

## President's Letter



Since our last newsletter, we have a new Board of Trustees resulting from the 2023 Consolidated Elections. I am very excited to work with our newly elected Trustees: Darby Hills, Jessica Hoffmann and JC Clarke! I am sure you are familiar with them as they are active within our community, but if not, take the time to learn about them by reading their introductions on page 4. Trustee Darby Hills has served as an appointed Board Member for the past year, and Jessica and JC bring their personal and professional experiences, completing the Board.

Long-time Trustees Colleen Konicek Hannigan who served 10 years, and Bryan Croll who served 8 years, decided not to run for another term. I served alongside them, first as a Trustee and most recently as Village President, and together we were able to achieve great things for our residents. Bryan did an incredible job with the Village's Finances and Colleen was atop our Zoning. I want to thank them both for all their dedicated years of service and what they brought to the Village.

**The Land We Love Run 5K/10K and 2-mile walk is just around the corner on July 1!** I can't wait to see new faces participating alongside our returning runners and walkers! It was amazing to see how many families came out last year either to run or cheer from the sidelines, and we're hoping to beat that number this year--all for a great cause: Folds of Honor which provides educational scholarships to the families of our fallen veterans, disabled military and first responders. Register at [vbhil.gov/race](http://vbhil.gov/race). The Cuba Township Food Pantry will be accepting much needed items the day of the Race. Whoever brings the most will receive a special recognition.

**Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, September 17, for the Barrington Hills Fall Festival 2023!** We're still in the planning phase but you can count on an awesome afternoon from Noon to 4 PM with live music, delicious food and entertainment for all ages. Every year, this is made possible by donors, sponsors and volunteers to whom I say thank you.

I am happy to report investment in our community continues! Building permits remain consistent and the Village has been fielding a number of inquiries from interested purchasers. Every community offers something special. Among the many characteristics that differentiate Barrington Hills is our minimum five-acre, residential zoning. 2023 marks the 60th anniversary of Village Ordinance 63-01, a comprehensive amendment known, cited and referred to as The Village of Barrington Hills Zoning Ordinance. It is through diligence and devoted volunteers that we are able to reach such a milestone.

I want to personally thank all our volunteers. Everyone's contributions are invaluable and very appreciated. We have the 5K/10K Run coming up soon and the Fall Fest in September! Students and members of organizations that need service hours, or individuals that would like to volunteer, can email [village@vbhil.gov](mailto:village@vbhil.gov).

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

*Brian D. Cecola, President*

L-R: Trustees Riff, Hills, Ekstrom, Croll, Konicek, President Cecola, Chief Colditz, Administrator Paul, Clerk Panos

Participant and Volunteer Registration: [vbhil.gov/race](http://vbhil.gov/race)

BH Fall Festival 2022 (L-R) President Cecola, Trustee Riff, Heather Riff, Sgt. Kann





L-R: President Cecola, Trustee Strauss, Officer Ramsey, Trustee Riff, PD Chief Colditz

## NEW BHPD Officer!

On Monday, April 17, Kristyn Ramsey took the oath of office and officially became Barrington Hills Police Department's newest officer. Prior to joining the Department, Officer Ramsey was a deputy coroner with the McHenry County Coroner's Office, where she was tasked with conducting independent and thorough investigations to arrive at the manner and cause of deaths occurring within the County.

### Officer Ramsey's impressive educational accomplishments include:

- Syracuse University: Master of Science - Medicolegal Death Investigation
- Dominican University: Bachelor of Medical Science
- Loyola University: Bachelor of Science - Environmental Science

Officer Ramsey is currently attending a 16-week basic law enforcement training program at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) at College of DuPage. Upon graduation from SLEA and certification as a law enforcement officer by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, Officer Ramsey will then begin a thorough field training program, in which she will receive training from the Department's experienced field training officers.



## Resident Crime Prevention & Safety Meeting

### Ruse Burglaries and Other Common Summertime Crimes

Avoid being a victim and protect yourself with knowledge! See you there!

Let us know how many will be attending. Bring a friend!

**Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 6:30 PM**

Village of Barrington Hills Village Hall  
Robert Kosin Room  
112 Algonquin Road

RSVP not necessary but appreciated: [crimeprevention@vbhpd.net](mailto:crimeprevention@vbhpd.net).

## Speed Grant

July is a high traffic month and one of the deadliest times of the year. To address increased traffic and speeding, the Barrington Hills Police Department has applied for Illinois Speed Enforcement Program grant funds to conduct high-visibility enforcement from July 6 - 31, 2023. The enforcement efforts are designed to reduce fatalities and serious injuries at some of the deadliest times of the year for vehicle travel.

Speeding remains one of the most prevalent factors contributing to traffic crashes, fatalities, and injuries. Although the grant has not yet been awarded, the Department is optimistic the grant request will be approved and provide overtime funding towards hiring off-duty BHPD officers for this enforcement program.

**31.9% of total crashes** BECAUSE OF SPEEDING

**44.9% of fatal crashes** BECAUSE OF SPEEDING

**37.3% of injury crashes** BECAUSE OF SPEEDING

**Reminder To Citizens**

To report ANY type of crime, incident or condition, contact:

**QuadCom Dispatch at 847-428-8784**

- Voicemail or e-mail to Police Department or Village Hall staff members does not initiate a call for service or police response
- Contact QuadCom anytime 24 / 7

**Call 911 for Emergencies**

**UPCOMING  
VILLAGE  
EVENTS**



**JULY 1<sup>st</sup>**

**5K | 10K RUN  
2-MILE WALK**

registration and more information

[vbhil.gov/race](http://vbhil.gov/race)



*Barrington Hills*  
**FALL Festival**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS**

**SEPT.  
17**

Congratulations to Alexander Brandt who was the winner of a silent auction fundraiser hosted by Countryside School's Parent Teacher Organization! He, together with his parents, outbid the competition for the chance to get picked up and driven to school in a police vehicle, and then treated to lunch at a restaurant of his choice. Alexander chose to go to Original Dog Tracks with his friend, Amadeusz!

It's common for members of the Department to participate in fundraisers and community events. Be sure to visit their *Barrington Hills Fall Festival* tent on September 17! They're known for their freebies!

*Left to right: Sergeant David Kann, Detective Ron Ruffin, Amadeusz Kuzniar, Alexander Brandt, and Chief Joe Colditz*



# Introducing Your Newly Elected Trustees

*They're already off to a running start with a few meetings under their belt, but who are they?*



**Trustee Darby Hills** is no stranger to the Board. She was appointed to the position of Village Trustee and Chairperson of the Village Planning Commission in January 2022.

With the 2023 Consolidated Election, Trustee Darby Hills was elected to serve a four-year term. She continues her role as Committee Chairperson for the Village's Planning Committee but has now taken on the additional role of Committee Chair over Building & Zoning.

"At a time when urbanization is sprawling all around us, it is important to safeguard our zoning and comprehensive plan. The predecessors of the Village Board were visionaries in protecting open spaces, our natural resources, and the qualities important to our area," said Trustee Hills. She continues her role as Member of both the Village's Finance and Insurance Committees both chaired by Trustee Thomas Strauss.

Trustee Darby Hills graduated from the University of Iowa and earned her Juris Doctor from Chicago-Kent College of Law. She brings her legal knowledge to the Village Board from her experiences as an arbitrator, mediator and Cook County State's Attorney where she concentrated on child welfare, and from her days as a labor and employment attorney at Jackson Lewis, LLP working on behalf of corporations.

Trustee Hills and her husband, Tom, of 20 years have been Barrington Hills residents for 17 years. Their children are students in District 220 schools. Congratulations to their eldest who recently graduated Barrington High School and has committed to play tennis for Villanova University!

Trustee Hills is actively involved in many of the Barrington Area non-profit organizations. In 2010, the Hills co-founded Barrington Children's Charities to help local children living in food-insecure homes.

In her free time, Trustee Hills enjoys outdoor sports, especially tennis, running and skiing, and she loves to spend time with her family and friends.



**Trustee John Carpenter Clarke**, or as he prefers "JC", grew up in Barrington Hills and attended District 220 schools. "Having lived in

New York, Atlanta, and San Francisco, it became evident that Barrington Hills is a unique and excellent community to raise a family," said Trustee Clarke. He and his wife Meghan, who also grew up in the community, are raising their three children in Barrington Hills. They returned "home" to enjoy open spaces, abundant wildlife, gardening, a top tier school district, and proximity to family.

Trustee JC Clarke has worked in media, marketing and advertising for the past 24 years, currently serving as an executive for a global ad tech platform. He brings to the Board his experience in understanding trends, evolving business models, and management transformation.

Trustee Clarke has been appointed as Chairperson of the Village's Environment Committee and as a member, he joins the Village's Health, Public Safety and Personnel committees, chaired by Trustees Hoffmann, Riff and Strauss, respectively.

Trustee Clarke has served on several boards, related to both his occupation as well as the local Barrington and Chicago areas. He believes it is his civic responsibility to represent this community and the people who make it so wonderful. Residents can count on him to protect our unique residential zoning laws, maintain fiscal responsibility, and perpetuate a culture that embraces the balance of privacy, nature, and open spaces. "What started as a community of farming and hunting land has transformed into a collective community that cherishes nature, equestrian rights, and personal freedoms."

In his free time, Trustee Clarke enjoys fishing, playing racquet sports, gardening, cooking with Meghan, coaching his kids' recreational team sports, and spending an abundance of time outdoors.



**Trustee Jessica Hoffmann** and her husband, Mark, have resided in Barrington Hills for the last 18 years. Our Village has been a meaningful

place for the Hoffmanns. Their journey in the Hills began on their wedding day, having their venue on the grounds of her father-in-law's estate. Soon after, they wanted to move closer to family and moved to Barrington Hills. Here, they are raising their three daughters, currently representing all school levels in District 220.

"I am committed to preserving the integrity of Barrington Hills for generations to come. Maintaining our community's traditions and quality of life for our residents, taking special care of our Village's beautiful landscape and our pristine financial record will be of top priority," shared Trustee Hoffmann.

She has been appointed as the Chairperson over the Village's Health Committee (which is different than the Board of Health). As a member, Trustee Hoffmann joins the Village's Building & Zoning and Personnel Committees, chaired by Trustee Darby Hills and Trustee Thomas Strauss, respectively.

Trustee Hoffmann has been a licensed Real Estate Broker for 15 years and recently began practicing for Wall Street Property Group, Inc. after dedicating her most recent years to parent full time. She also manages rental properties and books events for her family's various businesses. She has always been involved with local philanthropy and currently devotes her time on the Board of Barrington Children's Charities as their Director of Programing.

In her free time, Trustee Hoffmann enjoys gardening and landscaping, dining and exploring new restaurants, and spending time with her family. Staying involved in her daughters' education and activities, and giving back to our community will always be of utmost importance to her.



**2023 Board of Trustees (L-R): Trustees Clarke, Hills, Riff, President Cecola, Trustees Ekstrom, Strauss, Hoffmann**



President Cecola (R) presents former Trustee Bryan Croll a recognition memento in appreciation of his 8 years of dedicated service.



Recognition memento presented to Bryan Croll & Colleen Konicek in appreciation of their dedicated service.



Former Trustee Colleen Konicek accepts a proclamation in appreciation of her 10 years of dedicated service.

**President Brian Cecola presented to Colleen Konicek Hannigan (10 years) and Bryan Croll (8 years) both a Proclamation and Recognition Memento in appreciation for their many years of dedicated service. Both Konicek Hannigan and Croll gratefully accepted each and expressed their sincere gratitude.**

To hear their heartfelt words, listen to the April 24, 2023, Board of Trustees Archived Audio:

•marker 15:35 for Bryan Croll •marker 26:45 for Colleen Konicek Hannigan

A summary of their tenure can be read on the Village Website under News:

**Job Well Done, Trustee Colleen Konicek Hannigan!**  
posted on April 18, 2023

**Mission Accomplished, Trustee Bryan Croll!**  
posted on April 20, 2023



### DIY your way to energy savings! Take advantage of Nicor's Free Home Assessment

Did you know Nicor Gas will come out for **FREE** to assess your home's energy efficiency and give you the materials for improvements? Products are either free or at a reduced price. For more information, visit [nicorgas.com/residential/ways-to-save](http://nicorgas.com/residential/ways-to-save).

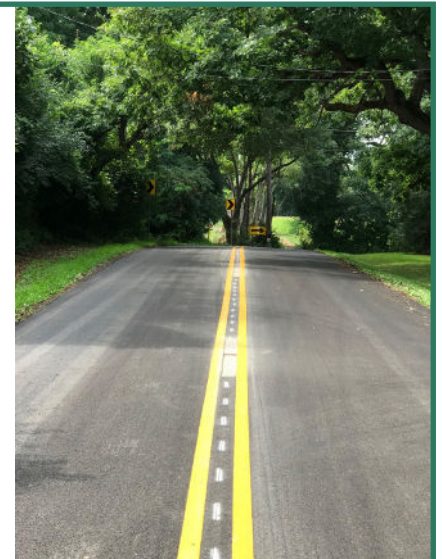
Start saving today with free, professionally installed energy-saving products for your home when you schedule a free energy assessment.

## 2023 VILLAGE ROAD PROGRAM

If you live in or travel through the northeastern part of our Village, you will soon see the 2023 Road Program under way! This year's program includes resurfacing, patching, restriping, and rejuvenating.




We are resurfacing Oak Knoll Road and West Cuba Road (from Buckley to Village limits) totaling nearly three miles of road. Road conditions warrant only limited large patching on various roads, and restriping will mostly be on Ridge Road. Rejuvenating Old Dundee Road will come later in the fall.

For the last several years, the contractor has offered to provide a repaving quote to private road homeowners while they are working in the Village. It is too late to sign up for this year (except for the rejuvenator), but if your private road association is starting to think about resurfacing, email us to be added to the list for next year: [village@vbhil.gov](mailto:village@vbhil.gov). In the meantime, start discussing it with the whole of your association and solicit estimates from various providers so you can compare those with what the Village's contractor quotes since you'll need to act fast.



# BCFPD REMINDS RESIDENTS TO CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE



-  Research has proven that a closed bedroom door can help save your life by slowing the spread of flames, preventing heat, smoke, and deadly gases from filling your room.
-  Because of synthetic materials, furniture, and construction, fire spreads faster than ever before. Closing doors helps stop the spread of fire.
-  40 years ago, you had an estimated 17 minutes to safely escape a home fire. NOW, you only have three minutes. Synthetic materials cause fire to spread seven times faster.

## Have Fun, Not Regrets

**Ahhh...summertime. A favorite season.** With the Fox River and Chain O'Lakes so close in proximity, boating is an area favorite--but avoid becoming a statistic!

The US Coast Guard reports that drowning was the reported cause of death in 81 percent of all recreational boating fatalities in 2021 and that 93 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets! Boaters are reminded to practice safe boating habits and wear life jackets. *The best part is you don't have to wear lifejackets from yesteryear!* Today's technologies offer much more lightweight and stylish jackets to accommodate different activities. There are even jackets for your pets!

With over 100 private ponds and lakes in our Village offering its residents water recreation, doesn't it make sense to do the right thing and not have any regrets? Check out US Coast Guard's compiled list of life jacket suitability for fun water activities at [safeboatingcampaign.com/life-jackets](https://safeboatingcampaign.com/life-jackets). Improve the stats by knowing how to Boat Responsibly. Visit [www.uscgboating.org](https://www.uscgboating.org).

Graphic: [safeboatingcampaign.com](https://safeboatingcampaign.com)

### Boating Accidents and Fatalities Statistics\*

Accidents happen too fast to reach and put on a stowed life jacket. Always wear your life jacket.



About 8 out of 10 people who died were not wearing a life jacket.



8 out of 10 people who drowned were not wearing a life jacket.



4 out of 10 people who died from trauma were not wearing a life jacket.



\* US Coast Guard

### Reported Boating Accidents

#### Most Common Vessels in Accidents\*

1. Open motorboats (47%)
2. Personal watercraft (19%)
3. Cabin motorboats (13%)
4. Other (21%)

#### Top 5 Factors in Boating Accidents and Deaths\*

1. Operator inattention
2. Operator inexperience
3. Improper lookout
4. Machinery failure
5. Excessive speed

## Flint Creek/Spring Creek Water Conference a Success!

### A Wealth of Funding Resources

Flint Creek/Spring Creek Watershed Partnership (FCSCWP) had its first conference a short time ago. It was a huge success! The Village of Barrington Hills, together with 16 other FCSCWP members, plus stakeholders, sponsors, elected representatives, and interested members of the public learned about the watersheds and possible funding sources for projects. The conference attracted a total of 85 attendees.

The program generated positive discussions and information sharing pertaining to new and continued efforts in protecting and restoring our area's unique natural resources and how funding was made possible. The Partnership's continued goals are to improve water quality, lessen flooding and erosion, promote healthy habitats and new recreational opportunities. Find out more by following them on Facebook or visit their website: [flintcreekspringcreekwatersheds.org](https://flintcreekspringcreekwatersheds.org).

### Each of us can take small, helpful actions to protect and improve our watersheds.

- Capture rainwater and use it for gardening later.
- Clear your culverts and ditches of debris, including leaves and pine needles.
- Maintain your ditches to maintain proper water flow.

Doing these small things can help reduce runoff, minimize erosion, and protect surface waters from excess nutrients. It also reduces harmful pesticides/herbicides from entering the water system which can end up in our drinking water, not to mention this helps reduce the chance of flooding.



## Drug Take-Back Bin At Village Hall

The Police Department has partnered with Inmar Intelligence to offer drug take-back and medication disposal services. This program is cost-free to both the Department and participants and is fully funded by pharmaceutical manufacturers.

The collection container is located in the Police Department lobby, which is accessible from the west side of the building (facing the fire station) and is open 24/7.

### Accepted

- Unused or expired medications in any dosage form, except for those listed below, in their original container or sealed bag.
- Unused or expired over-the-counter medication.

### Not Accepted

- Schedule 1 Controlled Substances
- Illegal Drugs
- Pet Medication
- Herbal Remedies
- Vitamin Supplements
- Cosmetics
- Thermometers
- Sharps
- Aerosol Cans



## PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

With 24.5 miles of private roads in our Village, it's important for homeowners to know the signs of when it is time to resurface your private road, when patching is no longer the best option, what to look for when hiring a contractor and how to extend the life of a newly resurfaced road.

*Fortunately, Alex Dye with Trotter & Associates provided some answers! Thank you, Alex!*

### What are some signs it might be time to resurface your private road?

**Cracks:** It is normal for an asphalt pavement to crack over several years as the seasons cause the pavement to grow and shrink with temperature changes. The first few cracks aren't an indicator for resurfacing, but after the buildup of 10 to 20 years of cracking without crack sealing, it might be time to resurface the road to protect the base course. Left unchecked, these cracks can become larger and lead to potholes.



**Potholes:** Potholes are a clear indication the road surface has deteriorated and needs to be resurfaced. Often these can be patched, but this is only a temporary solution as the freeze thaw cycle will likely cause them to show up again.

**Rutting:** Rutting occurs when the road surface becomes uneven, and you may notice water pools in wheel paths. This can be caused by heavy traffic, poor drainage and often is a sign of road base failure. This would be a sign that the road needs to be resurfaced and potentially a patch would be required.

*If you notice any of these signs, it's a good idea to contact a paving contractor to have the road inspected and determine if resurfacing or patching is necessary. This is a great time to do other work as well, like replacing failing culverts and improving drainage. Be sure to obtain the necessary permits before beginning the project.*

### When is patching a road no longer the best option?

- If the road is heavily traveled and experiencing significant deterioration, it may be more cost-effective in the long run to invest in more extensive repairs or resurfacing rather than continually patching the road.
- If you find yourself with most of the roadway patched, it would be good to resurface the road to remove all the joints. This will help slow down the infiltration of water and lead to a surface that requires less in annual maintenance costs.



### How can the life of a newly resurfaced road be extended?

- Apply protective coatings such as Reclamite or CRF, to help protect and restore the road surface from water damage and oxidation.
- Crack sealing and pavement patching are essential for keeping roads in good condition.
- Controlling vegetation growing on or near the road by trimming or removing it, along with maintaining good drainage, can help extend the life of the roadway.

**By implementing these measures, the life of a resurfaced road can be extended, reducing the need for frequent repairs and replacements.**

This is an abridged version. The document in full, which includes *What to Look for When Hiring a Contractor*, has been posted on the Village Website: [vbhil.gov/news](http://vbhil.gov/news). We thank Alex Dye with Trotter & Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers for this comprehensive information.



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**JULY 1<sup>st</sup>** **5K/10K**  
**2-Mile Walk**

**LAND WE LOVE RUN**  
**it's a HILL of a run**

hosted by  
**BARRINGTON HILLS**  
+  
**CUBA TOWNSHIP**

registration and more information  
[vbhil.gov/race](http://vbhil.gov/race)

**location:** Cuba Township Office  
28000 W. Cuba Road  
**race start time:** 7:30 a.m.  
**registration fee:** \$40 (\$35 early bird before 6/26)

**Race proceeds benefit  
Folds of Honor**