



Summer 2022



President's Letter

Dear Residents:

It may be true. "There are two seasons in Illinois: winter and road construction." With road construction in full swing affecting a couple major roads in our area, the Village has taken action to help address the possible increase in traffic. Lake County Department of Transportation (LCDOT) is constructing a new bridge over Flint Creek on Hart Road near the High School, which is to include a bike path

on the east side of the bridge. LCDOT estimates the completion of this project sometime in October. We have worked with Lake County to add signage to better direct drivers to the detour route, and on those roads that potentially may have more traffic, we have increased police presence and added a mobile radar speed limit sign. Additionally, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is resurfacing Lake Cook Road from Haeger's Bend to Hart Road, and estimates the work to be completed sometime in September.

Our Village's own road resurfacing project has been completed, and I am proud to announce that our roads are in great shape. We have diligently worked these past years to make this happen. Only one road had to be resurfaced this year along with some minor pavement patching on four other roads. We have taken advantage of a technology known as Reclamite to extend the life of roads already resurfaced. It is estimated that Reclamite extends the life of the pavement five to 10 years! Putting this in a financial perspective, it costs the Village \$25 per square yard to resurface a road and only \$1 per square yard for Reclamite. These figures are a great price because we went to bid early.

Furthermore, the Village is currently investigating and testing a preservation method to apply to our older roads, with the expectation that their lifespan, too, will be extended.

I am happy to report that with each year, our village-sponsored events become more popular and well attended. Most recently, together with Cuba Township, the annual *The Land We Love Run* kicked off the Independence Day holiday weekend with 120 registrants generating over \$7,000 for Folds of Honor, a non-profit that provides educational scholarships to families of fallen or disabled veterans. This year we expanded the 5K run by adding a 10K, a 2 mile walk, and awards presented at the end of the race. *We thank our donors, volunteers, organizers and everyone who registered to make this a success!*

Coming up on Sunday, September 18th, is the 10th Annual Barrington Hills Fall Festival. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there! I'm excited to share that it is back at the Riding Center, providing onsite parking and more attractions. As always, there will be live music, delicious food and family activities to fill the afternoon! Be sure to check the Fest's dedicated website for updates: vbhil.gov/fall-fest.

Best,

Brian D. Cecola, President

President Cecola welcomes runners before starting the race

And they're off!

Cheers from the sidelines

Veterans' Crossing Bridge decorated for the holiday.









2nd Annual The Land We Love Run a Success 33 categories + 46 medals + 120 participants = \$7,000 for charity

The Village of Barrington Hills, together with Cuba Township, hosted its 2nd annual *The Land We Love Run* on Saturday, July 2nd, kicking off the Independence Day Holiday Weekend. Runners, walkers, racers and strollers were given a tour, so to speak, of scenic Barrington Hills as they coursed their chosen race route of a 2 mile walk, a 5K walk/run or a 10K run.

Mother Nature gave us a glorious summer morning to welcome people of all ages who came from as far as California, New York and Florida; "neighboring" suburbs as far as Frankfort, Illinois; and of course, from the Barrington Area.

We were happy to see returners from last year as well as many new faces! Registrants this year totaled 120 participants, nearly tripling from last year's inaugural race. Coupled with volunteer and supporter donations, *The Land We Love Run* generated proceeds of over \$7,000 benefitting *Folds of Honor*, a non-profit that provides educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service members.



1st, 2nd, & 3rd place medal

Barrington Hills resident, Marine Corps Veteran, and Folds of Honor Board Member, Bill Schey, was in attendance in which he explained how and where donations are used and thanked everyone for their support. To learn about this organization or to donate, visit Chicago. Foldsof Honor.org. We thank our many volunteers and sponsors who made this event possible!

Awards were given to the first, second, and third-place finishers in each category, as well as those that placed in the overall results. One special category that was not included in the timed results was Most Patriotic Costume. Participants came wearing an assortment of patriotic wear, from headbands down to their running shoes, but

there was one group who came fully decked out which made it difficult to award just

one person so the entire group was awarded the medal! Congratulations to all!

The full list of race results and photos are posted on our website under News at vbhil.gov.



Most Patriotic Costume



Participants enjoying the shaded route



Folds of Honor Board Member Bill Schey thanks supporters.



Twp Supvr Chris Karam and VBH Trustee Colleen Konicek Hannigan welcome participants



Nancy Yapp from New York



Crossing the finish line



Susan Colditz, 1st place in her 5K category

Mark your calendar for next year and bring your friends!





Horizon Farm Public Meeting

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC) hosted an open house on June 14th regarding Horizon Farm, the area's newest forest preserve adding almost 400 acres to the preserves in Barrington Hills.

The evening began with a presentation by the Preserves reviewing the planning efforts underway which included input from community stakeholders.

FPDCC is working hard to preserve and restore vital natural areas that are especially important to native grassland birds. A short-term plan was presented which involves opening several trails on the property in the fall

of this year. There will be some gravel trails and mowed grass trails, in line with the Forest Preserves' mission of all trails being open to everyone (dog walkers, equestrians, bikes, etc).

The Forest Preserves District of Cook County is seeking input from residents on how they would like to see the property used as they continue to plan for the opening of the trails and future uses of the property. Residents can view the current draft maps at VBHIL.gov/news prior to emailing feedback to Planning@cookcountyil.gov.

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How Prepared Are You?

The 2022 tornado season is off to an active start, with at least 210 confirmed twisters so far. In Illinois, nearly 80 percent of all tornadoes occur between April 1 and June 30. However, in the past few years, nearly half of all Illinois tornadoes occurred in the fall or winter (September through February).* Are you prepared?

A tornado watch means be prepared--a tornado is possible.

- Regularly check the forecast to learn if your area is at risk.
- Make sure all family members know the tornado safe location in your home, such as a basement, storm cellar or interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.
- Store a customized emergency kit in your tornado safe location. Visit ready.gov/kit for supply ideas.
- Identify where to go if you are at work or school.
- Have a family emergency communication plan outlined and practice it. This plan should tell your family what to do, how to find each other and how to communicate in case of an emergency.

What's included in your plan?

- An emergency contact name and number?
- An out-of-town contact name and number?
- A neighborhood meeting place?
- "I.C.E." phone numbers (in case of emergency) programmed into every family member's cell phone?
- A plan for pet safety?

A tornado warning means take action--seek shelter. A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar.

- Move to your designated tornado safe location.
- If at work or school, follow the tornado action plan quickly and calmly. Stay away from windows and do not go to large open rooms such as cafeterias, gymnasiums, or auditoriums.
- If outside, seek shelter inside a sturdy building.
- If in a vehicle, drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If that's not an option, safety websites say to stay in your car with the seat belt on. Take cover below the windows and cover your head with your hands and anything you may have in the car such as a coat or blanket.
- Do not seek shelter under a bridge or overpass.
- Only as a last resort, lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area beneath the roadway level.



UPDATE: DONLEA ROAD DRAINAGE INVESTIGATION

Due to the flooding that closed Donlea Road for part of 2019, the Village of Barrington Hills has partnered with the Cook County Department of Transportation, which owns and maintains the road, to investigate the cause of the flooding. The investigation is still ongoing, but here is a status update:



An extensive site visit was completed in the fall of 2021, where no immediate cause of the flooding was found. Following this, a drain tile investigation was conducted, and again, no immediate issues were found.

The next step in the project is for surveyors to complete a topographic survey of roadway cross culverts on Donlea Road, Lake Cook Road and Steeplechase Road. We anticipate this work to be completed in the next several months.

In the coming months, a geotechnical consultant will complete soil borings in select locations. The soil borings will help identify the hydrology patterns in the tested area.

We anticipate these to be the last major steps in the study after which a report will be finalized and published. For questions or concerns, email village@vbhil.gov.

PREPARING OUR PETS FOR TORNADO SAFETY

The same steps that apply for us, also apply to our pets.

- Have an evacuation plan for your pets.
- Have a friend, neighbor or relative available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.
- Make sure your pets are easily identified. If they are microchipped, keep your contact information up-to-date.
- Have a pet emergency kit readily available. Visit ready.gov for supply ideas.

For larger animals, be sure to prepare before a disaster.

- Ensure all animals have identification.
- Evacuate animals if possible.
- Ensure destinations are supplied with food, water and handling equipment.
- If evacuation is not possible, owners must decide to move them to a barn leaving the doors open or turn them loose into the pasture.

If you can give your horse the option to stand under an open shed or leave your barn stall doors open (inside a fenced in pasture, of course) that allows them the freedom to run out if they feel threatened. Jim McKee, Equine Veterinarian

Various equine websites share the same recommendations:

- Put a fly mask on the horse to avoid flying debris.
- Identify each horse with halters, neck straps or by spray painting on the horse's side or mane the phone number of the owner or someone who doesn't live in the area.
- Use a sharple to write a contact phone number on their hoof, which is harder to wear off.
- Build an Equine Safe Room (pictured).
- Put away as much debris as possible to minimize the risks of flying objects around the barn or pasture.





REDUCE OPPORTUNITY - REDUCE CRIME

Three elements must be present for a crime to occur: desire, ability, and opportunity. Removal of just one of these elements may prevent a crime from occurring. Since little may arguably be done to address an offender's desire or ability, the focus must therefore be on *reducing or eliminating opportunity*. The below information is intended to assist residents in this effort and has been compiled from recent and historical incidents within the Village.





RESIDENCE

- ♦ Always lock doors and windows.
- If available, always make use of a security alarm system. Consider adding one if you haven't.
- Install security cameras capable of detecting and alerting on motion.
- Employ security lighting to illuminate areas of intrusion or vulnerability.
- ♦ Do not post current or future absences from home on social media.
- Stop all deliveries to your home to eliminate telltale signs that you are away (i.e. mail and newspapers).
- Utilize the Department's House Watch Program when away for extended periods. Submit requests via the Department's website: vbhpd.net/request/house-watch.

MAIL

- When possible, choose to receive electronic payments versus mailed payments delivered to your unsecured roadside mailbox.
- If you must receive vulnerable items via mail, subscribe to USPS Informed Delivery to know when such items are to be delivered.
- Do not utilize a roadside mailbox to mail outgoing financial instruments. Be aware that two area Post Offices have had large exterior mailboxes stolen this year. Therefore, if you must mail these items, make certain to deposit them inside the Post Office.



VEHICLES PARKED OUTSIDE

- ♦ Keep windows closed and doors locked.
- ♦ Always remove all valuables, especially keys/fobs and garage door opener remotes.
- Consider that an unlocked vehicle with a functional garage door opener (remote or integrated system) provides thieves with access to your garage and possibly your entire home. Accordingly, leaving keys/fobs inside vehicles within your garage is also discouraged.

FRAUD

- Never give out your personal information to anyone who has contacted you or give them remote access to your computer.
- ♦ Be extremely wary of friends/ family reporting an emergency and needing money wired or gift cards purchased. Financial institutions and reputable companies will never request payment in the form of a gift card.
- Solicitors are required to display their VBH permit. Immediately report those without a permit.
- Watch out for phishing emails and text messages.

Immediately report all suspicious activity to Police. *Trust your instincts* – if something looks out of place or doesn't appear quite right, call and have it checked by an officer! Never forgo reporting suspicious or concerning activity on the belief that Police have better or more important things to deal with. Lastly, never approach a suspicious person or vehicle on your own.

■ QuadCom Dispatch: Emergency - 911 / Non-Emergency 847-428-8784

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BARRINGTON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR'S HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Governor Pritzker signed into law SB 1975 (now Public Act 102-0895). Included within Public Act 102-895 are changes to some homestead exemption amounts.

EXEMPTION	AMOUNT BY COUNTY		
CHANGES	COOK COUNTY	COLLAR COUNTIES	ALL OTHER COUNTIES
General Homestead Exemption through 2022 (payable 2023) year	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
General Homestead Exemption beginning in 2023 (payable 2024) year	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,000
Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption through 2022 (payable 2023) year	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption beginning in 2023 (payable 2024) year	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$5,000

Collar Counties (Lake, McHenry, Kane, DuPage, and Will)

In addition to the changes above, it should be noted Public Act 102-0895 also includes an end to annual reapplications for veterans with a combined service-connected disability rating of 100% and is deemed to be permanently and totally disabled, as certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. This is an important point for all counties, but especially those with a significant number of veteran residents who may inquire about this update to state statute.

Township assessors assist residents in identifying and filing exemptions for which they are eligible. For more information, visit your township assessor's website:

■ barringtontownship.com ■ cubatwpil.gov

algonquintownship.com

dundeeassessor.com

Landscaping and Earth Moving: DO I NEED A PERMIT?

YES - A permit may be required if you are doing any of the following:

- Changing the natural flow of water
- Working in or near a floodplain, floodway, wetland, stream, or lake
- Disturbing 5,000 sq. ft. or more
- Removing, adding, or any combination of 300 cubic yards of material
- Adding a culvert under your driveway along a Village-maintained road
- Installing or relocating a driveway
- Removal of heritage trees

NO - A permit typically isn't required for the following:

- Mowing the lawn
- Gardening
- Planting Trees and Shrubs
- Locating a pre-built shed (less than 200 sq. ft. in size) away from of wetlands or flood prone areas
- Basic maintenance of ditches (reshaping, minor grading)
- Removal of invasive species
- Tree trimming
- Clearing debris and foliage collected in culverts and drainage ways

The list above is not an all-encompassing list of projects that require a permit. If you are ever in doubt, contact the Building Department with the details of your project at build@vbhil.gov and they will happily assist in determining if you need one. Plans and documents are electronically accepted.

Residents are reminded to adhere to the Village Code while planning your project, i.e. considering setback lines, floor area ratio, etc. If you proceed without a permit for work requiring one, an after-the-fact permit will need to be obtained and may be subject to increased fees and fines.

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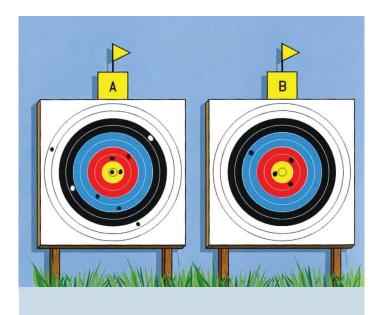
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Knowing that the score of archer A is 55 and that different points are earned in the ten zones in ascending value toward the center, how many points does archer B score?

Solution under News at vbhil.gov