

VILLAGE OF

a great place to live, work, and play

BARRINGTON



Village Report

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.

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You're Invited to Join a TOWN HALL MEETING

April 19, 7:00 p.m. at the Barrington Area Library



The Village Board invites all residents to attend a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Barrington Public Library. The Town Hall Meeting is a wonderful opportunity for the public to discuss important issues with Village officials and offer suggestions as to how to make Barrington an even greater place to live, work, and play.

Topics to be discussed include economic and community development, including updates on the project at Hough and Main Streets and plans to continue to attract

new businesses to the Village; updates on the Canadian National railroad situation; upcoming special events; and many other topics. There will be a question-and-answer session and an opportunity to provide direct feedback to Village officials. We hope you will join us for this important opportunity to increase communication between you and your Village government. Don't forget - this Town Hall Meeting will be at the Barrington Area Library, not the Village Hall.

Barrington To Receive \$250,000 in Grant Funding from IDOT

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has announced that the Village will receive Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant funding for new sidewalk construction. The grant award of \$250,000 will be used for the engineering and construction of 3,369 linear feet of sidewalk with new sections located on North Hager Ave., Raymond Ave., Lageschulte St, Dundee Ave., Monument Ave., and Illinois Ave. These connections were identified on the Master Sidewalk Plan Map as part of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and recommended for consideration

for grant funding. The Safe Routes to School program will provide greater opportunities to bike and walk to school, thereby increasing our children's physical and mental health and reducing local automobile traffic and air pollution. This funding from IDOT helps the Village to complete part of the sidewalk network within close proximity to schools making it easier and safer for our children to walk or bike to school.

The village is completing final engineering on sidewalks for Exmoor Avenue and Waverly Road, which is part of a grant received under the same funding source. These sidewalks will be installed in the fall of 2012 or spring of 2013, depending on the IDOT bidding cycle.



Did You Know...

The Barrington Art Festival will return for its third year on Memorial Day weekend, May 26th and 27th.



Calendar

OF EVENTS

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BADC Leadership Academy
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Invasive Plant Species
Barrington Area Library
(847) 382-SAVE

May 5 (Rain Date, May 6)

Barrington Area Kid Fest
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Citizens Park
www.barringtonbreakfastrotary.org

May 26 & 27

Barrington Art Festival
7:00 p.m.

Downtown Barrington
www.barrington-il.gov

June 8

Relay for Life

Barrington High School Community Stadium
www.relayforlife.org/barringtonil

State of the Village: By The Numbers

The following were achieved in 2011...

Economic & Community Development

- 34 new retail and office businesses opened
- 5 grants to businesses, investing 4 private dollars for every public dollar invested
- 25,000 shopping and dining guides distributed
- 17,740 summer and fall event calendars distributed
- 2nd Annual Art Festival held
- 1,800 consumers entered the holiday program – Celebrate Bright Barrington Traditions Sweepstakes



Public Works

- 58 parkway trees planted; 1,189 parkway trees trimmed; 105 dead trees removed
- 21 leaks in water system repaired
- 34,563 linear feet of sanitary sewer line cleaned
- 190 summer and 190 winter hanging baskets installed and maintained

Engineering & Building

- 732 building permits issued (up from 582 in 2010 and 598 in 2009)
- 2.76 miles of roads completed (average is only 1.74 miles)
- 78-page Sign Ordinance reduced to 34 pages
- 6,185 linear feet of storm and sanitary sewer lined
- 6 new steps installed from the South Commuter Lot up to Park Avenue



Community & Financial Services & Human Resources

- 6.6% increase in sales tax receipts for 2011
- 10,327 Village population (increase of 159 from 2000 census)
- \$50,000 in annual property tax savings because of refinanced bond interest rate
- 52% increase in grant funding revenue received in the general fund
- 13% reduction in liability and workers comp premiums based on improved experience from prior years
- 150 applications processed for the Police Officer's Eligibility List

Police

- 4.72 on a 5 point scale for customer satisfaction
- 4.8% decrease in traffic accidents
- 5.7% increase in arrests
- 14,000 calls for service
- 28 juveniles diverted from the Court System to the Village Peer Jury Program



Emergency Response

- 4 Village structure fires with total damage of \$114,150, (10 structure fires in the District), 62 other fires in the Village and District (cooking, appliance, vehicle, grass, dumpster)
- 1,851 emergency medical calls (Village and Fire District) - including 394 refusals of treatment or transport
- 10 patients who had return of spontaneous circulation at the hospital after treatment in the field
- 988 false alarms
- 525 property maintenance inspections completed

PUBLIC MEETINGS

APRIL

02	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
03	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
04	Cultural Commission	12:00 pm
09	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
09	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
10	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
12	911 Phone System Board	8:30 am
12	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
17	Bike & Pedestrian Com	7:00 pm
18	Ethics Board	6:30 pm
19	Town Hall Meeting	7:00 pm
23	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
23	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
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26	Architectural Review	7:00 pm

MAY

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Call (847) 304-3400 for more information.

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



Photo: Thomas Balsamor

State of the Village

On Monday, March 19, I delivered my annual State of the Village address. The key areas addressed were:

- Downtown and Village-wide economic redevelopment
- The latest on the CN/ EJ&E issue
- More efficient and effective delivery of Village government services to residents
- Quality of life improvements
- Barrington's work with other governmental units for common purposes and to achieve best practices.

To see and hear the complete address, please visit www.barrington-il.gov, or watch for it on Channel 4. A copy of the address will also be mailed in an upcoming utility bill. Included in this newsletter, for your information, is a snapshot of the State of the Village By the Numbers and below, please note the awards and recognitions achieved by our Village for 2011.

To all of those again helping to make Barrington a great place to live, work and play, including our Village staff, appointed commission and board members, merchants, community organizations, volunteers, and so many other residents and friends, the Village Board and I extend our deepest appreciation and thanks!

President, Village of Barrington

Awards and Recognitions

In 2011, the Village received several awards worth noting.

- Irwin Bock Award for Excellence in Public Administration in the Area of Environmental Stewardship
- Tree City USA for the 25th consecutive year
- Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development Award for the new Sign Ordinance inclusive development process
- American Public Works Association Lake Branch Project of the Year for the Hillside Avenue stormwater project
- 2011 Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Blue Seal recognition
- GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Financial Reporting (25 years)
- GFOA Distinguished Budget Award (7th time)



The Engineering & Building Department was presented with the American Public Works Association (APWA) award for the Hillside Avenue Storm Sewer Diversion Project. The project won the APWA Chicago Metro Chapter, Lake Branch "Project of the Year - Environment Less Than \$5 Million.

Creating a More Vibrant Barrington

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

Hunter's Fairway/ Sotheby's International Realty

The Sotheby's International Realty organization has opened a new office in Cook Street Plaza, opposite the entrance to Francesca's. Hunter's Fairway | Sotheby's International Realty employs an esteemed group of brokers who understand the unique mindset of upscale clients seeking distinctive homes (or second and third residences). Sophisticated, savvy and extensively trained in luxury markets, these professionals have intimate knowledge of properties within their local community. They are thrilled to be part of the Village of Barrington and look forward to demonstrating the essence of the extraordinary.



100 E. Station Street, Suite 135
(847) 274-4983
huntersfairwaysir.com

Tips & Toes Nail Studio



Tips & Toes Nail Studio, a premiere nail salon specializing in the latest healthy trends for your nails, has opened a shop on S. Cook Street. With over 30 years of experience in the nail care industry, they understand the needs of the individual. Their studio is in a beautiful setting, leaving you refreshed, relaxed and rejuvenated at the end of your visit. Come for a visit and see for yourself! The salon is open Tuesday – Saturday, and closed on Sunday and Monday.

One Girl

One Girl, a shop offering wardrobe, home, and gift items, has relocated from Lageschulte St. to S. Cook Street. This unique boutique offers exclusive designer labels, custom jewelry, home accessories and art you won't find anywhere else. Meagan Irion, the owner, has a passion for life styling and enjoys helping her clients with selections in the areas of both apparel and interior design. One Girl is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 – 5, Thursday from 10 – 6, and on Saturday from 11 – 4. Stop in and visit Meagan at her beautiful new place.



119 S. Cook Street
(224) 848-4948
shoponegirl.com

Happy 22nd Anniversary

Kooker's



Kooker's is celebrating their 22nd anniversary! Located at 228 W Northwest Highway, this Barrington classic is a favorite for old and young alike. Stop in and say "Hi" to Bill!

Barrington Art Festival - May 26 & 27, 2012



The Village of Barrington and Amdur Productions proudly presents the Barrington Art Festival on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Free and open to the public, this festival will offer the work of over 120 juried artists from around the world in a variety of mediums. In addition to the incredible artwork available for purchase, guests will be able to enjoy live music throughout the weekend.

We're All Ears...

"We're All Ears" provides a way for YOU to communicate with the Village of Barrington elected officials and administration. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive a response. There are several ways for you to communicate your thoughts. You can email the Village directly at vobvm@barrington-il.gov, visit the "contact us" section on our website at www.barrington-il.gov, call (847) 304-3444, or fill out the following form and mail to: Village of Barrington, 200 South Hough Street, Barrington, IL 60010. Name and mailing address or email address are required in order to receive a response.



Name:

Email:

Date:

Address

Phone:

Village News You Can Use

Coexisting with the Wildlife

in Our Community

There have been several recent reports involving coyotes and foxes in the Village. Last year, the Village hosted an informational meeting regarding living with wildlife. Tim Preuss, Lake County Forest Preserve District, gave a presentation that can 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.

Fire Hydrant Flushing Scheduled

April 29 - May 16, 2012

The Village conducts a semi-annual flushing of the water distribution system to eliminate as much mineral content as possible from the domestic water supply. Fire hydrant flushing removes a considerable amount of loose mineral content and "settleable" solids that accumulate in the water supply system over a period of time. Fire hydrant flushing operations will be completed from April 29 through May 16, 2012 and will be conducted during the evening hours between 10:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. for residents in the Village, and between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for those areas we service outside of the Village. Customers may experience discoloration, low water pressure, and rusty water during flushing operations. These symptoms may occur the entire two week flushing period, even when flushing may not be in your immediate area. Although water may be discolored, it is safe to drink; however, until the water runs clear, it is advisable to avoid washing clothes, especially white fabrics. Any questions regarding this subject should be directed to the Public Works Department at (847) 381-7903.



From the desk of
Jeff Lawler,
Village Manager



Photo: Thomas Balsamo

It's Time to Weather the Storm

It is common knowledge that thunderstorms can produce rapidly changing and life threatening conditions, including lightning, heavy rains, flash floods, high winds, hail, and tornadoes. Because these types of storms have been in the forefront of news stories lately, our staff thought it would be a good idea to bring information about severe weather and our warning systems to your attention.

The Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club has graciously supplied the Village with ten lightning detection devices that are located at all local schools and parks. The local system is designed to predict a lightning strike within a defined area. When the conditions for a lightning strike exist, the system will give a 15-second blast on the horn cluster. If you hear the Lightning Prediction System activate, you should immediately seek shelter inside. Once the potential for a lightning strike has passed, the system will activate the horns for an all-clear signal - three short blasts - and the strobe light will go off. The lightning prediction system is the only local warning system that has an all-clear signal.

Only 1% of U.S. tornadoes reach "violent" intensity, yet those few result in 70% of all tornado deaths, as they did recently in Indiana and Missouri. Winds in these tornadoes can exceed 200 mph and can stay on the ground for an hour or more. If a tornado is spotted, take shelter in a substantial building, ditch, ravine, or other low spot (be cautious of flash flooding).

There are seven tornado warning sirens located within the Village. The steady tone is used to alert the public that a tornado has been sighted and is approaching the community. This tone will last three to five minutes. When the steady tone is heard during severe weather, you should immediately seek a place of shelter. After securing shelter, listen to cable TV, weather alert radios, or AM/FM radio stations for emergency information. There is NO all-clear siren tone. Listen to local radio or cable television for all-clear information. The outdoor warning sirens are tested the 1st Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. If the steady tone is heard at any other time, it is a signal that an emergency is occurring within the community.

Watches and Warnings

Severe Thunderstorm Watch occurs when conditions are ideal for severe weather to develop.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning occurs when severe weather is imminent, seek shelter immediately.

For more information: call the Barrington Fire Department at 304-3600 or email jarie@barrington-il.gov.

Jeff Lawler

Village Manager



Keeping Barrington Green and Beautiful

Barrington Named "Tree City USA"



Barrington is proud to be named a "Tree City USA" for the 25th consecutive year. The Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 135 million Americans call home. The many benefits of being a Tree City include creating a framework for action, education, a positive public image, and citizen pride.

Arbor Day Celebration - Friday April 27

In celebration of Arbor Day on Friday, April 27, Commonwealth Edison will donate trees to be planted at area grade schools. The Public Works Department is providing tree saplings to be distributed to all 4th grade students as part of the celebration. The Council of Garden Clubs will give a presentation to students, where they will learn how trees produce food and energy for people and wildlife, how properly selected and planted trees conserve energy, and much more.

Be a Safe Bike Rider

As we approach another bike riding season here are a few bicycle safety and maintenance tips to help make bicycling more fun!

Just like driving a car there are rules for riding your bike:

- Ride on the right side of the road or trail, because drivers expect, and look for, other traffic on the right.
- Obey traffic laws—signs and signals, including stoplights.
- Look back before turning or moving left.
- Ride single file if there are cars behind you.
- Use hand signals to let drivers know what you are going to do.
- Be careful of people walking — warn them you are coming.
- Look out for cars backing up — They may not see you.
- Don't ride too close to parked cars.
- Feel unsafe? You can always walk your bike.

Properly maintaining your bicycle is vital to riding safely. Check it yourself before each ride with the ABC Quick Check:

AIR — pinch the tires, they should be hard, with good air pressure.

BRAKES — make sure they work and aren't rubbing the tire.

CRANK/CHAIN — if there are problems with your gears or if the chain is loose, take it to a bike shop for repairs

QUICK — check "quick release levers" and other bolts to make sure they are tight.

Finally your helmet should be worn the right way:

FIRST, put on your helmet so it is level and snug — if it slides around, you need thicker pads.

EYES — you should see the very edge of your helmet when you look up past your eyebrow.

EARS — the straps should meet right under your ear to form a Y.

MOUTH — the strap should be loose enough so you can breathe and insert one or two fingers between the buckle and your skin, but tight enough that if you drop your jaw, you can feel the helmet pull down the top of your head.

See the Village's website for more information on the bicycle and pedestrian facilities within Barrington. For tips from the League of Illinois Bicyclists, visit their website at www.bikelib.org for more information.

The Barrington Conservation Trust
is holding a
Great Oaks Contest
Visit www.bactrust.org for details
Winners announced on
Earth Day, April 27

Spring Clean-Up Time is Here

With springtime upon us again it is time to clean up and attend to property maintenance issues. The Village has a Property Maintenance Code that is in effect to maintain a standard for which we all need to abide by to ensure that the quality of life for you, your neighbors, and the Village is upheld. Here are some tips to keep in mind as the weather improves and residents return to the outdoors:

- Grass and weed growth maintained no higher than 10" inches in height
- No inoperative, unlicensed, or unregistered motor vehicles may be kept outside, nor can any be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped
- Boats, trailers, and/or recreational vehicles may be kept on driveways for 48 hours only
- Exterior surfaces must be kept free of loose and peeling paint
- Wood exterior surfaces must be kept free of rot and decay
- Window and door screens must be kept in good repair
- Exterior property and premises must be kept free from any accumulation of rubbish, garbage, and debris
- Trash containers must be maintained with lids and properly placed on your property outside of the required setbacks
- Sump pump discharge outlets must be kept within the building setbacks according to your zoning district.

Also remember to clean up after your pets on both public and private property. For more information regarding property maintenance, please contact the Engineering and Building Department at (847) 304-3460. Abiding by these simple rules helps to make Barrington a great place to live, work, and play!

Spring Chipper Schedule

The Chipper will make only one pass through your neighborhood. Please visit www.barrington-il.gov for information on what can be picked up.

Monday, May 7 - North of Main Street
Monday, May 14 - South of Main Street



Cultural and Community News

Preparing Your Vegetable Garden

April 4, 7:00 p.m.

Barrington Area Library

Learn how to get your vegetable garden ready to go for the season. Soil preparation, watering methods, weed barriers, pest protection, and planting vegetables will be discussed. Register at www.smartfarms.org.

Visits With Easter Bunny

April 5 - 7, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ice House Mall

Bring your camera and take photos with the Easter Bunny in the Spring Garden at the Ice House Mall. Come and enjoy this special annual event.

Youth Arts Alive!

April 5, 7:00 p.m.

BHS Auditorium

Sponsored by the Barrington Area Drug Prevention Coalition, Barrington area youth musicians, choirs, artists and dancers will be performing. This event is to celebrate the youth in our community who are making the choice to get involved in healthy and positive activities. For more information, visit www.badpc.org

Build Your Own Rain Garden

April 7, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 noon

Barrington Village Hall

Flint Creek Watershed Partnership is looking for homeowners, organizations, and businesses to join our Half-Million-Gallons project by building their own rain gardens. Plants and guidance are provided - the rest is up to you! For more information, visit www.flintcreekwatershed.org.

Easter Bunny Breakfast

April 7, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

111 Grille/ Chessie's

Meet the Easter Bunny and have your photograph taken. Spring treats and Bunny giveaways, face painter, balloon artist, and more! Call (847) 382-5020 for reservations.

18th Annual Family Easter Event

April 7, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Foundry of Barrington (NW Hwy)

The businesses at the Foundry of Barrington invite you to enjoy free photos with the Easter Bunny. Visit the free petting zoo featuring baby ducks, chicks, rabbits, goats and over 35 animals. Explore Barrington fire trucks and police vehicles, too. Have your face painted with whiskers, then visit over 15 participating retailers for special treats. Don't forget to bring an Easter basket to fill with goodies and your camera to catch those special moments.

BADC Leadership Academy

April 14, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Makray Memorial Golf Club

For reservations and for more information, visit www.the-badc.org.

Artist Trading Card Swap

April 14, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

BCAC Gallery in Ice House Mall

Create and trade these tiny works of art. Cards are 2.5 x 3.5 and traded (never sold). Refreshments will be served.

Get Jazzed with Late Night Blues

April 14, 6:30 p.m.

Park Avenue Wine Bar

Benefitting the Career Place, join us for an evening of jazz, wine tastings, and appetizers, featuring internationally acclaimed vocal jazz ensemble "Late Night Blues" of Elmhurst College.



Spring Art Session

Begins April 16

Bataille Academie of the Danse

This art session includes crafts for Pre-K and Kindergarten; jewelry making for 1st - 5th grade; and mixed media for 3rd - 7th grade. Visit www.batailledanse.com for more information.

Book Signing by Sue Daly

April 21, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Norton's U.S.A.

Come and meet local author Sue Daly, as she signs copies of her book "Dude, The Hunter". You will also have the opportunity to meet Dude, The Hunter, in person.

"The Taste of Tomorrow" with Josh Schonwald

April 22, 2:00 p.m.

Barrington Area Library

Josh Schonwald discusses his new book, "The Taste of Tomorrow: Dispatches from the Future of Food," and copies will be available for purchase and signing.

Spotlight on Barrington Stars: Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Fashion Show and Awards

April 25

Inverness Golf Club

Bring your staff, clients, friends and family to the annual Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce charity luncheon. Enjoy fabulous entertainment

including a fashion show, a delectable 3 course lunch and award ceremony honoring local residents and business owners. For more information, visit www.barringtonchamber.com.

Purple Heals In Barrington

April 26, 4:00 p.m.

Park Ave Wine Bar

Relay for Life will be promoting their shopping and dining experience which supports local merchants who will be contributing to the RFL with teams and sponsors. For more information, visit www.relayforlife.org/barringtonil.



Invasive Plant Species

April 28, 10:00 a.m.

Barrington Area Library

Citizens for Conservation sponsors this one-hour program, or come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee, hand-outs, and conversation. CFC members are free, \$10 for non-members. Call (847) 382-SAVE for more information.

Barrington Youth & Family Services Celebrates 40th Anniversary

April 28

Barrington Hills Country Club

BYFS provides a comprehensive array of services, including family counseling, outreach and prevention programs for Barrington area youth and their families. Please call BYFS at (847) 381-0345 to be added to the Gala invitation list.

Barrington Area Kids Fest

May 5, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Citizens Park

This event combines the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club's 11th Annual Kite Fly, and the Barrington Park District and Leave No Child Inside's 2nd annual Family Nature Fest. Enjoy some delicious food for purchase, raffles, fly a kite, and participate in over twenty outdoor and educational activities.

Art in the Park

May 20, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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. The event is free, so come and enjoy a day in the park!

Did You Know?

There is an easy way to get timely alerts on local news such as emergency bulletins or crime alerts? Visit www.barrington-il.gov to get connected!



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.

Village Votes On Referendum Question for Electrical Aggregation

As of the writing of this newsletter, the results of the March 20th referendum question regarding electrical aggregation were not yet available. Voters were asked the following question on the ballot: Shall the Village of Barrington have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?

Recent changes in legislation relative to the deregulation of electricity has resulted in municipal aggregation as a way in which municipalities can pool or aggregate together the electrical supply load of its residents and small businesses. If the referendum question was approved, the Village will be in a position to seek competitive price bids on the electrical supply load for all of the residents and small businesses. The electric supply price for a larger, aggregated load typically results in favorable electric rates.

Please visit our website at www.barrington-il.gov for more information and for the results of the referendum.



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