

SPRING 2004

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VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
NEWSLETTER

Village Spring Clean Up

Adopt a road for a day, April 24-25, 2004

Show your pride for North Barrington and adopt a road for a day to clean up. Show your kids, family, friends and community that you care. You can adopt a short section of road, or a needy road can be assigned to you. All year long you can take pride as you pass that stretch of road, knowing that it looks better because of your efforts.

All volunteers will receive garbage bags, gloves and two T-shirts per house. Collected garbage can be brought to Eton Park where a dumpster will be available from Friday to Sunday.

Should your family or organization be interested in adopting a portion of road, please call the Village Office at 847-381-6000, extension 13, and leave your name and phone number.



Arbor Day Celebration

**Eton Park, Sunday April 25, 2004
from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.**



Come to Eton Park to celebrate the beginning of spring with family, friends and neighbors. Let the kids run around the park, play soccer and enjoy the playground.

Our Forester, Susan Allman will be commemorating a newly planted tree. There will be free refreshments and an amazing Raptor show giving everyone the chance to see some very rare birds up close.

The Village of North Barrington was recently named a Tree City, USA for the fourth consecutive year by the National Arbor Day Association, in cooperation with the State Forester, and USDA Forest Service. Arbor Day originated in Nebraska in 1872 where a day was set aside and over a million trees were planted. This idea quickly spread to neighboring states and to Canada. Today we still celebrate by planting a tree each spring in North Barrington.



TREE CITY USA®

Village Re-Introduces Website

The Village has redesigned its website at www.northbarrington.org to be more informative and user-friendly. Information is available regarding upcoming meetings dates & agendas, as well as documents, maps and history of the Village. The new Village Code Book can also easily be observed via a link with the Codifier. While the structure is in place, additional items are being added all the time to be used as a virtual office for residents needing items or information.



Recent Village Legislation

In the past quarter, the Village Board has taken action on several noteworthy items:

- The Village Board **appointed Ms. Kelly Mazeski as Trustee** to fill the vacancy created by Fred Hjertstet's resignation. Kelly has served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for ten years, has acted as Vice-Chair for the past three years, and is a long-time resident from the Biltmore area. She has a background in science, and currently volunteers for several civic organizations.



- After a year of discussions and hard work, the Plan Commission recommended the new version of the **Comprehensive Plan**, which was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees in

January 2004. The Comprehensive Planning process is the means by which the residents formulate and publicly state their goals and objectives for the Village. This new version keeps the same emphasis on low-density, residential spaces within North Barrington, with added chapters and emphasis on the environment, transportation, finances and fresh water, stormwater, sewer and septic systems. Complete copies are available from the Village office, or online at www.northbarrington.org. Much gratitude to the Plan Commission for their fundamental role in seeing this project to fruition!

- The Board of Trustees recently approved the **2004 version of the Village Code** after much review by the Village staff over a couple years. The Village Code contains the rules and regulations which govern all activities within the Village. It has been modernized, updated, and is available via a link to Sterling Codifiers on the Village website at www.northbarrington.org.
- To control commercial and other signs in the Village, the Plan Commission recommended an enhanced **Sign Ordinance**, which the Board approved earlier this year. There are guidelines on dimensions, materials, luminance, and placement of signs. For additional information, contact the Village office at 847-381-6000.

FISCAL YEAR 2005 Operating Budget

The Finance Committee is currently drafting the 2005 Budget, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees in the spring. As always, the budget will represent the Village's continuing commitment to provide quality services to village residents, with sufficient resources for many road resurfacing projects, stormwater management issues, and public safety costs.

Village revenues come from a variety of sources; building permits, real estate, sales & income taxes, cell tower rental, franchise fees and vehicle stickers. Residents should be sure to indicate North Barrington on their mail orders, checks and other financial documents, so that any tax revenue is directed

to our Village, and not lost to another Village. The major Village expenses include police protection (North Barrington contracts with Lake County Sheriff's Police), road resurfacing (the Village has been aggressive in resurfacing roads in order to keep them from deteriorating), and stormwater management. While culvert replacement has not yet been completed for the Flint Creek project, due to the high cost of the project the Village has sought a second opinion on the matter and has moved this item to next Fiscal Year.

The operating budget is expected to be approximately \$1.3 million for Fiscal Year 2005, up just slightly from last year.

From the desk of the Village President...



It is with mixed emotions I announce that effective June 1st, 2004 I will be stepping down from my position as Village President, due to the fact that my family and I are moving to Singapore for a year-long business assignment.

While I am excited about my family's upcoming adventure, I am grateful to have been able to serve the residents of the Village of North Barrington and local associations. I have enjoyed working on many projects, events and especially with the dedicated volunteers from our town, and neighboring villages and organizations. These experiences have assisted my personal and professional growth. The staff and volunteers of the Village of North Barrington have also increased their responsibilities and are ready to take on any challenges the next chapter the Village's history has to offer.

During this administration many advancements were made: The Village developed a quarterly newsletter, an interactive website, a new version of the Comprehensive Plan, updated the Village Code, wrote and implemented a Developer Impact

Fee Ordinance for schools, fire & library districts, implemented a Tree Protection Ordinance, began the annual Family Fall Festival and Run Through the Woods events, completed major road improvements, initiated a storm water management review process, hosted seminars and open houses on topics from septic repair & maintenance, wells, police services, fire department and recycling, re-negotiated the police contract, all while developing an excellent working relationship and cooperation with surrounding communities and organizations. Now, the time has come for me to step down, to allow for the next person to continue the progress. This fits into my personal belief that an individual shouldn't remain in the same public office for too long a time period- there should be slow & continual change to keep the government fresh and vibrant.

At the end of the May meeting, the Village Board of Trustees will elect a President Pro-Tem from amongst themselves until the next municipal election in the Spring of 2005. Thank you for entrusting me with your local governmental affairs-It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as your Village President, and an experience I will remember and cherish for a lifetime.

Linda Starkey

Community Calendar

April 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm	23	24 Village Spring Clean Up
25 Village Spring Clean Up, Arbor Day Event, Eton Park, 2-4 pm	26 Village Board Meeting, 7:30 pm	27	28	29	30	

May 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Parks & Recreation Meeting, 7:30 pm	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Plan Commission Public Hearing, Meeting, 7:30 pm	11 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 7:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Vill. Board Meeting, 7:30 pm	25	26	27 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day, Vill. Off. Closed					

June 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Parks & Recreation Meeting, 7:30 pm	8 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 7:30 pm	9	10	11	12
13	14 Plan Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm	25	26
27	28 Village Board Meeting, 7:30 pm	29	30			

July 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 Independence Day	5 Village Office Closed	6 Parks & Recreation Meeting, 7:30 pm	7	8	9	10
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BACOG News



The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) is a volunteer organization of elected officials from North Barrington, Lake Barrington, South Barrington, Barrington, Barrington Hills, Deer Park and Tower Lakes. As a regional planning organization, BACOG serves to develop policy and action recommendations, discuss and study community challenges of mutual concern, and promote cooperative agreements between members.

There are several active committees of BACOG, who invites residents from all communities to take part in: Legislative-considers state & federal legislation; Impact Fee-comprehensive developer fees, Water Resources-inventory, document and analyze water capacity; and GIS-geographic information management system. For additional information, or to serve on a BACOG Committee contact BACOG at 847-381-7871, or visit them online at www.bacog.org.

SWALCO Household Chemical Waste Collection on May 15, 2004 in Lake Zurich located at the former North Campus of the Middle School, (100 Church Street, north of Highway 22 where Midlothian Road becomes Church Street) from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM (rain or shine). For more information on this and any other events, log onto SWALCO's website <http://www.co.lake.il.us/swalco/events/hcw.asp>

Volunteers Needed for the Village – Please consider volunteering a few hours per month for the Village on a Commission or other volunteer activity. There are several areas to volunteer: Planning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Parks, Finance, and Environment & Health looking for new members. Please contact the Village Office at 847-381-6000 x10 for more information.

Vehicle Stickers are on sale at the Village Office. Every owner of a motor vehicle or motorcycle that is registered to a North Barrington address is required to have a vehicle sticker. If you did not get your sticker prior to March 31, 2004, the penalty rate now applies. For more information, contact the Village Office at 847-381-6000 x13.

Disposal of Latex Paint – Latex paint is not a hazardous material; it simply needs to be dried out before disposal with other garbage. SWALCO now provides bags of crushed corn cobs that dry Latex paint quickly, safely and for free. Other materials such as shredded newspaper and cat litter can also be used to absorb moisture. North Barrington residents can pick up bags of crushed corn cobs at the Village Hall, as well as other locations, and use it to solidify Latex paint. Equal parts of paint and corn cobs can be mixed in the paint can and allowed to dry. Crushed corn cobs are very absorbent, and can dry out a can of paint in as little as 30 minutes. Once dry, the cans of paint can be disposed of with the rest of the resident's refuse. Each five-pound bag dries 3-5 gallons of Latex paint.

Days and Hours Burning Permitted – Leaves and other landscape waste may be burned only on the following days and during the following times: 1) January through April and September through December: any day between twelve o'clock (12:00) noon and five o'clock (5:00) P.M., except, not on national holidays. 2) May through August: Thursdays and Sundays only, between twelve o'clock (12:00) noon and five o'clock (5:00) P.M., except, not on national holidays. No fire shall be left unattended and there should be a ready source of sufficient water to extinguish the fire in the event of any emergency.

Recycling Bins on Sale at the Village Office – To make it more convenient for residents wishing to purchase recycling bins (\$5 each), the Village has a limited number available at the Village Hall during normal business hours.

Waste Management Seasonal Yardwaste program begins April 1, 2004 and ends November 30, 2004. The service is \$64 for the season and allows for unlimited 32 gal cans/bags. Grass and leaves must be in brown Kraft paper yardwaste bags or marked yardwaste cans and weigh no more than 45 pounds. Brush must be bundled and tied and no longer than 4 feet in length and no larger than 2 feet around. Pick up is the same day as regular trash pick up.

The Community Unit School District 220 School Board will give a briefing and presentation to the Village Board at 7:00 p.m. April 26, 2004 at the North Barrington Village Hall before the regularly scheduled Board meeting. The topic for the presentation is the proposed property purchase by the District at 21800 N. Old Barrington Road, between Cuba Road and Route 22.

Summer Day Camps at Eton Park

Once again, this summer the Village of North Barrington, in cooperation with the Foglia YMCA will be offering summer camps for children at our own Eton Park. The programs are run by trained YMCA staff, and close to home for convenience! The following camps are available:

Ricky Raccoon (Preschoolers)

(9:00 am - 12:00 Noon)

June 21-25

July 19-23

August 2-6

Soccer (1st - 6th graders)

(9:00 am - 12:00 Noon)

June 28-July 2

Lacrosse (4th - 6th graders)

(9:00 am - 12:00 Noon)

July 19-23

Flag Football (1st - 6th graders)

(1:00 pm - 4:00 pm)

August 9-13

For more detailed information, refer to the Foglia YMCA summer day camp brochure coming in the mail soon or call Angie Flesch at the Foglia YMCA 847-438-5300.



Check Out the Grass

The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to thank Brian Thomson and Biltmore Country Club for their help in maintaining the grass at Eton Park. Last fall, Brian donated his time to put down soil, sod, and fertilizer. In the spring he intends to fertilize, seed, aerate and soil test the field. Thanks, Brian for time and effort on Eton Park.

Eton Park Use

Eton Park, as well as any Village Park, is open daily from sunrise to sunset. All residents who wish to use Eton Park for an event are required to have a permit issued by the Village Clerk. Any group using Eton Park is responsible for cleaning up all debris and leaving the premises in a neat and sanitary condition.

Rebate Program

The Village of North Barrington offers a rebate program through the Parks & Recreation Commission. The purpose of this program is to encourage residents to use programs and facilities in nearby communities, as the Village of North Barrington has limited resources. Applicable Park Districts include Barrington, Lake Barrington, Countryside, Lake Zurich, Wauconda and the Foglia YMCA. There is a refund limit of \$25 per program per participant for each session and a \$75 limit per family per year. Forms are available at the Village Office. If you have any questions about the program please contact the Village Office.

Local Wildlife Tips

Coyotes

Have you heard them or seen them? Coyotes are here in North Barrington, and the Village Office has received some calls this spring about what to do about them. The eastern coyote resembles a medium-sized dog but has longer, denser fur and pointed, erect ears and their tail is long and bushy. Coat color is grizzled gray or brownish and they weigh between 35 and 50 pounds. The breeding season peaks in mid



February with pups being born in April or May. Eastern coyotes usually travel in pairs or with their pups, not in packs and they communicate by howling and yipping at night. They are usually shy and elusive. Coyotes eat just about anything available; rabbits, rodents, fruits, road kill, garbage and pet food left outdoors and they thrive in suburban and urban areas.

Help keep coyotes wild by following some basic practices: Keep your garbage secure, including your compost containers. Put your garbage out on the day of pickup rather than the night before. Do not feed or try to pet coyotes, do not encourage tame behavior. Feed your pets indoors. Coyotes do not know the pet food is not for them. Keep bird seed up off the ground in feeders. Keep your pets safe by not letting them out alone after dark or before sunrise. Accompany them when they go out at night, or keep them in a lighted, fenced area. Make sure your dogs and cats are up to date on their rabies vaccinations. Don't let coyotes intimidate you. Don't hesi-

tate to scare or threaten coyotes with loud noises, bright lights or even water sprayed from a hose.

REMEMBER, KEEP WILD THINGS WILD. Coyotes that rely on natural food remain wild and wary of humans. Enjoy your sightings and listen for the coyotes talking at night.

Deer

There has been a lot of discussion about deer in the Village, and the Board of Trustees has authorized an aerial count of the Village next winter and subsequent seasons, to get a handle on the number of deer within the Village limits at any given time. The purpose of doing the count over several years is to a) get a quantitative number and b) see how and if the numbers naturally fluctuate in the area over time. The Village has received several complaints about deer confrontation and damage from residents, and therefore is trying to learn as much as possible about the subject.



The Village Code does not allow the hunting or trapping of any animal within Village limits. In the spring, deer are especially attracted to tulips, daylilies and some evergreens- so avoid planting those if deer are a problem to your garden. There are bitter solutions available which can be sprayed on plant material to make the taste unpleasant to the deer (available at local garden centers) or plant "deer resistant" perennials such as columbine, iris, periwinkle to keep your yard intact.