

The Villager



Welcome Bryan Edens, **Chief of Police** for The City of Reading and The Village of Arlington Heights

Bryan was promoted to **Chief of Police** in April 2020 after former Chief of Police, Scott Snow retired in December of 2019.

Chief Edens has been a Police Officer for 28 years. He has been with the City of Reading Police Department since 2000, serving 10 years as a Lieutenant. He served 8 years in Elmwood Place (1993-2000) as Patrolman and Lieutenant and also served for the City of Mt Healthy as a Patrolman from 1995-2000.

In the past **Chief Edens** also served as a Firearms Instructor, Speed measuring device Instructor, and a Taser Instructor.

Chief Edens is a graduate of the Great Oaks Academy and is now a member of the Great Oaks Advisory Board for the Adult Police Academy. He attended the Police Executive Leadership College in 2012.

Chief Edens is married and has 4 grown children and has 2 grandchildren.

We are honored to **have Chief Bryan Edens** as a part of our Village to protect and serve.



RITA

Regional Income Tax Agency

The Village of Arlington Heights partners with other Ohio municipalities and participates in a shared income tax service. In doing so, the Regional Income Tax Agency (also known as RITA) administers and collects the income taxes on behalf of Arlington Heights. All residents are required to file a tax return (or valid exemption certificate) with RITA by April 15th (excluding holidays).

To register, obtain forms, file a return, make payments, and view Frequently Asked Questions please visit the RITA website www.ritaohio.com.

RITA Customer Service Agents are available to help answer questions and provide assistance Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm by calling toll-free at 1-800-860-7482.

The Village of Arlington Heights income tax is a 2.1% earnings tax on persons who live or work in the Village. A credit is given to residents who pay taxes to other municipalities. Residents who work in areas imposing less than a 2.1% earnings tax must pay the difference to Arlington Heights. All residents must file a return even if no tax is owed. Residents that fail to file or respond to a subpoena will be cited to Mayor's court,



Please be advised that Fireworks are still illegal
in the State of Ohio.

The Ohio House passed a bill which, if passed
by Ohio Senate, would allow Ohioans to
purchase and legally explode them in the
State.

This Bill did not pass in the Ohio Senate
The only items that can be used in Ohio are
Trick and novelty items that produce smoke,

Please ...



**PICK UP
AFTER
YOUR PET**

It has been brought to our attention and seems to be on
ongoing issue that people are not picking up after their
pets, especially along the Railroad Tracks. By not **picking up
after your dog, you're** putting other people's **pets** at risk for
exposure to harmful bacteria. The bacteria can stay in the
soil for years and it can also affect water quality as well as
contamination to gardeners and children

Please carry bags with you and pick up after your pets.

All pets must be on a leash.

Garbage Ordinance No. 18-21012—Rules and Fines

The Village of Arlington Heights



Section 3—No property or business may store
garbage cans, waste containers, debris, yard waste or
grass clippings within the public right of way or view
from the curb of a fellow neighbor or business. Waste
shall not be placed at the curbside for pick up earlier
than 4:00pm on the prior to the scheduled pickup day. All waste
containers shall be removed from curbside no later than 11:00
P.M. on the scheduled pickup day. **Each day is a separate
violation.**

Section 4—No one may dump or set waste on property at
which they do not reside.

A violation of Section 3 are a minor misdemeanor. Persons in
violation shall be fined not less than \$100.00 on each violation
on which they are convicted. Person in violation of Section 4
shall be fined not less than \$150.00 for each violation on which
they are convicted. If a violator has been previously convicted
of an offense under these sections, such subsequent violations
are Misdemeanors of the 4th degree. If convicted of the 4th
degree fines shall be no less than \$200.00. Please call City Hall
if you would like a full copy of this Ordinance #18-2012.

This Ordinance was passed for the health and safety of The
Village in Arlington Heights in 2012 and will be enforced.

BIG Shout out and a BIG

Thank you to our

Maintenance Staff for

working so hard and

working long hours to keep

our Village streets salted,

plowed and clear during all

the snow we have had in the

past few weeks! Thank you

Jeff and Tim!

Kindness

Just my



By Lisa Ott, Editor



Kindness is more than a behavior. The art of **kindness** means harboring a spirit of helpfulness, as well as being generous and considerate, and doing so without expecting anything in return. **Kindness** is a quality of being. The act of giving **kindness** often is simple, free, positive and healthy. **Kindness** is about “seeing with your heart”.

Random Acts of Kindness

There are numerous reasons people are so unkind these days; Relationship issues, money issues, and health issues are just a few reasons. But I have noticed that there is so many more unkind people lately and it can get depressing. The world would be a much better place if we all were just “**kind**”. There are so many ways we can be kind; give a complete stranger a compliment, bake cookies for elderly, let someone go in front of you in line, let someone go through a door first, say please and thank you, **SMILE**, slow down so someone can merge in front of you, clean out your house and make a donation to a local charity, help your neighbor shovel snow, lending a helping hand when you see someone in need. So you see, **Kindness** is a simple concept, yet so very impactful. Its part of what makes us Human. **Kindness** has to come from within, it has to be sincere.

Kindness is a **strength** that is contagious and your act of **kindness** could change someones life. You never know the effect it could have with just one tiny gesture

Kindness is selfless, compassionate, and merciful. No act of **Kindness**, however small is ever wasted.

Kindness can increase self-esteem, empathy and compassion, and improve mood. It can decrease blood pressure and cortisol, a stress hormone, which impacts stress levels. People who give of themselves in a balanced way also tend to be healthier and live longer.

Kindness can increase your sense of connectivity with others, which can directly impact loneliness, improve low mood and enhance relationships in general. It also can be contagious. Looking for ways to show **kindness** can give you a **positive** focus activity, especially if you tend to be anxious or stressed in some social situations. **Kindness** can **positively** change your brain and can boost serotonin and dopamine, which are neurotransmitters in the brain that give you feelings of satisfaction and well-being, and cause the pleasure/reward centers in your brain to **light up**.

Kindness is what we desire in ourselves. So ask yourself “are you as kind as you think you are”? How would your friends describe you?

Kindness is the most important tool to spread love among humanity



Happy
Valentine's
Day



I Love you
☆ more than there are ☆
Stars in the sky ☆
☆ Waves in the ocean ☆
and grains of Sand on the beach

“A Hometown Kind of Place”



A New Year symbolizes a new beginning. It gives us hope for the future and feels like another chance at life. This sentiment is more relevant now than ever because 2020 has been a horrible year for most of us and we need to feel hopeful about 2021.

The pandemic has left an indelible mark on every aspect of our lives. We have lost loved ones, friends and colleagues to the coronavirus. And it has altered how we live, entertain ourselves, shop and work.

So let's leave 2020 behind and look at the positives on the horizon of 2021. First of all, we have two new vaccines with vaccinations on the way to everyone. So hopefully in the coming year we will have more protection against the pandemic and the misery it brings. Of course, all the hardships and heartache won't automatically disappear overnight. One cruel fact is the pandemic will still be here, and that can feel like an uphill battle. Obstacles will be thrown at us every step of the way, but there's good news. We are more powerful than we realize. If we face pandemic opposition in 2021 with a positive attitude and emotional stamina, we can keep going no matter how difficult the obstacles.

There is so much fear and heartbreak, it's natural to focus on the downside of the pandemic. But we can balance that out with how it's brought people together, volunteering and helping one another and strengthening the whole idea of collective selflessness.

BUTTERFINGER PIE

Easy, no bake dessert!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 (12.5-ounce) bag fun-sized Butterfinger bars, crushed (reserve 2 bars to sprinkle on top)
- 1 (8-ounce) container Cool Whip, thawed
- 1 store-bought oreo or chocolate graham cracker crust

INSTRUCTIONS

- Beat cream cheese and peanut butter with an electric mixer until smooth.
- Mix in vanilla.
- Beat in powdered sugar until smooth.
- Fold in crushed butterfingers.
- Fold in Cool Whip.
- Spread filling in crust. Sprinkle reserved butterfingers on top.
- Refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving.



Peter is put in a cell with a dirt floor and only one window.

The window is too high for him to reach. The only thing he has in the cell is a shovel.

He won't be able to get any food or water and only has two days to escape or he'll die.

Peter can't dig a tunnel because it will take him much longer than two days to do it.

How will he escape from the cell?

A serial killer kidnaps people and made them take 1 of 2 pills.

One was harmless and the other was poisonous.

Whenever a victim took the other pill, the serial killer took the other one.

The victim took their pill with water and died, while the killer survived.

How did the killer always get the harmless pill?