

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.

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www.barrington-il.gov



Village Report

State of the Village: By The Numbers

Public Works

- 27th year as a Tree City USA
- 97 trees planted; 1,368 parkway trees trimmed; 406 dead trees (128 Ash) removed
- 1,650 tons of recyclable material collected
- 23,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer pipe cleaned
- 500 yards of wood chips chipped
- 978 fire hydrants received annual maintenance
- 21 snow and ice events handled

Development Services

- 1.3 miles of Village Streets improved
- 1,000 yards of pavement patch on 21 streets
- \$9.56 million in additional Route 14 underpass funding secured
- 5,000 linear feet of water main, 2,658 feet of sanitary sewer, and 1,609 linear feet of storm sewer replaced
- 1 American Public Works Association Lake Branch Environmental Project of the Year Award
- 2 Village parking lots reconstructed
- 821 building permits reviewed, approved and issued
- 2,501 building inspections completed

Community & Financial Services & Human Resources

- 7.28% increase in sales tax receipts for 2013
- 5,898 walk-in customers and 9,751 phone-in customers served
- \$11 average per household monthly savings with new electrical aggregation contract
- 29th year in a row receiving the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting Award
- 10th year in a row receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
- 43% (\$226,515) reduction in liability and workers compensation premiums for 2014 due to the termination of the agreement to provide Fire/ EMS services to the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District, as well as the reduction in claims from 2007 - 2013
- Estimated additional revenue of \$15,000 due to the Village's switching to a Visa purchasing card program in 2013.

Police

- 244 cases heard from Administrative Adjudication process
- 4.85 on a 5 point scale customer satisfaction for Barrington Police Department
- 14,369 calls for service handled by Barrington Police
- 644 traffic accidents handled
- 14 child safety seats installed
- 4 vehicles seized during DUI or drug arrests valued at \$22,535

Fire and EMS

- 1889 calls received by Barrington Fire Department for EMS services, including 968 in the Village and 921 in the District
 - 2 patients who had return of spontaneous circulation at the hospital
 - 565 refusals of treatment
- 2 Village structure fires, 5 structure fires in the District
- 95 outbound mutual aid for Fire and EMS to other jurisdictions
- 784 fire inspections
- 14,092 hours of training

Economic & Community Development

- 17 net new businesses
- 100 Cruise Night cars featured each week
- 120 artists displayed art work at Art Festival
- 65 businesses displayed Scarecrows for Scarecrow Festival with 700 attendees at the event
- 57 merchants participated in Holiday Sweepstakes
- 25 shops and 10 restaurants participated in the merchant-led Holiday Wine Walks
- 21,000 Calendar of Events distributed to area residents
- 26,000 Shopping and Dining Guides distributed

Did You Know...

The Barrington Art Festival will return for its fourth year on Memorial Day weekend, May 24th and 25th.



Calendar

OF EVENTS

April 12, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Spring Wine Walk

Throughout Barrington

www.EnjoyBarrington.com

www.bactrust.org **April 30, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Trends in Stormwater Management

Barrington Village Hall

www.bactrust.org

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

Barrington Kids Fest

Citizens Park

www.barringtonbreakfastrotary.org

May 11, 7:00 a.m.

Mother's Day Run/Walk

Streets of Barrington

www.allcommunityevents.com

May 24 & 25

Barrington Art Festival

Downtown Barrington

www.EnjoyBarrington.com

May 26, 10:30 a.m.

Memorial Day Parade

Downtown Barrington

www.EnjoyBarrington.com

May 29, 6:30 p.m.

Cruise Night

Downtown Barrington

www.EnjoyBarrington.com

Village Upcoming Events

Kids Fest 2014

May 3, 2014, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Citizens Park

The Barrington Area Kids Fest is designed for families to get outside with nature, have fun, and fly a kite! As a precursor to Leave No Child Inside month in June, the Kids Fest will offer a wide range of free interactive recreational and educational sessions for kids of all ages. While you're there, enjoy some delicious food for purchase, check out the raffles, fly a kite, and participate in over twenty outdoor and educational activities.

This event combines the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club's 13th Annual Kite Fly, Barrington Park District's and Leave No Child Inside's 3rd annual Family Nature Fest. Celebrate spring outside under the sun!

To register and for additional information regarding this fun-filled, free celebration visit the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club at: www.barringtonbreakfastrotary.org.



Bike to School Day

May 7, 2014

Bike to School Day is right around the corner! National Bike to School Day began in 2012 and Barrington has been a proud participant for the past 2 years. National Bike to School Day grew from the very popular National Walk to School Day, a similar event held in the fall that encourages children to walk to school. National Bike to School Day not only encourages children to ride their bikes to school, but learn about bike safety and promote a healthy lifestyle. This year Bike to School Day falls on Wednesday, May 7, 2014. This is a great way to kick start National Bike Month!



Barrington Art Festival

May 24 & 25

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Amdur Productions proudly kicks off its season with the Barrington Art Festival on Memorial Day weekend. **FREE and open** to the public, the Barrington Art Festival will offer the work of 120 juried artists from around the world in a variety of mediums, including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, photography, watercolors, wood, and more.

In addition to the incredible artwork available for purchase at the festival, guests will be able to enjoy live music throughout the weekend. Epicurean delights will also be available at the festival. Activities for kids make the Barrington Art Festival the perfect family experience.



Spring into summer in Barrington with an afternoon of shopping, sipping and strolling. Each specialty shop along the walk will feature a wine tasting, small treats and unique gift items.

Cost: FREE
Hours: 2-6 p.m.

For a complete list of participating merchants and restaurants, please visit EnjoyBarrington.com

PUBLIC MEETINGS

APRIL

01	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
07	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
08	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
10	Emergency 9-1-1 Board	8:30 am
10	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
12	Cultural Commission	12:00 pm
14	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
14	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
15	Bike & Pedestrian Com	7:00 pm
22	Police Pension	5:30 pm
22	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
24	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
28	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
28	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
30	Ethics Board	6:30 pm

MAY

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19	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
20	Bike & Pedestrian Com	7:00 pm
21	Fire Pension Board	7:00 pm
22	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
27	Plan Commission	7:00 pm

Call (847) 304-3400 for more information.

BizEd Community Expo

June 14, 2014, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce and District 220 will host a BizEd Community Expo on Saturday, June 14 at Barrington High School from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the school's main gym. The expo will feature booths showcasing local businesses, community groups, food court, and educational resources that lead to challenging careers. A highlight of the event will be the S.T.E.M. Fair (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) which will offer hands on activities for all ages, and a Robotics area featuring demonstrations and competitions. Public admission and parking for the event is FREE. For more information or to register, visit www.barringtonchamber.com or call (847) 381-2525.

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



State of the Village

The following State of the Village was given at the Board of Trustees Meeting held March 17, 2014.

Good evening, or shall I say top of the evening to you, on this St. Patrick's Day. As I begin my State of the Village address tonight, I would like to take time to review our numerical summary of 2013 using our By The Numbers Report which we have used for the last few years to measure our accomplishments in our various departments.

But the numbers cannot tell the whole story – they never do because they cannot fully reflect all of the efforts which helped to make the Village a great place to live, work, and play in 2013.

We spent a great deal of time this year – our Engineering Department, our third party consultants, our Citizens Advisory Group, and our public – looking at plans and choosing a best alternative for our Route 14 grade separation project at the EJ&E/CN railroad. Countless hours were spent in the Phase I process of reviewing the challenges, and creating the possible alternative plans for such a project and taking all the necessary steps to move this project along – A project, which will enhance the safety, emergency access, and traffic flow for our Village and region when ultimately completed.

Another infrastructure area that received major attention this year was Stormwater management. Our Village, like many others, has faced flooding and excessive stormwater invading our wastewater treatment plant for the past several years – especially when we have our so-called “100 year storms” every other year – or so it seems. With funds directed to smoke testing, increased sewer repair and replacement, lift station replacement, and promotion of our overhead sewer program, we have been able to better address the problem of sewer backups in storm events. Since 2007 our efforts have resulted in a 27% decrease in average annual flow through our wastewater treatment plant. That is significant progress.

It is not only in infrastructure that our Village wanted to be responsive to resident needs or to make life more convenient. In 2013, our Administrative Adjudication process handled 244 cases. That meant 244 times that neither our citizens nor our officers had to travel to Rolling Meadows or elsewhere to have a local matter handled, saving all of us time and money. We were happy again to have our neighbor Lake Barrington participate in this service as well – creating greater efficiency for both of our communities.

The Bike and Pedestrian Committee – created in response to citizen requests for more focus on biking activities in our Village, launched the first Bike Barrington event last year and will repeat it in 2014. It was a fun family event and we are pleased to see it come to fruition and be such a success.

A report which reviews 2013 and reports on the State of the Village now would not be complete without a report on the Barrington Fire Department. 2013 was a year of change and as we all know, change can be difficult. But, having weathered the work of the change, the Fire District's decision to no longer buy service from the Village and the resulting downsizing of staffing, I am happy to report that things are moving along nicely. The reasons that underscored our decision to not fight the District's decision to terminate its contract with us, continue to ring true – we have excellent response times to our smaller 5 square mile Village coverage area now and we have created a more sustainable financial model for our fire department – particularly in terms of long term pension liability – than we have had for the past twenty years.

In order to keep our financial house in order, we have to concern ourselves with more than our own Village departments. As in years past, but maybe even more so in these years where our State's financial issues loom larger than ever, we are giving attention to the actions (and sometimes lack thereof) of the General Assembly in Springfield. Once again, Barrington, along with our BACOG, NWMC, Metro Mayors Caucus and Illinois Municipal League colleagues, will press to protect and maintain the LGDF or Local Government Distributive Fund revenue that belongs to Villages but passes through the State coffers on its way to municipalities. Reform for our state mandated, but locally funded pension systems, and changes in other state mandates which interfere with local government's ability to manage its resources are other priorities again this year.

At the federal level, we have devoted attention in 2013 to issues of rail safety, rail noise impacts, and funding for our grade separation project. While this group of issues were not on Barrington's

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State of The Village Continued

radar before 2007, our attention to them in the last few years has brought changes which are a benefit to not only Barrington but others in our region and the country. Increased railroad funding to ameliorate impacts on communities and more attention to rail safety, especially hazardous goods transport, have been achieved in part through our efforts.

Closer to home, continued Village participation in the Healthier Barrington Coalition and the newer Barrington Leads Coalition (dedicated to preventing underage drug and alcohol abuse) underscores our belief that addressing multiple ingredients for a successful community is important for our Village and that active participation, not just passive observation, are required.

So where are we in the Village of Barrington today – the start of our 150th year of existence?

The numbers tell us we are sound financially and our permits tell us we are growing. There is a new residential project in the early phases of Village review and at least two more we understand are being contemplated by private developers. Our Hough-Main commercial project proceeds and no one will be happier than this Village Board and staff when we are able to see ground breaking there. The White House project which seeks to preserve that beautiful historic building on Main Street and repurpose it as a community and cultural center is on its way in its fundraising and project design phase. That project, spearheaded by former board member Beth Raseman and led by a group of dedicated volunteers, is a testament to the strength of the volunteer spirit in our community. Numerous hours have been spent on this project thus far. Other volunteers on our Cultural Commission and Sesquicentennial Committee and other Boards and Committees are also devoting precious time to create and support the activities which make our Village a great, fun place to be – which celebrate its life and heritage.

We have fantastic Village staff that works to make Barrington great and lovely and embody that vision of our community as the friendly, walkable, vital, and welcoming Village that we want it to be. But tonight, I give a special shout out to the many volunteers and businesses who have not only told us what they want their community to be, but who have willingly given their ideas, effort and hours to make it so. Holiday parades, Oscar short film festivals, art shows and scarecrow fests, bike events and Cruise nights, Celtic Fests and Wine Walks, holiday events and charity runs and galas are so much of what makes us happy to live here. These would not happen but for volunteers and those willing to go above and beyond. As we have seen these grow each year, we can gauge the state of our Village.

Despite tough economic times in the past few years, Barrington is very much alive. We have our Village government challenges – mandates from the State, expenses increasing faster than inflation or revenues, increasing train traffic, costs due to natural phenomenon (excessive snow and rain, or Emerald Ash Borer destruction) – but we are determined to bring our best efforts to meet them and continue to accentuate the very many wonderful attributes of our corner of the world.

As we prepare to celebrate 150 years as an incorporated Village, we continue to become an even better place to live, work, and play.



President, Village of Barrington

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: _____

Creating a More Vibrant Barrington

Tensile Strength Studio

Tensile Strength Studio, located in the Foundry Shopping Center on Northwest Highway, has expanded to include a beautiful new yoga studio called the Barrington Yoga Loft. The new large open space is located on the second floor above the original studio. They offer a variety of classes for all levels with the goal of providing every individual with the opportunity to reach their very best. In addition, there is a lovely new Tea Room for relaxation after a class. For more information and a complete list of classes, visit tensilestrengthstudio.com or call 847-322-1679.



Happy Anniversary to these Wonderful Barrington Businesses

Barrington Martial Arts is celebrating their 2nd Anniversary. Located at 123 Barrington Commons, BMA offers classes and weight loss programs for everyone. A special program allows participants to donate one pair of their old jeans to WINGS, a local women's shelter. For more information, call (847) 382-9599 or visit www.barringtonmartialarts.net.



Sweet Spot is celebrating their 3rd Anniversary. Located at 102 S. Hager St, check out the selection of hand dipped ice cream cones, Italian ice, hand-dipped chocolates, and "Penny Candy". There are lots of great gift ideas for all of the people on your shopping list, including personalized Easter Baskets. Visit www.sweetspot102.webs.com for more information.



Kooker's is celebrating their 24th Anniversary. Located at 301 W. Northwest Highway, this Barrington classic is a favorite for old and young alike. Visit www.kookersrestaurant.com for menu and hours.



Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble is celebrating their 25th Anniversary. Founded in 1989 by Artistic

Director Mary Brennan, this grassroots organization has become a local standard bearer for the arts. BYDE melds professional dancers and student dancers in Barrington and the surrounding communities, and promotes artistic integrity, involvement, and awareness through exceptional dance training and performance in the Chicagoland area. For more information call 847-382-6333 or visit www.byde.org.

From the desk of
Jeff Lawler,
Village Manager



Photo: Thomas Balsamo

Spring Ahead

Spring has arrived after a long and tough winter and we have much to look forward to.

Spring is the time for getting outside and meeting your neighbors for some community events. There are many Easter events to attend this year that cannot be missed. The Easter Bunny will be busy on Saturday, April 12th. He will be running between both the Ice House Mall and the Barrington Park District to be a guest at breakfast. The Barrington Park District will also be hosting their Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which is a great holiday tradition.

Also coming this season is another great family event. The Barrington Kids Fest combines the Barrington Breakfast Rotary's Kite Fly and the effort of Leave No Child Inside to bring families together outside with nature and have fun. The Barrington Art Festival will also be held in May during Memorial Day weekend. The Art Fair offers the work of 120 juried artists from around the world and is FREE and open to the public. And with Spring, comes Barrington's Cruise Nights, which will start on Thursday, May 29th.

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

Jeff Lawler

Village Manager

Consolidated Music is celebrating their 40th Anniversary. Consolidated Music, located at 125 Barrington Commons Court, opened its doors in 1974 with one drum set and 10 guitars on the wall. They survived the throb of disco, 90's Grunge bands, the unplugged phenomenon, alternative music, and American Idol hopefuls. Through it all, they have enjoyed every single day, providing the voice of experience when it comes to buying great products, taking lessons, or renting equipment at the right price. Visit www.consolidatedmusic.net for more information.



Keeping Barrington Green and Beautiful

Barrington Named "Tree City USA"



TREE CITY USA

Barrington is proud to be named a "Tree City USA" for the 27th 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 25

In celebration of Arbor Day on Friday, April 25, 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 during
Earth Week 2014

Rid Litter Day, April 26th

Rid Litter Day is an opportunity for volunteers to clean up areas that might need some TLC. Participants can pick up gloves and bags at the Village Hall Monday through Friday, April 21st through April 25th. Bags containing litter can be left at intersections for Public Works collection the following week.

Fire Hydrant Flushing Scheduled April 27 - May 9 (10:30 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.)

This includes the Village of Barrington, Paganica of Barrington Hills, and Braymore, Weatherstone, Glencrest, and Sanctuary of Inverness

May 12 - 14 (7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

This includes Abbey Woods and Estates of Inverness Ridge

The Village conducts an 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 27 through May 14, 2014 (as listed above, weather permitting). 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.



Spring Chipper Schedule

Monday, May 5 - North of Main Street

Monday, May 12 - South of Main Street

Please have all the material out to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your designated Monday morning. The Chipper will make only ONE pass through your neighborhood. Branches may be up to 10" in diameter and at least 4' in length. Stack branches neatly in a long low pile on the parkway, with the cut end facing the curb. Public Works crews cannot pick up material on private property. The following items cannot be picked up: root balls & stumps; building materials; anything with nails, wire or bolts; any materials placed in a box or garbage can; grass; leaves; or any materials other than wooded branch materials. Remember to utilize your Groot yard waste tote throughout the season.



Cultural and Community News

Spring Bird Walks & Hikes

April 4, 8:00 a.m.

Beese Park

Get to know nearby nature with Barrington area naturalist Wendy Paulson. RSVPs are required at (847) 328-1250.

Visits with the Easter Bunny

April 11 & 12, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ice House Mall

Meet the Easter Bunny and have your photograph taken. Don't forget to bring your camera! For more information, visit www.icehousemall.com.

Bataille Academie of the Danse Performance

April 11, 7:45 p.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Garlands Center of Performing Arts

Featuring over 70 dancers, the "East Meets West" dance performance is sponsored by the Barrington Area Library. To register, please visit www.barringtonarealibrary.org.

Breakfast with the Bunny

April 12, 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Barrington Park District

Easter breakfast with the Bunny is an annual Park District tradition that you and your child won't want to miss. Visit www.barringtonparkdistrict.org to register.

Easter Bunny Breakfast

April 12, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Chessie's Restaurant

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

Gardening Basics: From Seed to Harvest

April 12, 10:00 a.m.

Smart Farm Hoop House

ABC's of gardening including planning, preparing, and planting. Small space gardening will also be discussed. All levels of gardeners welcome! Please register at www.smartfarms.org.

Gardening for Birds & Pollinators

April 12, 10:00 a.m.

Barrington Village Hall

Judy Pollock, Director of Bird Conservation at Audubon Chicago Region, and Kelsay Shaw of Possibility Place Nursery, will show how to make yards attractive to birds and pollinators and how to keep them safe and functioning there. Judy Pollock shares her avian expertise with us, while Kelsay Shaw shows why native trees and shrubs are especially vital to nurturing birds and native insects. The program fee is \$10.00 for non-members and CFC members attend for free.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 12, 10:30 a.m.

Barrington Park District

Hop all over Langendorf's main field to see how many of the Easter Bunny's eggs you can find! Fun for all ages. Visit www.barringtonparkdistrict.org to register.

Artist Trading Swap

April 12, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Barrington Cultural Art Center, Ice House Mall

The Barrington Cultural Arts Center provides a physical space for artists to perform and teach their craft at their Ice House Mall Gallery and Art Center. For more information, visit www.barringtonculturalartscenter.org.

Spring Wine Walk

April 12, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Throughout Barrington

Spring into summer in Barrington with an afternoon of shopping, sipping, and strolling. For a complete list of participating merchants and restaurants, visit www.EnjoyBarrington.com.

Drawing Cartoons

April 13, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Crabtree Nature Center

An inspirational class, taught by Charles Boyce, will concentrate on general techniques of drawing cartoons and writing comic strip humor. Space is limited. To register, call (847) 381-6592.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 16, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Barrington Park District

Children aged 4 - 7 years can create special dishes that highlight Easter. Visit www.barringtonparkdistrict.org to register.

Spring Bird Walks & Hikes

April 18, 8:00 a.m.

Beese Park

Get to know nearby nature with Barrington area naturalist Wendy Paulson. RSVPs are required at (847) 328-1250.

Visits with the Easter Bunny

April 18 & 19, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ice House Mall

Meet the Easter Bunny and have your photograph taken. Don't forget to bring your camera! For more information, visit www.icehousemall.com.

Spring Bird Walks & Hikes

April 25, 7:30 a.m.

Baker's Lake

Get to know nearby nature with Barrington area naturalist Wendy Paulson. RSVPs are required at (847) 328-1250.

Rock Around the Clock Sock Hop

April 25, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Barrington Park District

Dust off your poodle skirt and saddle shoes - we're going back to the fifties! Plan for a fantastic evening of fun, food, music, and dancing. Visit www.barringtonparkdistrict.org to register.

National Bike to School Day

May 7

Throughout Barrington

All Barrington elementary and middle schools are invited to participate. Students are encouraged to ride their bikes to and from school. For more information on the event, visit www.walkbiketoschool.org or contact Natalie Ossowski at (847) 304-3474.

Spring Bird Walks & Hikes

May 9, 7:30 a.m.

Beverly Lake

Get to know nearby nature with Barrington area naturalist Wendy Paulson. RSVPs are required at (847) 328-1250.

Spring Bird Walks & Hikes

May 23, 7:30 a.m.

Penny Road South

Get to know nearby nature with Barrington area naturalist Wendy Paulson. RSVPs are required at (847) 328-1250.

Spring Bird Walks & Hikes

May 30, 7:30 a.m.

Galloping Hill

Get to know nearby nature with Barrington area naturalist Wendy Paulson. RSVPs are required at (847) 328-1250.

BYDE 25th Anniversary Concert

June 13 & 14

Barrington High School

Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble is proud to celebrate its 25th Anniversary as a non-profit arts organization in the Barrington community. Founded in 1989 by Artistic Director Mary Brennan, this grassroots organization has become a local standard bearer for the arts. BYDE melds professional dancers and student dancers in Barrington and the surrounding communities, and promotes artistic integrity, involvement, and awareness through exceptional dance training and performance in the Chicagoland area. BYDE is pleased to announce its upcoming 25th Anniversary Concert performance on June 13th & 14th at Barrington High School. The performance will feature classical and contemporary choreography and works by award winning choreographers. For more information call 847-382-6333 or visit www.byde.org.

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.



Important Notice!!

If you experience a sanitary sewer back-up due to an extreme rain event, please contact the Public Works Department as soon as possible, Monday through Friday, at (847) 381-7903 or after hours at (847) 270-9111 and a Village representative will come out to confirm the backup and investigate the source of the problem.



Trends in Stormwater Management

April 30, 2014

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Barrington Village Hall Board Room

What are the most effective ways to handle stormwater? Find out from local experts!

Greg Summers (Village of Barrington Director of Development Services) and Mark Werksman (Village of Barrington Director of Public Works) will highlight some of the flood reduction/water quality projects in the Village, and Beth Adler (Barrington Area Conservation Trust Conservation@Home Coordinator) will share ways to help curb flooding and improve water quality in your own backyard. A free home visit from a BACT naturalist will be available to all participants.

The Village of Barrington's Rain Barrel Rebate Program will be explained, and rain barrels will be available for purchase online from BACT. To order a rain barrel go to: www.bactrust.org.



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.



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