

## President's Letter



We are coming off one of the mildest winters in years and we are seeing signs that spring is officially here. Flowers are coming through, trees are blooming, landscape crews are out and about, and road construction has started. There's a lot going on at Village Hall, too.

Police Chief Joseph Colditz announced his retirement effective mid-July. His notification came bittersweetly as he has been an asset to the Village's Police Department. The Department has always been held in high regard and under Chief Colditz's leadership it continued. We were very lucky to have his expertise all these years and it has been an honor and a pleasure interacting with him; he will be

deeply missed. Congratulations on your retirement Chief!

I have been interacting with our Police Department 2015; first as a Trustee and now as Village President. I couldn't be prouder of them. They have earned their seventh CALEA accreditation award. This comes as no surprise. CALEA's law enforcement best practices have been adopted into the Department's standards in servicing our community since 2004. I congratulate Department Personnel on a job well done!

I've picked out my running shoes in preparation for this year's *The Land We Love Run 5K/10K + 2-Mile Walk!* Together with Cuba Township, we are hosting this fundraiser on *Saturday, June 29*. The airhorn will promptly sound at 7:30 AM and I am looking forward to seeing everyone's enthusiasm! Every year, this event attracts more registrants, and I am thrilled to be a part of it.

Medals, swag, and camaraderie are guaranteed! All proceeds will benefit Folds of Honor and food donations benefitting the Cuba Township Food Pantry will be accepted at check-in so please check out their wish list. Information is on our website at [vbhil.gov/race](http://vbhil.gov/race).

The much-anticipated **Annual Barrington Hills Fall Festival** is scheduled for **Sunday, September 15**, at the Barrington Hills Park District Riding Center. More information will be posted as it becomes available, but I am happy to share that the Village, in conjunction with the Barrington Lions Club, has secured the Lions of Illinois Foundation's Mobile Screening Unit to provide free vision and hearing loss screenings.

Happy spring and I hope to see you at the starting line at *The Land We Love Run* on June 29!

Sincerely,

*Brian D. Cecola, President*

## Police Chief Colditz Retires in July

Police Chief Joseph Colditz announced he plans to retire this July, after 30 years in law enforcement. He came to Barrington Hills' Police Department (BHPD) in 1998 from Cary's Police Department where he began his career nine years earlier.

He rose through the ranks at BHPD, earning what could possibly be all the ranks achievable in a law enforcement career!

• Corporal • Sergeant • Lieutenant • Deputy Police Chief • Interim Police Chief • Police Chief

"This Department has been a great place to work," expressed Chief Colditz. "The support from the residents can't get any better than Barrington Hills. I've met people in town that I consider as friends."

When asked what he is most proud of over the course of his tenure, he shared it was the advancement of technology within the Department. When he began, there were no computers in squad cars, video cameras systems or ticket printers.



Chief Colditz with  
Administrator Paul

When asked about disappointments, in his contemplative manner he shared, "I can honestly say I don't have any."

Chief Colditz has earned the respect of his coworkers and residents alike, which speaks volumes about his character. His "can do" spirit will be missed. He went above and beyond his duties wearing many hats to help others: technical support, grammar guru, or rolling up his sleeves to do grunt work, i.e. climbing the Village Hall entrance sign to hang Christmas décor!

What his plans are in this next chapter, remain to be discovered. With a chuckle he said, "I haven't thought about it. It's too far into the future."

*HAVE A  
CUP O' "JOE"  
WITH CHIEF COLDITZ  
TO WISH HIM WELL  
ON HIS RETIREMENT!*



**Join Us!**

*Thursday, July 18, 2024*

*1 to 4 p.m.*

*Village Hall*

*Robert Kosin Training Room*

## Police Department Earns Reaccreditation



On Saturday, March 23, 2024, Barrington Hills Police Department accepted its seventh accreditation award in Montgomery, Alabama from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The department was initially accredited in March 2004.

Successful accreditation is a mark of law enforcement excellence. CALEA seeks to improve law enforcement service by maintaining a national body of standards developed by law enforcement professionals. It recognizes professional achievement by administering an accreditation process through which a law enforcement agency can demonstrate that it meets professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery. Participation in the CALEA process is voluntary and only three percent of police departments nationwide choose to undergo accreditation.

"This is a great achievement for our Police Department. It shows their outstanding dedication towards achieving excellence in serving our Village and its residents," said President Brian Cecola.

Accreditation is an ongoing process. In the next four years, CALEA assessors will annually review the police department's policies, procedures, and proofs of compliance to determine adherence to the CALEA standards and make any recommendations for improvement. These reviews will help to ensure the police department will be ready for its next site-based assessment in March 2028.

**Lunch with a Cop** is always a popular auction item at Countryside School's PTO fundraiser. This year Countryside Kindergartner, Dominick Fleck, was the highest bidder for the chance to be driven to school in a police squad car and taken to lunch by our very own men in black!

On a sunny Friday morning in March, PD Chief Joseph Colditz picked up Dominick and his sister, Daniella, and drove them to Countryside School. As part of the winning package, Dominick was given the opportunity to choose a luncheon destination and to bring a friend. He chose his friend, Austin, and both excitedly climbed into a BHPD squad headed for a delicious meal at Moretti's! Mozzarella sticks, pizza and a sundae satisfied their Friday afternoon appetite!

During lunch, the kindergartners were captivated by Sergeant David Kann's demonstration showcasing police equipment, including utility belt tools, handcuffs, body armor and tales of his latest arrest.

Congratulations Dominick on your adventure with our public safety heroes!



Chief Colditz with Dominick (left) and friend Austin.

## Arbor Day and Earth Day! How did you observe these days?

These two appreciation days are great reminders of *selfless service*. Nature provides so much: food, art, beauty, activities, livelihood, emotional-well being...the list goes on which can be drilled down to the most taken for granted--air and water.

What can we do to give back? We can protect these elements! Start by planting trees! Arbor Day observes the importance of trees and the benefits they provide:

- 1 Reduction of air pollution
- 2 Reduction of water runoff
- 3 Reduction of soil erosion
- 4 Healthy ecosystem for wildlife
- 5 Increased property values
- 6 Shade
- 7 ...and so much more!



**STOP BY VILLAGE HALL TO PICK UP YOUR FREE OAK SAPLING!**  
(Saplings available beginning April 16 while supplies last.)



**Earth Day**  
**April 22, 2024**

Earth Day is commonly observed through cleanups! Removing debris and trash from ditches, culverts and property frontage helps facilitate efficient water drainage and protects the flow and quality of water that seeps into area aquifers.

Your efforts make a difference! Stop by Village Hall to pick up large, orange contractor bags! Mother Earth will thank you...and so will your neighbor!

Send us photos of your #SelflessService to share with our community! [photos@vbhil.gov](mailto:photos@vbhil.gov).



**Arbor Day**  
**April 26, 2024**

## Road Program 2024

Spring is the onset of warmer weather, the budding of Village flora and the 2024 road program! This project is out to bid. We're ready to get things rolling—literally!

This year included in the road program is the resurfacing of the following Village roads:

- Caesar Drive
- Braeburn Road
- Dana Lane
- Three Lakes Road

### HOMEOWNERS WHOSE PRIVATE ROAD NEEDS RESURFACING, PAY ATTENTION!

Over the past few years, the awarded road program contractors have offered “in the neighborhood” pricing to those who choose to resurface their private roads while the contractors are already working in the Village.

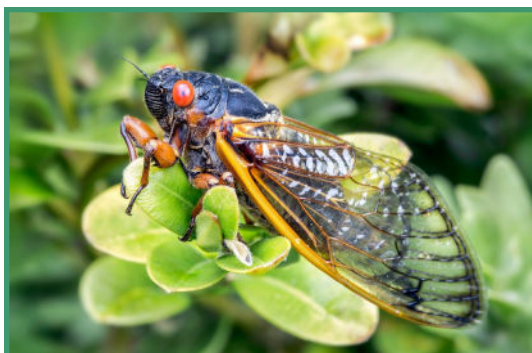
#### Did you resurface your private road less than 5 years ago?

Your road might benefit from an application of reclamite, a road “rejuvenator” shown to extend the life of the road. The application, on select Village roads, will take place in the fall.

If you are interested in either of these services, send an email including your name & private road to [info@vbhil.gov](mailto:info@vbhil.gov) and the contractor's contact information will be provided for you to arrange a quote after the Village finalizes its contracts.



**For updates, follow the Village's social media or visit our website: [vbhil.gov](http://vbhil.gov).**



### Soon to make an appearance...2024 Cicadas!

**2024...what a year!** It set new winter weather records; it eclipsed tens of millions North American viewers and now...**cicadas!**

What is unique to 2024 is that broods belonging to two different periodic species (the 13-year and the 17-year) will emerge at the same time—something that last happened 221 years ago! Scientists don't have exact dates, but they predict we'll be hearing and seeing them sometime in mid-May through early June.

Our area is expected to only see the 17-year cicada with the two broods making a slight overlapping emergence in central Illinois. They emerge as adults and are expected to live four to six weeks.

Cicadas are not dangerous. They are not harmful to humans, pets, gardens or crops according to the Environmental Protection Agency. They do not have stingers like bees or wasps, but they do have prickly feet that could poke your skin if held. They, too, attract predators. Squirrels, skunks, raccoons, foxes, coyotes and many kinds of birds will feast on these periodic delicacies.

#### What should we know about cicadas? Should we be concerned?

We asked Davey Tree Experts Consulting Arborist, Charlie Keppel. Here's what he said:

*The adult 17-year Cicadas are loud, colorful and numerous this year. The adults do not feed on the trees and shrubs. The damage they can cause is from the female insects laying their eggs on ¼ - ½ inch twigs on woody plants. She slices into the twigs and inserts her eggs. These emerge and drop into the ground and feed on roots for the next 17 years.*

#### If eggs are laid in twigs, will younger trees be affected?

*I suggest that if you have a young specimen tree or shrub, that you wrap the plant with mesh netting. You will need to gather it together at the trunk to reduce the risk of the insects getting inside. The insects do not work on a calendar year; they go by soil temperature for emergence. Generally, we suggest to protect the plants from mid-May until the end of June. We will see the highest populations of Cicadas in areas that have not had any soil disturbance in the last 17 years.*

*We will see some twig dieback and small twigs drop from the egg laying on the plants affected in mid to late summer of this year. Normally this is visually unappealing, but it does not normally affect a healthy plant.*

There are various types of fine-mesh netting sold online for trees and shrubs. Morton Arboretum says tulle (the nylon or polyester mesh used to make ballerina tutus) sold in bolts at a fabric or hobby store works well, too. If concerned, homeowners may want to consider postponing tree planting until after the cicadas have subsided in late June or until autumn. Don't forget! When the cicadas leave, so does the netting!



**Learn more about the emerging cicadas by visiting [MortonArb.org](http://MortonArb.org) or by consulting your local arborist.**



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**JUNE 29<sup>th</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:** \$45  
(\$37 early bird before 6/9)

**NEW in 2024!**  
Chip Timing + Certified Courses

**Race proceeds benefit Folds of Honor**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

*Barrington Hills*  
**Fall Festival**

**SEPT. 15**