and Bridges Committee, is targeting resurfacing more Village roads than ever before, working to keep our rural roads beautiful, safe and enjoyable for all our residents.

From my family to yours, warmest wishes for the upcoming holidays as we give thanks for all our blessings. It is a great honor and privilege to serve you, my neighbors, in this capacity and I look forward to another productive year in Barrington Hills.

Warm Wishes,

President Martin J. McLaughlin



The Village will continue the holiday tradition of collecting books for the Little Free Library at Sunny Hill Elementary School.

Clean out your bookshelves and help encourage a love of reading for the children at Sunny Hill.

The Little Free Library is a brightly painted, weatherproof wooden box filled with a rotating collection of children's literature. A sign on its post invites passersby to "Take a Book, Return a Book." Students may borrow a book and return it, or keep it and bring back another one for someone else to appreciate.

The library gives young booklovers 24-hour, year-round access to children's literature and provides a space for eager readers to share their favorites no matter their financial situation.

To donate, please drop off books appropriate for grades K-5 at the Village Hall during regular business hours 9am-5pm. You can learn more about the Little Free Library program at: www.littlefreelibrary.org



Edward Terry O'Brien Receives Proclamation of Patriotic Service

Earlier this year, the Village Board instituted a practice to honor Village residents who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the community and country. At the October Board Meeting, the Village approved Resolution 17 - 23 honoring Barrington Hills resident Edward Terry O'Brien, proclaiming his Patriotic Public Service.

Chief Warrant Officer 2nd Class, Edward Terry O'Brien served in the Army as a pilot in the helicopter aero-medical evacuation units in Vietnam. "Dust Off" was the tactical call sign for medical evacuation missions in the War. Typically air ambulances transport wounded soldiers categorized as "urgent" patients from point of injury to a medical facility within an hour of soldier(s) being wounded.

On May 26, 1970 while piloting a UH-1H "Huey" helicopter (tail number 69-15139), Terry O'Brien and three others on a rescue and recovery mission for medical evacuation was hit in the hover position by an RPG at a 40-foot elevation in the PickUp Zone.

Flying into an active battle zone to pick up wounded soldiers was described by Peter Dorland and James Nanney in Dust Off: Army Aeromedical Evacuation in Vietnam, that "... slightly more a third of the aviators became casualties in their work, and the crew chiefs and medical corpsmen who accompanied them suffered similarly. The danger of their work was further borne out by the high rate of air ambulance loss to hostile fire: 3.3 times that of all other forms of helicopter missions in the Vietnam War."

All 4 men aboard Huey were killed. Terry O'Brien was 23 years old.

Helicopter Crew Members:

AC CW2 O'BRIEN, EDWARD TERRY

P WO1 GRAHAM, BRUCE ELLIOT

MD SGT HAWKINS, WILLIAM EDWARD

CE SGT JOHNSON, DAVID KEITH

CWO Terry O'Brien was posthumously awarded

- National Defense Service Medal
- Purple Heart
- Vietnam Campaign Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Air Medal

WINTER REMINDERS

FOR YOUR SAFETY: KEEP FIRE GRID SIGNS CLEAR OF SNOW AND BRUSH.

As fall foliage collects and snow falls, don't forget to keep your fire grid signs visible. They help ensure emergency responders arrive at the correct location quickly.



BACOG REMINDS US TO HOLD THE SALT!



Barrington Area Council
Of Governments

Salt is good on food, but it's not so tasty in our drinking water. The amount of salt in groundwater has increased significantly with development and the salting of roadways, driveways and walks. Increased chloride levels threaten our only source of drinking water as well as the health of our natural environment.

While we need to use some salt for safety, what happens to salt after the snow disappears? The chlorides in pavement salts don't break down in water. Instead, chlorides are carried to the aquifers where they stay indefinitely in the groundwater – the same water we drink. Approximately 45% of the chlorides in snowmelt end up in the groundwater.

More salt is not safer. While it may seem the more salt you use the faster the ice will melt, the fact is using too much salt can slow melting. Usually only 1/4 to 1 cup of salt is needed for a square yard of icy pavement.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Be conservative in how much salt you use on your driveway and walks – or if possible don't use de-icing products at all. It's safer for you, your family and the environment. Use minimum amounts to loosen ice and snow, so you can remove it by hand – that's how salt is intended to work.

If you live in a subdivision that contracts winter maintenance, make sure your contractor is certified in environment-friendly snow removal and put it in the contract. And talk to your neighbors about safe salting practices and impacts to our groundwater.

Remember, the groundwater in the BACOG area is replenished locally from above, which means what you put on the ground today could be in the water you drink tomorrow. Be safe and enjoy winter!

Longmeadow Progresses Despite Village Opposition

Despite opposition from the Village and community groups, construction on the Longmeadow Parkway has already begun in Algonquin. The Kane County Department of Transportation (KDOT) describes the project:

The Longmeadow Parkway Fox River Bridge Corridor is a proposed four-lane Fox River Bridge crossing, and a four-lane minor arterial roadway corridor with a median, approximately 5.6 miles in length, to alleviate traffic congestion in northern Kane County. After crossing the river, the corridor parallels existing Bolz Road, to the eastern project terminus at Illinois State Route 62 (Algonquin Road) in Barrington Hills.

The project currently has \$14.5M in federal funds and an additional \$39.4M from the state of Illinois. The prefinal construction and construction engineering cost estimate is \$115M.

The image below, published in August 2017 by Kane County, shows the anticipated construction schedule.



While the Village is not involved in the project, we will continue to monitor developments and participate when we can to minimize the impact to our residents.

For more information or to offer comments contact KDOT or go to www.co.kane.il.us/dot/foxBridges/longmeadowPkwy.aspx

IDOT Plans Route 62 (Algonquin Road) Improvement Study

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has notified the Village that they have begun preliminary studies on improving IL Route 62 (Algonquin Road) within Barrington Hills. IDOT states the “Study is intended to explore engineering options to improve safety and to accommodate existing and projected year 2040 travel demands.”

Part of their process is receiving and reviewing public input. They had an open house on Thursday, November 9th at the Barrington Park District to discuss the project and answer questions. The information is available on their website. Written comments can be submitted via IDOT’s website (il62study.com) through December 1, 2017, to be included in the public record.



2017 Road Program is Complete



The road program was completed in early October. It included culvert replacements, patching, and resurfacing. Location of work included Ridge Road (County Line Road to Merri Oaks), Old Hart Road (County Line Road to terminus), West Cuba Road (limits of bridge resurfacing to Plum Tree Road), and resurfacing of the Village Hall parking lot.

The Village is responsible for maintaining 39 miles of roadway throughout the Village. We do our best to keep our roads in good condition while being stewards of residents’ tax dollars. In the past five years, we have increased the length of road we’ve resurfaced to make up for some years we fell behind. Fortunately, material costs for the last few seasons has been lower than anticipated which has allowed us the ability to “catch up”.

Brinker Road Repair DELAYED

We previously (ecstatically) reported that Cook County had moved up the resurfacing of Brinker Road to this year. We all drive Brinker and know the condition of the road is far less than desirable. That is why Trustee Cecola and President McLaughlin worked with Cook County to accelerate resurfacing the road.

Unfortunately, the Village was notified that the project has once again been pushed back. Cook County has stated the reduced revenue by the ultimate elimination of the Soda Tax has led them having to push back the work.

Brinker Road is under the jurisdiction of Cook County, and while we will continue to advocate for the resurfacing of Brinker, hearing from their constituents can make a huge difference. Contact the Cook County Department of Transportation: (312) 603-1660 or contact your County Commissioner, Tim Schneider at tim.schneider@cookcountyil.gov

Kosin 35 Year Mark: Announces Retirement



Our Director of Administration, Robert Kosin, known to all as Bob marked his 35th year with the Village this July. Bob has announced that he will be retiring effective January 1, 2018. We sat down with Bob to learn more about his 35+ years in the community.

Bob began his career in the Barrington Area with the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) working under the esteemed Donald P. Klein. Eventually, he was loaned out to the Village of Barrington Hills... and he never left.

We asked Bob to recount his first day.

The Village President, Barbara Hansen, handed me copy #24 of the Village Code. She advised me that any answer or direction I may need would be found in the Code.

That same day, all other Village staff left to attend the funeral for the husband of the then Village Treasurer, Lucille Keating. For several hours I answered the telephone and answered questions with the Code on the desk next to me.

Throughout my career, a telephone and the Village Code have remained on my desk, no matter the office.

His first title was Planning and Zoning Coordinator, four years later in 1986, he became Director of Administration. He commuted from Chicago until 1987 when he moved to Crystal Lake with his family, where they still remain.

We asked Bob what moments stuck with him over the years. He recounted that the losses of staff and Board Members were some of the hardest moments in his entire career, and the ones he remembers vividly.

On the happier side, he enjoys the relationships he has been able to maintain. Bob and the now mayor of Algonquin, John Schmitt, met near the beginning of their careers when Mayor Schmitt was the Algonquin Plan Commission Chairman. "While Barrington Hills and Algonquin have not always agreed, this relationship ensured there was always an open channel of communication between our communicates."

The last memory he shared was when he met the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (then called the Department of Conservation) team to highlight some of the many natural areas in VBH.

Being a Chicagoan, I had never really walked through a natural area. The day prior, I bought a checked black and white wool jacket. I thought it was the perfect attire for an outdoor hike. I met the team at Palatine Road Marsh. They asked if I was going to wear the jacket hiking. After the hike, I now understood--as I seemed to have every burr in the forest stuck to my jacket. One of the many lessons I learned on the job.

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BOB KOSIN

Director of Administration

35 Approved Budgets



5 Police Chiefs



1 Packet
Delivered to the
Maternity Ward



4 VILLAGE
PRESIDENTS



2 Kids



13 Cell Phones



YEARS WITH
BARRINGTON
HILLS

Kosin Retirement *continued from page 4*

Bob oversaw A LOT of changes at the Village: the Village Hall doubled in size and ashtrays placed by each Trustee's seat have been removed. But Bob, being Bob, enjoys what hasn't changed "we still, as since my first day, rely on volunteers. The sense of duty the residents have to serve their community is inspiring."

Bob has accumulated a mass of historical knowledge on the area that few can match. He initiated the process for the Barrington Garden Club and Barrington Hills to receive a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker. The location, now a Wesleyan Church, during the Civil War served as an enlistment site for Union soldiers. His dedication to honoring those 90 soldiers and one nurse inspired others to take an interest in local history and preservation.

If you've ever asked Bob a question, you know he always has an answer. It might not be the exact answer you're looking for, or the answer to the question you asked, but you're sure to learn something along the way.



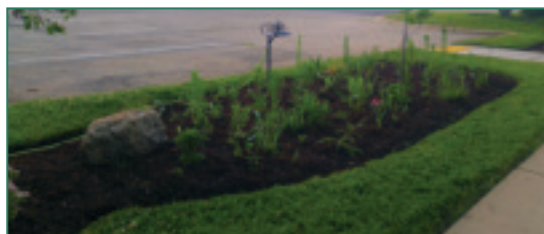
Please drop by the Village Hall on Wednesday, December 20th between 11 am - 3 pm for "Cake, Coffee & Nog with Bob" to share a treat, an egg nog, a memory or just a handshake as Bob prepares to retire.

Barrington Hills Park District Completes Major Renovation of Tennis Courts

The six tennis courts located at Countryside School were resurfaced and special lines for children's play were added. These special lines are painted in light blue so as not to distract from the adult boundaries. A new 30'x30' concrete patio for viewing was also constructed. Mary Beth Bowman of the Barrington Area Tennis Association (BATA), oversees the tennis programs at these courts. Please visit BATA's website, www.barringtontennis.com, for future children and adult classes. The Barrington Hills Park District Commissioners--Dennis Kelly, Maureen Crump, John Rosene, Steven Allen and Jessica Underwood--invite you to grab your racquet and head out to the new courts!

Barrington Hills Participates in Monarch Butterfly Waystation Program

The monarch butterfly, the state insect of Illinois, is disappearing at an alarming rate. The Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACT) along with regional, state and national organizations are working to increase monarch habitat.



This spring, one monarch waystation was installed near the Village Hall's west entrance. Special thanks go out to BACT for providing the plants and to Cub Scout Pack 187 who planted the garden as the rain fell. We are hoping to expand our participation in the Spring by utilizing a currently vacant area for a larger waystation.

BACT has provided plants for 34 gardens in our community which include over 1700 native plants, important for the lifecycle of the monarch butterfly. They include milkweed, the only plant monarchs will lay their eggs on and larvae will eat, as well as other flowering plants which are nectar sources and vital for migration to Mexico. All of these waystations, as well as plants in our preserves, help to create stepping stones and a beautiful monarch habitat corridor in our community.

Based on popular demand, BACT will again be offering waystation kits for sale with a Spring delivery. Please contact susan@bactrust.org or visit their website www.bactrust.org/monarch-mania.

Horizon Farms CLOSED to the Public

Horizon Farms was closed this spring by court order. At this time litigation is still ongoing and the property is closed to the public. Don't forget you can drive down the road and enjoy the scenic trails at the **Spring Creek Forest Preserve**, or stop by **Crabtree Nature Center** to enjoy the colors of fall.

Plum Farms Development Update

Plans for the Plum Farms Development in Hoffman Estates are still not confirmed. The Village is supporting Community Unit School District 220, Barrington Area Council of Governments and South Barrington as they seek to clarify plans and minimize the impact on the area and our school district. We will continue to be engaged and update you as we learn more.

Meet Our New Police Officers!

We are so happy to have our newest officers, Austin & Dennis, on the force. Both have graduated from the Academy and have been training with senior officers in Barrington Hills. We reached out to the new officers to delve into their bios a little bit more:

Austin Thomas

◆ **Why did you want to become an officer?**

I've always wanted a career where I could really get involved with a community and help the community over a long period of time. I was also inspired by several of my friends that are Police Officers.

◆ **Can you share a Barrington Hills moment you've had?**

My family moved from Birmingham, AL to Cary when I was 10. When we first moved here I had cousins that lived in Barrington. I was able to go to Countryside Elementary School for a day with one of them. When I went to take the written test to join the VBH Police Department, it was in the gym at Countryside. It was a very cool feeling, like things had come full circle.

◆ **When you're not protecting our residents, what are you doing for fun?**

For fun, I love listening to music and playing guitar.

◆ **Something that we don't know about you?**

I once spent weeks at sea sailing from Australia across the Pacific Ocean to Seattle on a cruise ship.



Dennis Walega

◆ **Why did you want to become an officer?**

I wanted to give back to the community with a hands-on approach.

◆ **Can you share a Barrington Hills moment you've had?**

I will always remember when a child with a broken arm came up to me and asked me to sign his cast (I need to work on my autograph).

◆ **When you're not protecting our residents, what are you doing for fun?**

On top of working out, binge-watching my favorite Netflix shows and hanging out with friends. I now also realize I need to find a real hobby.

◆ **Something that we don't know about you?**

Polish is my first language!



If you see Officer Walega or Thomas, please take a moment to welcome them to the Village and thank them for their service.

Garbage & Recycling Containers Need a Lid

This year the Village Board passed an Ordinance requiring you to place your roadside garbage and recycling in containers with lids. The Heritage & Environs Committee submitted the ordinance to the Board, to find a solution for the trash on our roadsides. While some of the trash is due to drivers throwing trash out their windows and garbage pickup trucks not covering their loads, the other major issue found was uncovered bins and unprotected plastic garbage bags placed roadside for pickup.



If you drive around the Village on garbage pickup day, you'll see garbage bags torn open overnight by critters and recycling blown out of the old rectangular (uncovered) bins strewn along the roadside. The new rule requires that you put your waste (both garbage and recycling) in containers with closed lids. Your garbage & recycling provider is aware of the change, and have options available for you.

Do I Need To Purchase a Toter from my Garbage Hauler?

The Village is not requiring any specific type of container, just that recycling and garbage are placed in a container with a lid. Your hauler may have other requirements.

What if I have to drive my recycling a 1/4 mile down the road? I can't haul a toter there!

As stated, the Village does not require a toter, just that it is covered. One resident, who drives her recycling, stated that she is going to use a Rubbermaid storage bin (same size as her current uncovered bin) with a lid and mark it as her recycling bin. Sounds good to us, but check with your hauler!

I don't think this is necessary. Who can I contact?

If you aren't happy with this rule or have other suggestions for waste and recycling, please email village@vbhil.gov. Your comments will be reviewed by the Village. If you think this is a great idea we'd appreciate the feedback too!

5TH ANNUAL THE HILLS ARE ALIVE FESTIVAL PARTNERS WITH THE BARRINGTON HONOR RIDE AND RUN

For the first time, the Village of Barrington Hills and the Barrington Honor Ride & Run joined together to celebrate our community and the Heroes who have served our country.

On Sunday, August 13, 2017, the day began early as the Honor Ride and Run began rolling through our community. The day ended at The Hills Are Alive Community Festival after hours of celebrating Veterans and our beautiful community.

Barrington Hills Park District Riding Center saw over 600 participants throughout the day. Approximately 150 of those were recovering veterans riding as part of the challenge ride which began in Minneapolis, Minnesota days earlier.



As riders crossed the finish line, they were cheered on by residents and volunteers. The Hills Are Alive kicked off early as the Barrington Lions Club fired up the grills to get our riders fed. They were hungry! Throughout the day we cooked nearly 200 pounds of burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and chicken.

As all the festivities began President Martin McLaughlin welcomed Veterans, Riders, Volunteers and Residents to the 5th Annual The Hills Are Alive. Cub Scout Pack 187 posted the colors and then the fun began. We had our old favorites like Efred the Amazing Balloon Guy creating whimsical cartoon balloons and VBH resident Doreen offering her delicious treats and popcorn from the Sweet Spot. Our first responders were out speaking with residents and offering some cool swag. Our festival sponsors came for the fun, and community nonprofit organizations spoke with attendees about their work. Many of us went on a hayride through majestic Spring Creek.

This year we wrote letters and drew pictures for our armed service members, and also got messy making slime! We spun the Barrington Hills Park District prize wheel and grabbed an ice cream from Good Humor Dave. The favorite may have been Glowby the Bubbler. He created bubbles like we've never seen before: giant bubbles, little bubbles, and just crazy bubbles!



We were glad the Honor Ride and Run Participants could join us at the festival. They expressed their appreciation to the community, commenting on what a beautiful area it was to ride.

The Village would like to offer our thanks to the community for giving the veterans a warm welcome! We were so honored to be able to partner with the Honor Ride and Run. Because of the event, over \$60,000 has been raised for Project Hero. Project Hero provides cycling based rehabilitation to our wounded heroes.

For more pictures of the event: facebook.com/BarringtonHillsIL. For more information on Project Hero: projecthero.org.



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Help us "Deck the Halls"

The Village Hall FINALLY has a new coat of paint, BUT we need your help "decking the walls." We are requesting your best Village images to help decorate Village Hall. Beautiful landscapes and homes; residents and families enjoying their lives in VBH; Biking, Riding, Running, Birding-- throw it all at us. Show us your VBH. Please email photos (high resolution if possible) to photos@vbhil.gov. By sending in your photos you are allowing the Village to use the images as décor, on the website, social media, etc as needed.

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CALENDAR

- 11/23/17 Village Hall CLOSED - Thanksgiving**
- 11/24/17 Village Hall CLOSED - Thanksgiving Recovery**
- 12/20/17 11am - 3pm Cake, Coffee & Nog with Bob**
Please drop in to wish Bob well and share a memory as he prepares for retirement.
- 12/25/17 Village Hall CLOSED - Christmas**
- 12/26/17 Village Hall CLOSED - Christmas Eve Observed**
- 1/1/18 Village Hall CLOSED - New Year's Day**