

VILLAGE OF

a great place to live, work, and play

BARRINGTON



A GREAT PLACE!

Barrington is a beautiful, historic suburb that takes pride in its hometown charm and small-town heritage. More than 300 unique shops and restaurants are clustered in five distinct retail areas. The Village Center is the heart of town, with its stately Victorian homes, historic buildings, quaint shops, and restaurants for every palate.

Village Report

Barrington celtic fest March 17 and March 18



The inaugural Barrington Celtic Fest will take place on Thursday, March 17th and Friday, March 18th in the Village Center, next to and in McGonigal's Pub. The two-day festival will run all day on St. Patrick's Day and Friday, the 18th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. A large heated tent will be set up on site so that patrons can enjoy the celebration outdoors without worries about the fickle March weather. In addition to the entertainment listed below there will be special guests, bagpipers and other surprises.

Thursday, March 17

Main Level

- Noon - 3:00 p.m.: Seamus O'Kane
- 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.: Fast Eddie McAteer
- 9:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.: The Reids
(direct from Kilkenny, Ireland)

Upper Level

- 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.: Irish Music & NCAA Basketball Games
- 9:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.: Fast Eddie McAteer

Tent

- 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Irish Music
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Irish Dancers
- 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.: Irish Music
- 9:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.: Chicago Reel & Irish Dancers

Friday, March 18

Main Level

- 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.: Irish Music & NCAA Basketball Games
- 9:00 p.m. - Close: Finbarr Fagan and Paddy GoEZ Band

Upper Level

- 11:00 a.m. - Close.: Irish Music & NCAA Basketball Games

Tent

- 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Irish Music
- 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Live Music
- 8:00 p.m. - Midnight: The Reids
(direc from Kilkenny, Ireland)

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Visit our website at
www.barrington-il.gov



Stop for Pedestrians in Crosswalks



State law and Village ordinance requires all motorists to STOP for pedestrians in any crosswalks. Crosswalks aren't always marked with signs or pavement striping; however, motorists are still required to STOP when a pedestrian is attempting to cross the street. Barrington is a very active community for people walking, running, riding bicycles and vehicle traffic. All can be in close proximity to each other, especially in the active downtown area or near schools. Shoppers, diners and others are walking around town morning, noon and night. Please respect their safety and the law. Be alert at crosswalks and always STOP for pedestrians crossing the street.

If you have any questions, please contact the Barrington Police Department for further information (847)304-3300.

Did You Know...

The Barrington Art Festival will return for its second year on Memorial Day weekend, May 28th and 29th.



Calendar

OF EVENTS

March 3

Town Hall Meeting 7:00pm

Barrington Village Hall
www.barrington-il.gov

March 3 - 6

The Sound of Music 7:00pm

Barrington High School
www.barrington220.org

March 17 & 18

Barrington Celtic Fest

Village Center, Next to McGonigal's Pub

March 21 - 25

Community Unit School District 220

Spring Break!

April 16

Easter Bunny Breakfast 9:00am

111 Grille, Barrington Ice House Mall
www.icehousemall.com

April 21 - 23

Easter Bunny Photos & Visits 12:00 - 3:00pm

Barrington Ice House Mall
www.icehousemall.com

April 21

Night at the Mall Egg Hunt 6:00pm

Barrington Ice House Mall
www.icehousemall.com

April 23

17th Annual Family Easter Event 10:00am - 2:00pm

Foundry Shopping Center
(847) 304-0255

April 28 - May 1

Antique & Garden Show

Barrington Ice House Mall
www.icehousemall.com

May 28 & 29

Barrington Art Festival

Barrington Village Center

Vote on April 5, 2011

Consolidated General Election

The local consolidated election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. The candidates for the three Village Trustee (4-year term) positions are:

- Michael T. Kozel
- Jim Daluga
- Robert Windon
- Paul Hunt

The last day to register to vote before the election is March 8th.



Police Urge Residents to File a Vacation House Watch

While you are vacationing, make sure you've taken care of business at home, so that you truly can relax on the beach! The Barrington Police Department reminds residents to file a "Vacation House Watch" request before they leave town for a vacation. The forms are available on the Village's website at www.barrington-il.gov or at the Public Safety Building located at 400 N. Northwest Highway.



"History has shown that home burglaries tend to increase around this time of year as many people go out of town and leave their houses unoccupied," said Chief of Police Jerry Libit. "The Barrington Police Department will make routine checks on your house while you are away and all you have to do is simply fill out the request. This is an easy step to take to ensure that your home is being watched while you are away."

"Vacations are a time to relax and have fun," Libit said. "Let us help to make your time away more carefree by participating in the House Watch program."

Following are some additional tips to keep your home safe while you are out of town:

- Arrange with a neighbor to pick up and hold your mail and newspapers so they don't pile up. If this is not possible, make arrangements with the post office and the newspaper carrier to stop all deliveries.
- Notify a trusted neighbor of your vacation plans. They can report suspicious activity to the police or to you while you are away.
- Secure your home...Lock all windows & doors, including the garage door. Make sure that a "Charley bar" is secure on sliding doors, and that all screens or storm windows are locked or fastened.
- Place timers on your interior lighting, televisions or radios. This gives the appearance of life inside the home at night.
- Make sure all outside entrances – front, back and side – have good lighting.
- If you have valuables in the house, take them to your bank for storage in a safety deposit box. Deposit extra cash in your bank account.
- Move all ladders, tools, lawn implements, garbage cans and yard furniture to your garage, basement or storage shed.
- Close your fireplace flue to prevent birds or animals from entering.
- Put window shades in normal daytime position and make sure all main floor drapes, shades and curtains are arranged so that neighbors and police can see into your house.
- If you are leaving a vehicle in your driveway, make sure it is locked.
- Leave a key with a neighbor or relative. Make sure you have their phone number and they have your contact information while you're away.

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



Photo: Thomas Balsamo

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MARCH

01	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
03	Town Hall Meeting	7:30 pm
04	Fire & Police Commission	9:00 am
07	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
08	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
10	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
14	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
14	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
22	Police Pension	5:30 pm
24	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
28	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
28	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
29	Plan Commission	7:00 pm

APRIL

01	Fire & Police Commission	9:00 am
04	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
05	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
11	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
11	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
12	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
14	Emergency 9-1-1 Board	8:30 am
14	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
20	Ethics Board	6:30 pm
25	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
25	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
26	Police Pension	5:30 pm
26	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
27	Sesquicentennial Cmte	7:00 pm
28	Architectural Review	7:00 pm

Call 847-304-3400 for more information.

Open Casting Call for the "First Annual Barrington Follies"

Attention students, families, parents, alumni and the Barrington community at large, both young and old: The Barrington High School Performing Arts Alumni Endowment is returning to produce the "First Barrington Community Follies" this summer, August 26 & 27, 2011. Their goal is to create a production that is impressive for its cast and crew as well as entertaining, spotlighting Barrington talent and promoting the performing arts in Barrington and at BHS.

For more information and to participate in this great show, contact Marc Parker at (847) 381-8330 or visit www.bhstheater.com.

Barrington was Green before it was Cool to be Green

Barrington has been on the cutting edge when it comes to being "Green". In the 1980s, Barrington was one of the first communities in the county to start a multi-material recycling program. We have enjoyed the ease of curbside recycling for many years. In 2004, we entered into an agreement with Groot, our waste hauler, that included larger, 65-gallon carts. Since this improvement, Barrington's recycling efforts have significantly increased.

But recycling is only the beginning of our efforts to be good to the environment. The Village has been at the forefront of bio-engineering and streambank stabilization restoration projects since 1990. Projects related to the restoration of Flint Creek, the construction of the award winning "Kilgoblin Wetland", and the requirement of developers to install water quality elements to their Stormwater Management Plan, have helped the Village to be a leader in environmental initiatives.

The Village has also been progressive in its water conservation efforts. In 2006, Barrington adopted a Comprehensive Water Conservation Ordinance that serves as a reminder that our water supply is a limited natural resource and should be conserved regardless of weather conditions. We conduct a bi-annual leak detection survey of our potable water system to reduce undetected water loss. Barrington has also instituted the "Star Hexagram" water meter replacement program, which also assists us in monitoring water loss in the system.

The Village has been fortunate to partner with Citizens for Conservation and more recently, Flint Creek Watershed Partnership on many of its green projects. The efforts of those citizen groups and others – the garden clubs, Smart Farms, Citizens for Open Space, and the Barrington Area Conservation Trust – have been a wonderful gift to our community.

Ongoing Village efforts to help make Barrington a great place to live include greenscape projects throughout town, maintaining a Tree City USA designation for the past 24 years, support for the heron rookery at Baker's Lake, utilizing a de-icing salt reduction program, participating in holiday lights, electronics and battery recycling programs, and many other environmentally-friendly efforts.

Barrington is a proactive community when dealing with "green" issues. Our Village Board takes pride and satisfaction in its efforts to preserve and maintain a healthy and safe environment for our residents. We applaud and are grateful for our residents and a community whose efforts have fostered and greatly enhanced our beautiful environment.

President, Village of Barrington



Creating a More Vibrant Barrington

Welcome New Businesses

We are proud to announce the opening of two new businesses in Barrington.



Caledonian, Inc
113 N. Cook Street
(847) 381-0569
www.caledonianinc.com
Hours: 9 - 5 Tues - Sat

Caledonian, Inc. specializes in fine English antiques and bench-made reproduction furniture. Established in 1941 in Highland Park, Illinois and in Winnetka/Northfield since 1947, owner Barrie Heath has brought his business to his hometown of Barrington. Caledonian offers personal service selling furniture and decorative accessories in traditional styles at attractive prices. Their restoration shop takes in outside repairs.

PL8 (pronounced "plate"), a simply Asian restaurant that combines Japanese and Chinese cuisine, opened on the Chinese New Year, February 4, in the Foundry. The "Simply Asian" concept features a wide variety of menu items from sushi to noodles, as well as a cuisine-inspired hand-crafted cocktail menu. The decor fits perfectly with bright red walls, Asian-themed light fixtures, a sushi window and perhaps most unique, a sunken bar. The idea is to keep the bar at table level for diners who will sit on large, dramatic tree stumps made of 1,000 year old petrified wood from China.



PL8
736 W. Northwest Highway
In the Foundry
(847) 382-1988
www.pl8simplyasian.com
Hours: 4 - 10 Tues - Thurs
4 - 11 Fri - Sat, 3 - 9 Sun

Village Offers Incentives to Update Buildings

As part of the Village Center Tax Increment Financing District, established in 2000, the Business Assistance Grant and the Façade Improvement Grant Programs were established as incentives to upgrade the properties in the Village Center. The objective of the programs is to encourage exterior and interior design and system improvements to existing older buildings within the TIF District. This is a public/private partnership designed to attract and retain retail businesses that fall within targeted categories.

Since the Grant Programs were established in 2004, twenty nine (29) grants have been awarded for a total of \$363,275 for improvements within the TIF District. The total private investment has been \$2,479,953. The Business Assistance Grant program was instrumental in attracting the new McGonigal's Pub and Park Avenue Wine Bar and Merchant, said Peggy Blanchard, Director of Economic and Community Development.

The Village is encouraging applicants to apply for the assistance to up-



grade their properties or for tenant improvements. Applicants may be the owner of an eligible building(s) and/or the owner of a new or existing targeted retail business

within the TIF District. The program will reimburse up to 50% of verified eligible expenses or a maximum of \$25,000 for the Business Assistance Grant and \$10,000 for the Façade Improvement Grant. Additional terms and conditions apply.

To learn more about the Business Assistance Grant program contact the Department of Economic and Community Development at (847) 304-3460.

Village Employee Spotlight On... Allison Chmelik, Assistant Director of Financial Services

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.

Working in Finance Requires Energy and Knowledge...

and Allison Chmelik brings both. Allison, who has worked for the Village since 2002, is the Assistant Director of Community & Financial Services. Allison is responsible for supervising the annual audit process and other daily accounting functions for the Village. Allison, an avid Blackhawks fan, is known for her sweet nature and readiness to assist the public and other employees in whatever matter is at hand – whether it is a financial inquiry, or merely a request for a piece of candy from the basket that sits on her desk. "Allison is a pleasure to work with and I can always count on her for help with any task this department is assigned. Her integrity and dedication to her work are true assets to the Village," said Jason Hayden, Director.



Village News You Can Use

Battery Recycling Program

The Barrington Public Works Department has teamed up with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) to offer our residents the opportunity to safely dispose of household alkaline and rechargeable batteries.



Common household alkaline batteries are no longer accepted at IEPA-sponsored hazardous waste disposal events due to their benign nature and high recycle costs. This program makes it simple for you to dispose of batteries safely.

There are two convenient drop-off locations at:

Village Hall	Public Works
200 S. Hough Street	300 N. Raymond Avenue
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Should you have any questions, please call (847) 304-3400 or visit SWANCC's website at www.swancc.org.

50/50 Cost-Share Tree Program



The Village will pay 50% of the cost to plant a new 2" caliper tree in front of your home or business. There are a number of species available and all property owners are welcome to participate. For details on the program, please call Public Works at (847) 381-7903.

Yard Waste Pick-up Resumes



Compost pick-up will resume on Friday, March 18, 2011.

Village Employee Creates Square for Community Quilt

The Village Board presented a Proclamation to Rose Powell, a Barrington employee and long-time Inverness resident to thank her for creating a quilt square that will represent the Village in the community quilt being created by the Barrington Area Library. Rose has demonstrated that she is a talented seamstress and gifted, artistic and inspired quilter.



Thanks, Rose, for your outstanding contribution!!

From the desk of
Jeff Lawler,
Village Manager



Photo: Thomas Balsamo

Community Events Spring Ahead

Spring will arrive shortly after another challenging winter and as the thaw begins, we have a lot to look forward to. The inaugural Barrington Celtic Fest will take place on Thursday, March 17th and Friday, March 18th in the Village Center, next to and in McGonigal's Pub. The two-day festival will run all day on St. Patrick's Day and Friday, the 18th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. A large heated tent will be set up on site so that patrons can still enjoy the celebration if the weather does not cooperate.

Other spring events to look forward to include several Easter events throughout town. You can have breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 16th at 111 Grille, or you can visit with the Easter Bunny at the 17th Annual Family Easter Event on April 23rd. This event is held at the Foundry Shopping Center and includes a free petting zoo and the opportunity to take your picture with the Easter Bunny.

Also, the Barrington Ice House Mall will be hosting its 3rd Annual Barrington Antique & Garden Show & Sale from Thursday, April 28th through Sunday, May 1st. Over 30 dealers will be displaying their most unique and one-of-a-kind items for sale.

Another fantastic event to look forward to is the return of the Barrington Art Festival on Memorial Day weekend. The Barrington Art Festival offers the work of 140 juried artists from around the world and is FREE and open to the public.

Every year, Barrington's events just keep getting better and we are looking forward to another great season.

Finally, as the winter wanes, I would like to thank all of the homeowners and business owners who cleared their snowy sidewalks to provide residents with a safe place to walk - rather than walking in the streets. The snow this year has been a challenge to clear and we appreciate all of your hard work.

Jeff Lawler

Village Manager

Scenes from the Blizzard 2011



Thank you to Bob Lee for the many Blizzard 2011 photographs

Rotary MicroLoan Program Available

The Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club (BBRC) is proud to launch its latest community service project, the Rotary MicroLoan Program, aimed at helping residents of the greater Barrington area and its immediate adjoining surroundings defined by the next zip code around 60010.

BBRC's motivation is to provide opportunity for low or moderate income residents to start or expand an income generating business venture. The loan (maximum amount is \$5,000) is granted at modest interest rate (prime + two points) with full expectation of payback. The loan is not meant for personal consumption such as food, rent, medical expenses, but for entrepreneurial activity. It is necessary for the recipient of such a loan to have other sources of income to sustain themselves for day to day living. With this loan, it is expected that families will be able to supplement their income through an income generating venture.

A MicroLoan recipient must be an American Citizen or Green Card Holder and live or have business in the greater Barrington and/or its surrounding area represented by the adjoining zip code around 60010. An individual or a service club such as Rotary or a business within our community will serve as official Sponsor of the applicant. The sponsor vouches for the applicant's integrity and character, but will not be involved in handling any money nor will he/she be co-signing the loan.

For more information, visit www.BarringtonBreakfastRotary.org or call (847) 836-0494.



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.

BHS Fine Arts Department Presents: The Sound of Music March 3, 4, 5 & 6

BHS Richard C. Johnson Auditorium

BHS Fine Arts Department will present the smash hit show and world wide phenomenon, Sound of Music. Celebrate the 40th anniversary of this wonderful film and experience the Sound of Music as never before. Call (847) 842-3214.



BHS Orchestra, Photo by Kelly Stachura Photography

Artist on Exhibit

March 2011

BCAC Gallery at Ice House Mall

Dixie Rogus' passion for color and texture shows her paintings of flowers and trees.

Artist Reception and Exhibit

March 11, 7:00pm

Barrington Area Library

See the nature photography of Jim & Diane Bodkin. Their love of photography and travel have taken them to the Mississippi River for eagles, Florida for birds in mating plumage, Colorado for aspens and elk and many more places.

Second Friday: Banna

March 11, 8:00pm

Barrington Area Library

Named for one of the most beautiful beaches in Ireland, Banna has been singing Irish favorites together for almost 10 years. Enjoy a bit o' Ireland with Banna Irish Duo. Register online at www.BALibrary.org for this FREE event.

BHS Fine Arts Department Presents: District Band Concerts

March 15, 7:30pm

BHS Richard C. Johnson Auditorium

BHS Fine Arts Department will present the annual Spring Choir Concert. Call (847) 842-3214 for ticket information.



Mark Nichols Puppet Place Presents: The Tale of Peter Rabbit

March 19, 10:30am

Barrington Area Library

Hand, rod, string and shadow puppets are used in this classic tale of a bunny boy who learns how important it is to listen to parents. Visit www.BALibrary.org for information on this free event.

Ladies Sweater & Accessories Swap

March 30, 7:00pm

Barrington Area Library

Too many sweaters? De-clutter and give unwanted sweaters new life in someone else's closet. Gently used items only. Register at www.BALibrary.org.

Artist on Exhibit

April 2011

BCAC Gallery at Ice House Mall

Pam Shumway's painting portraits and figures will be on display for the entire month.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

April 16, 9:00am

111 Grille at Ice House Mall

Have breakfast with the Easter Bunny at 111 Grille. Don't forget to bring your camera! Call (847) 382-5020 to register.

Free Family Easter Event

April 23, 10:00am - 2:00pm

The Foundry of Barrington

The businesses at the Foundry invite you to attend this 17th annual event. Bring your family to enjoy free photos with the Easter Bunny.

Visit the free petting zoo and explore fire and police vehicles. Have your face painted with whiskers and visit over 15 participating retailers for special treats and surprises.

Heritage Oaks Contest (Earth Week Event)

April 20

Park Avenue

To recognize one of Barrington's most distinguished features - its oak trees - the Barrington Area Conservation Trust will be holding a Heritage Oaks contest as part of Earth Week (April 17-23). Details of the contest can be found at www.bactrust.org. Winners will be announced during Earth Week.

Art in the Park

May 22, 2011, 10:00am - 6:00pm

Citizens Park

Barrington Cultural Arts Center presents Art in the Park, Journey into the Arts. Expect to travel through a maze of artwork and feel the inspirations and motivational atmosphere as you view each piece and get to know the artists. Entertainment will be provided by the notable and lovely Greta Pope. Join us for this free event.

Barrington Art Festival

May 28 & 29, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Barrington Village Center

Amdur Productions proudly kicks off its 28th season with the Barrington Art Festival. Free and open to the public, the Barrington Art Festival will offer the work of 140 juried artists from around the world. In addition to the incredible artwork available, guests will be able to enjoy live music and fare from local restaurants.



Did You Know...

Tropical Smoothie Cafe celebrated its three year anniversary in Barrington. "We've had a good three years here in Barrington and really enjoy being part of the community. We appreciate the continued support by our customers," said Brian Guinter, owner of the restaurant.



Did You Know?

Placing your garbage cans on the street is a safety hazard, and against the law. Please make sure that on garbage day, your garbage cans are placed on your driveway, and not the street! Thank you!

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.

Citizens for Conservation Receives Native Landscaping Award



Front Row: Barb Cragan, CFC; Sam Oliver, CFC; Melinda Pruett-Jones, CW Executive Director; Danielle Green, EPA; Peggy Simonsen, CFC; Karen Darch, Village President; Dennis Burmeister, Director of Public Works; Patsy Mortimer, CFC **Back Row:** Tom Vanderpoel, CFC; Mike Szymanski, Village Forester

Citizens for Conservation (CFC) and the Village received a Native Landscaping Award for native restoration efforts at Bakers Lake Savanna. This award was presented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Chicago Wilderness (CW) Conservation on January 28. The award program celebrated the outstanding work of corporations, non-profits, park districts and local governments in protecting and expanding the region's "green infrastructure." Our award is for the exemplary work in the implementation of prairie restoration and native landscaping within the Bakers Lake Savanna site primarily through the efforts of CFC in cooperation with the Village.



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