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BARRINGTON



Village Report

WE'VE GOT A NEW LOOK!

In order to provide better communication to our residents, we've redesigned our newsletter. Be assured that we're producing this new and improved version without increasing printing costs over our old newsletter! Also take a look at our completely new, redesigned and more user-friendly Village web site as well as community banners that complement our fresh, new look.

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Check out our Village website at www.barrington-il.gov.



THE BEST SUMMER EVER

Back-to-School Summer Fun Friday

August 20, 6:00–8:00pm



Summer's not over, but if you're looking for a great Friday evening before school starts, come to our final Summer Fun Friday concert. The concert will be held on Cook Street, in front of McGonigal's Food & Spirits. The event features great food, beer and wine, camaraderie and friendship, and live musical entertainment by "Together Again". The band "Together Again" is making their Summer Fun Friday debut on Friday night, August 20. The band features three Barrington High School graduates, piano player Marti Bonne (class of 1977), drummer John Briggs (class of 1977) and bass player Jim Seidel (class of 1978). When they were in high school, Marti, John and Jim played together in many ensembles. Now, several decades later, they've reunited and it's just like old times! They're joined by guitar player Steve Yankula and they play all styles of music, primarily jazz, rock and pop. You'll definitely enjoy listening to them having a great time playing **together again**. For more information, call 847-304-3479.

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Farmers Market: Fresh Produce, Flowers & More

The Barrington Farmers Market continues its tenth season in the Village Center at Park Avenue and Cook Street. Visit our popular Farmers Market, which is held every Thursday from 2:00–7:00pm until October 14. The market features fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, eggs, flowers, pastries, cheeses, seafood, ready-to-eat meals and so much more! Visit www.barringtonfarmersmarket.org or call 847-382-3829 for more information.



Did You Know...

School starts on August 24. To help our children have safe routes to school, the Village received a grant from the State of Illinois for \$250,000 for sidewalk improvements in two Village neighborhoods.



Calendar OF EVENTS

August 5, 12, 19, 26

Farmers Market, 2:00–7:00pm

Park Avenue & Cook Street

847-382-3829

August 5, 12, 19, 26

Cruise Nights, 6:30pm

Cook & Station Streets

847-304-3400

August 3

National Night Out, 7:00pm

Langendorf Park

www.barringtonparkdistrict.com

847-381-0687

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Summer Concert in the Park, 7:00pm

Langendorf Park

www.barringtonparkdistrict.com

847-381-0687

August 14

Hospice Duck Race & Pool Party, 4:00pm

Langendorf Park & Pool

www.hospiceanswers.com

August 14

Live & Unplugged, 7:00pm

Cook Street Plaza

847-381-4705

August 20

Summer Fun Friday, 6:00-8:00pm

Cook Street in front of McGonigal's

www.barrington-il.gov

September 11

9.11 Mile Freedom Run, 9:00am

Metra Train Station Parking Lot

www.we-do-care.org

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7th Annual Freedom Festival, 12:00pm

Metra Train Station Parking Lot

www.we-do-care.org

September 25 - 26

36th Annual Art in the Barn,

10:00am-5:00pm

Good Shepherd Hospital Grounds

www.advocatehealth.com

Cruise Nights: Bring Out the Entire Family!



August 5

August 12

August 19

August 26

Mopar

Pontiac

Trucks/ 4x4

Buick

Join us in downtown Barrington every Thursday night as we celebrate our seventh season of Cruise Nights. The weekly car show is held every Thursday night through August 26 beginning at 6:30pm and features different cars each week.

This event is FREE and is located in downtown Barrington in the Harris Bank parking lot on South Cook Street, just south of Lake Cook Road. Each week features food and ice cream vendors, fantastic prizes, and entertainment by Bob Roig of Priceless Parties. Call 847-304-3400 for more information.

Cruise Nights generously sponsored by:



Another Successful Year for Fourth of July & Brat Tent Festivities

The Fourth of July Celebration Committee would like to thank their 2010 sponsors, especially lead contributors, Barrington Bank & Trust, Fisher Nuts, Harris Bank and Rose Packing Company, for making this another successful year. Community members of all ages came out in the beautiful weather to kick off the celebration.

Thanks to all who came to enjoy the food, music and activities and made the Brat Tent part of the "Best Summer Ever".



*A message from Karen Darch,
the President of the
Village of Barrington*



Photo: Thomas Balsamo

PUBLIC MEETINGS

AUGUST

03	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
04	Cultural Commission	Noon
06	Fire & Police Commission	9:00 am
10	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
11	Special Neighborhood Mtg	7:00 pm
12	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
16	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
16	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
24	Police Pension Fund	5:30 pm
24	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
25	Special Neighborhood Mtg	7:00 pm
26	Architectural Review	7:00 pm

SEPTEMBER

01	Cultural Commission	Noon
01	Special Neighborhood Mtg	7:00 pm
07	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
07	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
09	Emergency Phone System	8:30 am
09	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
10	Fire & Police Commission	9:00 am
13	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
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Call 847-304-3400 for more information.

Village Website Offers Dynamic Business Directory

As part of the Village's commitment to promote shopping and dining in Barrington, the Village has incorporated a dynamic and interactive business directory into the new website. The business directory allows users to sort businesses by type of service or goods provided, map it on Google Maps, and view a photo of the property. Businesses can sign up to be included in the directory for free, and can provide a direct web link to each business. This directory is just one more reason why Barrington is a great place to work!

Help Us Plan for the Future

As I reported in the July newsletter, the Village is in the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan, which is updated every 10 years. Starting in June, the Village began hosting neighborhood meetings to give our residents an opportunity to provide input about the plan. Among the topics that have been discussed at these meetings are:

- **Sidewalk Plan:** Where should additional sidewalks be planned and how should they be prioritized?
- **Bikeway Plan:** Where should additional bike routes be planned and how should they be prioritized?
- **Maximum building heights for the downtown:** The Village currently has a three-story height limit in the downtown. Is this appropriate?
- **Senior housing developments:** Is there a need for more senior housing in the Village?
- **Townhouses and similar developments:** Should the Village encourage such developments? If so, where?

The last update of our Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2000. Active community participation is key to developing a successful plan to move our Village forward for the next ten years. Residents, property owners, and business owners are encouraged to get involved and attend one of the neighborhood meetings that are taking place this summer. These meetings provide our residents and businesses an opportunity to review the recommendations of the existing Comprehensive Plan, discuss current opportunities and concerns, and make recommendations for future plans in their specific neighborhoods and throughout the Village.

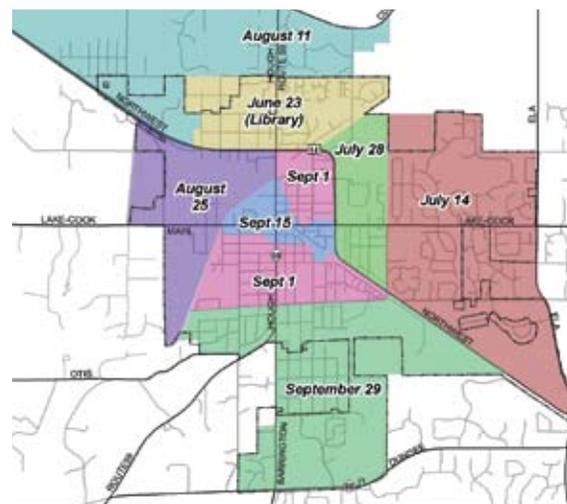
With the help of our citizens, our goal is to establish strategies that will fulfill the consensus vision for the Village. The new plan will cover topics as extensive as municipal boundaries, intergovernmental agreements, land use, Village Center, housing, transportation, the environment, and economic development.

Listed here is a full schedule and map showing the upcoming neighborhood meetings. All meetings take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. I strongly encourage each resident, property owner, and business owner to get involved and help us plan for Barrington's future.

Karen Darch
President, Village of Barrington

2010 NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesdays 7:00pm at the Village Hall, unless otherwise noted.



Citizen Input Neighborhood Meeting Dates

August 11 • August 25

September 1 • September 15
September 29

Creating a More Vibrant Barrington

Developer Chosen for the Corner of Hough & Main Streets

The Village is continuing to move forward with the redevelopment at the corner of Hough and Main Streets in the Village Center. In the July newsletter, we reported that the Village Board of Trustees approved New Trier Partners, LLC as the preferred developer for the "Hough-Main Redevelopment Project." New Trier Partners envisions a mixed-use project that will feature high-end retail and limited residential space.

At the June 28 Board of Trustees meeting, the Village engaged the services of Polsinelli & Shughart PC to assist staff in preparing a redevelopment agreement and to provide legal advice related to the

Village's TIF District. Mark Gershon, of Polsinelli & Shughart PC, will be the attorney who will work closely with the Village during their negotiations with New Trier Partners. Mark has provided legal service to the Village in past years as they related to other TIF related developments. Village Manager Jeff Lawler said, "we are working diligently on negotiations with New Trier, and feel we are just one step closer to achieving our goal of adding excitement and vibrancy to the downtown."

As plans for this development continue to take shape, information will be provided on the Village web site and in the newsletter. For more information, call Peg Blanchard, Director of Economic and Community Development at 847-304-3471.



Barrington Welcomes Two New Businesses to Help Remodel and Redecorate Your Home

On July 1, the Pink Geranium opened at 200 Lageschulte. Karin Cumming, most recently the manager of "Belongings," and select dealers and consignors have put together a beautiful new shop offering great finds, and great buys in furniture, art and antiques. New merchandise will be added daily. The Pink Geranium joins many other great businesses at "The Shops on Lageschulte". You can email Karin at shop@pinkgbarrington.com or stop in Thursday, 11am-7pm, Friday 11am-4pm, and Saturday 11-4pm.

Barrington Home Design is a home remodeling center located at 133 Park Avenue. BHD, which is owned and operated by Adam Bebenek, is an artistic showroom



distributor of fine tiles, stone, porcelain, stone fireplaces, hardwood floor, carpet and custom cabinetry. Barrington Home Design has cabinetry for all areas of your home that exhibit a quality of unique, innovative, enduring styles and functions. For more information on hours and appointments, visit their website at www.barringtonhomedesign.com.



Village Employee Spotlight On... Accounting Assistant Rose Powell

Barrington is proud of its dedicated employees who continue to provide you with great service year after year. This monthly feature highlights one of our employees so that you have a better understanding of the services we provide and who is providing those services.

The 4-1-1 on Barrington

Rose Powell is a 10-year employee of the Village who serves as an Accounting Assistant. She is one of the first people you will see when coming in to the Village Hall. In addition to being responsible for paying all the Village's bills and processing purchase orders, Rose is kept busy all day answering phones and assisting customers at the front desk. For example, if you ever need assistance with your Metra Parking card, Rose is the person to help you.

Rose considers her job to be the "4-1-1" of the Village. She works hard to be as knowledgeable as possible with all of the goings-on in the Village, so that she is there with the answer when questions come in. Rose also tries to be as efficient and organized as possible, which is a must, for paying the Village's bills on time. Rose takes great pride in consistently meeting all of her deadlines. Allison Chmelik, Assistant Director of Community & Financial Services, says, "Rose is a valuable and dedicated employee, who provides 'service with a smile' to every person she greets at Village Hall."

When Rose isn't working, she spends her time with her family, and enjoys spending time in her garden, or sewing and quilting.

Village News You Can Use

Village Obtains Positive Financial Results for 2009

The financial results for 2009 were very positive. The Village's total Net Assets increased \$2,630,029 (3.9%) and every accounting fund, with the exception of the debt service fund, had surpluses. The General Fund, which provides resources for the majority of Village operations including public safety, street and property maintenance, and general administration had a small surplus of \$1,497 during 2009. The Village's enterprise funds, which include the Water & Sewer, Recycling & Refuse, and Parking System Funds had surpluses of \$590,504, \$90,729, and \$474,463 respectively. The Village's pension funds also generated surpluses in 2009 due to investment gains but were not able to totally offset investment losses from 2008.

On June 14, 2010, the Village's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended December 31, 2009 was accepted and placed on file by the Village Board. The CAFR is the report generated from the audit process and presents the results of the Village's financial operations on both a government wide basis and by individual accounting fund. As in previous years, the Village received an unqualified opinion from its auditors, meaning that the Village's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Village at the end of 2009. The Village plans to submit the CAFR to the Government Finance Officer's Association for consideration for the Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting which the Village has received for the past 26 years.

In addition to the positive financial performance in 2009, the Village also refinanced its outstanding General Obligation and Alternate Revenue Bonds to take advantage of the low interest rates. This refinancing netted an economic savings of \$476,992 over the next ten years, thereby allowing the Village to reduce property taxes paid to the Village by taxpayers.

Considering the difficult economic environment that existed in 2009, the Village's positive financial results are an encouraging achievement. The results demonstrate the Village's continued commitment to managing the financial resources entrusted to it by residents and businesses in a responsible manner.

You can review the Village's CAFR on the Village's website at www.barrington-il.gov on the Community & Financial Services page.

Enjoying the Barrington Independence Day Parade (from left): Trustee Beth Raseman, Trustee Jeff Anderson, Village President Karen Darch, and Trustee Jim Daluga.



*From the desk of
Jeff Lawler,
Village Manager*



Photo: Thomas Balsamo

Good News: Village Finances Are in Sound Condition

On June 14, 2010, the Village's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 was presented to the Village Board. The CAFR presents the results of the Village's financial operations during 2009. Despite all of the economic and financial turmoil that occurred in 2009, the Village's finances remain in sound condition. Surpluses were achieved in all of the operating Funds and the total net assets of the Village increased by more than \$2.6 million. These results were achieved due to the decision making of the Village Board combined with the execution of those decisions by the Village's financial staff and operating departments.

The financial situation for the Village over the past several years has been difficult. In November of 2008, the Village came to the grim conclusion that declining revenues would not support expenditures proposed in the draft 2009 budget. The draft 2009 budget, which had to be approved in November, 2008, included expenditures that exceeded revenues by approximately \$1.2 million due to a precipitous decline in estimated revenues. Recognizing this was unsustainable, the Village Board made the decision to reduce personnel expenses through a reduction in force. At the same time, all other expenses were reduced and the Village passed several measures to increase revenues. In 2008, most other municipalities were not undertaking these types of austere measures, but the Village Board felt that reacting to the economic downturn early was important to maintain a solid financial position for the Village in the difficult times that were to come in 2009.

These difficult but important decisions in 2008–09 allowed the Village to avoid many of the problems that other Villages are facing today, and we are pleased to report that our finances are indeed in sound condition.

Jeff Lawler

Village Manager

For more information on Village finances, see the adjacent related article, and visit www.barrington-il.gov.

Help Conserve Water

Odd/Even Watering Schedule In Effect: The heat is on!!

Visit www.barrington-il.gov to find out when it's permitted to water in your neighborhood and for helpful hints to conserve water.



Scenes from the Independence Day Parade



2010 Barrington Independence Day photos courtesy of Bob Lee



Coexisting with the Wildlife in Our Community

There have been several recent reports involving coyotes and foxes in the Village. On June 29, the Village hosted an informational meeting regarding living with wildlife. Tim Preuss, Lake County Forest Preserve District, gave a presentation that can also be found on the Village's website at www.barrington-il.gov.

There are no known incidents of these animals attacking humans in Illinois. Although these species can be somewhat of a nuisance, they do provide a benefit. Both coyotes and foxes prey on small mammals, such as voles, mice, and rabbits. They also feed on geese eggs, which helps to control the geese population. Although it is safe to live near these wild animals, there are several things you can do for you and your pets safety:

- Do not feed or attempt to pet coyotes or foxes.
- Keep your trash well contained.
- Use squirrel-proof bird feeders and keep seed off the ground, as much as possible. Bird seed attracts small rodents, which, will attract coyotes and foxes.
- When walking your dog, keep them on a leash. Do not leave small pets unattended while they are outside.
- Keep your pets' shots up to date.
- In the unlikely event that a coyote approaches you, do not run. Yell, stand up straight and wave your arms (the goal is to make yourself appear larger), or throw something at the coyote to scare it away.

It is important to recognize that coyotes are a permanent fixture in Illinois' rural, suburban and urban areas. Seeing a coyote(s) cross a field, backyard, golf course, road, etc. does not necessarily constitute a problem or a dangerous situation for humans or domestic animals. Coyote population reduction (removing some or all of the coyotes in an area) is usually unrealistic and always temporary. Removal of coyotes also requires time, effort and funding. Removal can only be authorized by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) District Wildlife Biologist.

Cultural and Community News

On this page, we offer cultural and community events and news. Please note that these items are not sponsored by the Village of Barrington and are published in the newsletter on a first-come, first-served basis.



Paintings by Tracy Albert Throughout August

BCAC Art Gallery at Ice House Mall

Tracy Albert is passionate about watercolor and loves the explosion of color when her brush touches the canvas. Visit this free exhibit at the Ice House Mall.

BCAC Artist on Exhibit Through August 6

Barrington Fresh Flower Shop

Barrington Cultural Arts Center artist, Thia Malenchik, on exhibit.

Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show August 6, 2:00pm

Barrington Area Library

Watch this thrilling stage show featuring magic, comedy, and the world's greatest balloons! Visit www.BALibrary.org for more information on this free show.

BCAC Artists on Exhibit Through August 10

Starbucks - Hough Street

Barrington Cultural Arts Center artists, Carol Foster and Mary Bernd, on exhibit.

BCAC Artist on Exhibit Through August 12

Starbucks - Route 14

Barrington Cultural Arts Center artist, Carol Foster, on exhibit.

Spectacle by Adrienne Janci

August 13, 7:00pm

Barrington Area Library

Overgrown roller coasters, carnival and circus images take over the walls during this colorful exhibit of large scale, multimedia works by Adrienne Janci. For information on this free exhibit, visit www.BALibrary.org.

Petra van Nuis Quartet featuring Guitarist Andy Brown

August 13, 8:00pm

Barrington Area Library

Vocalist Petra van Nuis and guitarist Andy Brown is a rare and soulful combination played out to standards and bossa novas. Visit www.BALibrary.org for more information on this free show.

Women for Women Golf Outing

August 30, 8:00am–3:00pm

Makray Memorial Golf Club

Sponsored by Friends of Home of the Sparrow, this nine-hole scramble invites all abilities and emphasizes on FUN. Call 847-381-3518 for registration and ticket information.



Various Artists on Exhibit Through September 8

Barrington Bank & Trust

Barrington Cultural Arts Center artists on exhibit: Lynn Loch, Joyce Carpenter, Diane Morino, Tracy Albert, Lily Russo, Dixie Rogus, Doris Kucik, Paul Kurek, Jackie Smith, and Marian Stamos.



Film & Discussion: Prisoner of Her Past September 16, 7:00pm

Barrington Area Library

Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club presents a viewing of the 57 minute film, *Prisoner of Her Past*, produced by Chicago Tribune journalist Howard Reich about his mother, Sonia Reich, a holocaust survivor and her late onset of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. A discussion with Director Gordon Quinn and producer Howard Reich will follow the film.

Aged to Perfection: A Celebration of Life & Wine

September 17, 6:00–9:30pm

Chicago Marriott Northwest

Sponsored by the Barrington Area Council on Aging, attend a wine tasting with more than 50 kinds of wine, buffet supper and silent and live auctions. Favorite wine selections will be available for purchase and BACOA will receive 20% of the sales generated. For tickets and more information, visit www.bacoa.org.

Paintings by Clarie Vogt Wally Through October 4

Good Shepherd Hospital

Northwest Cultural Council's artist Clarie Vogt Wally exhibits oil and pastel paintings.

Various Artists on Exhibit Through October 4

Good Shepherd Health & Fitness Center

Northwest Cultural Council's artists Minja Lah exhibits prints and mixed media pieces; Michael Brown exhibits sculptures. Both artist exhibits will be on display in the lower level lobby of the Fitness Center through October 4.

SAVE THE DATE

Scarecrow Festival

Saturday, October 16, 2010

FREE family activities including pony rides, cookie decorating, games, pumpkin and scarecrow decorating, face painting, moonwalk, and much more!



Did You Know?

Free evening and weekend parking (until 2:00am) is available in the commuter parking lots. Overnight parking is available for a fee & can be paid online.

Village Vision

The vision of Barrington is to preserve and promote its unique small-town heritage, preserve its distinct ecological and historical character, provide a moral and safe environment, maintain a high quality of life through the efficient use of community resources, and respond to future challenges through citizen participation in all civic, social and cultural endeavors.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, Groot refuse, recycling and yard waste pick-up will be Saturday, September 11th.

Barrington Staff: Serves Barrington with Pride

The Village's Public Works and Public Safety Departments serve our community with pride. Annually, these departments are responsible for a wide variety of public services. Often these services go unnoticed, but they are critical to the smooth functioning of the Village. Public Safety provides top-notch emergency services (police, fire, ambulance) that our community relies upon every day. In addition to plowing and salting our public streets during the winter, Public Works also performs emergency services when floods, water main breaks, sewer back-ups, or general public emergencies occur. Both Public Works and the Public Safety Departments provide staffing for the events throughout the summer, ensuring they run safely and smoothly..



Construction: What You Need to Know

Due to the Union Laborers and Operators strike, all road construction projects have been delayed. For the latest on construction updates in the Village of Barrington, please visit our website at www.barrington-il.gov, or call (847) 304-3460.



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