

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

The Village of Barrington will celebrate the 150th year of its official incorporation, February 16, 1865, with a Sesquicentennial Celebration in the year 2015. Kicking off the year is a birthday party like no other.

Happy 150th Birthday, Barrington

February 16, 2015

8:00 p.m. (watch live on Channel 4)

Barrington Village Hall
200 S. Hough Street

In addition, a number of fabulous events will be held throughout the year in celebration of the history that has made Barrington great.

April 25th Celebration and Street Fair - Plans are underway to transform the downtown area to a historic atmosphere for people of all ages. Step back in time and enjoy live music and dancing in the streets. When night falls, stay for the bonfire and share a memory or two with your neighbor. With amazing entertainment and activities, there will be plenty of old-time fanfare for the entire family.

April 26th Socialize, Share, & Celebrate Barrington History - Share your Barrington historic photos and memorabilia at the library for all to see and reminisce.

Memorial Day Weekend - Visit Barrington's Art Festival and then enjoy historic walking tours of the business district that will continue throughout the summer.

Fourth of July Week - The Fourth of July parade will feature a Barrington history theme celebrating our past and our future. In addition, Barrington's White House will celebrate its grand opening as a gift to Barrington's future.

September 19 - A Civil War re-enactment will take place at Citizens Park, in addition to the events being held for Barrington's annual homecoming celebration and much more.

November 27 - A Baby Face Nelson Shootout re-enactment will take place at Langendorf Park to demonstrate the history that Barrington has experienced.

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Visit our website at www.barrington-il.gov



Calendar

OF EVENTS

February 9, 8:00 p.m.

Village Board Meeting

Barrington Village Hall

www.barrington-il.gov

February 14, 12:00 p.m.

An Afternoon of Oscar Nominated Short Films

The Catlow Theater

www.EnjoyBarrington.com

February 16, 8:00 p.m.

Happy 150th Birthday, Barrington

Barrington Village Hall

www.Barrington150.com

February 21, 12:00 p.m.

An Afternoon of Oscar Nominated Short Films

The Catlow Theater

www.EnjoyBarrington.com

February 23, 8:00 p.m.

Village Board Meeting

Barrington Village Hall

www.barrington-il.gov

March 13 - 17

Barrington Celtic Fest

McGonigal's Pub

www.mcgonigalspub.com

April 25

Barrington 150th Celebration & Street Fair

Downtown Barrington

www.Barrington150.com

April 26

Socialize, Share, & Celebrate 150 Years

Barrington Area Library

www.Barrington150.com




The Barrington Cultural Commission and The Catlow Theater
present

**AN AFTERNOON OF
OSCAR-NOMINATED SHORT FILMS**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 & 21, 2015

12:00-4:00 p.m. at The Catlow Theater

116 W. Main Street in Barrington

ADMISSION PRICE - \$10.00

Join us for a special afternoon at the historic Catlow Theater to view the
5 Oscar-Nominated Animated Short Films

&

5 Live Action Short Films
for the 2015 Academy Awards

**A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS EARLY**

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT:
BOLONEY'S SANDWICH SHOP & THE CATLOW THEATER - 114 W. MAIN STREET
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: The Catlow Theater

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE BARRINGTON CULTURAL COMMISSION

SOME FILMS MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.
PLEASE VISIT EnjoyBarrington.com FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF FILMS AND THEIR RATINGS.

NO CATLOW MOVIE PASSES MAY BE USED FOR THIS EVENT.

Barrington Celtic Fest

Save the date for this festive celebration of all things Irish, including a variety of food options, bands, and entertainment to be held Friday, March 13th through Tuesday, March 17th at McGonigal's Pub located at 105 S. Cook Street. The Pub's Annex will host even more music and entertainment, as well.

Save the Date! Barrington Art Festival - May 23 - 24, 2015

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.





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

PUBLIC MEETINGS

FEBRUARY

02	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
03	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
09	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
09	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
10	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
11	Cultural Commission	12:00 pm
12	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
16	Happy 150th Birthday	8:00 pm
18	Firefighter Pension Fund	7:00 pm
23	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
23	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
24	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
26	Architectural Review	7:00 pm

MARCH

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06	Fire & Police Commission	9:00 am
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Call (847) 304-3400 for more information.

Commemorate Barrington's 150th Anniversary



Quintessential Barrington (QB) is producing a special Sesquicentennial edition magazine

for sale as a record of our area history and as a lasting keepsake for Barrington's 150th anniversary celebration. Be sure to order your copies soon! Order forms may be downloaded at www.qbarrington.com. The cost is \$10 for a copy, and \$5 for shipping.

The special edition is the official publication for the Sesquicentennial, and will be delivered by mail in February 2015. It is being produced in partnership with the Village of Barrington and the citizens of its 2015 Sesquicentennial Committee.

To advertise in this special edition, contact Steve Cook at (847) 381-3860.

Barrington Celebrates 150 Years!

As this is the first newsletter of the new year, on behalf of the entire Village Board, I would like to wish everyone a very happy 2015. This is a very special year for our Village. We will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Barrington's official beginning as an Illinois municipality on February 16, 1865, with a Sesquicentennial Celebration featuring a number of planned events throughout the year.

As a gift to the future of our community, the stately former Robertson family home, known as Barrington's White House located at 145 W. Main Street, is being repurposed and renovated into an elegant and highly functional community and cultural center. Barrington's White House will not only provide the opportunity for our community to give itself a very special 150th birthday present, but the finished product will embody all that we have held dear in our community for the last century and a half.

In addition, a number of events are planned throughout 2015 to celebrate the Village of Barrington's 150th Sesquicentennial.

The events kick off on February 16, 2015, with a "Happy 150th Birthday, Barrington" program. The Village Board will host a special meeting celebrating Barrington's history and its birth. The meeting can be viewed live on Channel 4 and will be re-aired throughout the year.

The weekend of April 25th and 26th will be the Village-wide celebration that will include a street fair on April 25th, and an additional opportunity to socialize, share and celebrate Barrington's great history on April 26th.

In May, historic self-guided walking tours throughout the Village will be offered beginning Memorial Day Weekend 2015, with signage indicating significant buildings and landmarks in Barrington's past. The tours will continue throughout the summer.

Barrington's Fourth of July week is always a major community event, and in 2015, the 150th celebration theme will carry the day. The Fourth of July parade will feature a Barrington history theme celebrating our past and our future.

On September 19, 2015, the Sesquicentennial will feature a Civil War re-enactment at Citizens Park that will be a "can't-miss" family event.

More family friendly events will be held throughout the year, so please watch for more information in upcoming newsletters, at www.Barrington150.com, or on the Barrington150 Facebook page. We hope every day of this Sesquicentennial year will be special for all and offer us many opportunities to celebrate the wonderful place we call home.

Karen Darch

President, Village of Barrington



Creating a More Vibrant Barrington



Barrington Day Spa, located at 337 W. Main Street, offers premier beauty and spa treatments to enhance your natural beauty or just escape the trials of a long day. Their dedicated team of professionals will provide complete hair care services, massage, facial treatments, nail care, body waxing, and other specialty treatments. The atmosphere in the salon is beautiful and relaxing. For more information, visit www.thebarringtondayspa.com.

Roots 2, located at 107 E. Main Street, is a second location for the popular Grassroots Store on Park Avenue. This latest venture for Todd Rhodes features a special collection of goods, many of which are reclaimed, repurposed and resold, giving customers a new take on antique or resale shopping. They also have beautiful furniture, accessories, and gifts - old and new available for sale. They offer opportunities for consignment items, as well. If you need to spruce up your interiors, find an accessory item, or purchase a unique gift, Roots 2 is a great place to check out this season. For more information, visit www.grassrootsbarrington.com



Motor Werks of Barrington, located at 1475 S. Barrington Road, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 18, 2014 to celebrate the opening of the new Honda and Infinity showrooms. Motor Werks' indoor mall opened in 1987 as one of the first such concepts of its kind. Today, the 30-acre facility serves Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Porsche, Infinity, and Honda sales and service customers. For more information, visit www.motorwerks.com.

Happy First Anniversary, Skin Wellness

Skin Wellness, located at 118 Wool Street, is celebrating its one-year anniversary this year. To thank those who have supported Skin Wellness for the past year, customers will receive 15% off facials, along with some special gifts for each client. Skin Wellness' belief is that the health and balance of your skin is not just about how it looks, but also how it feels inside and out. For more information, visit www.skinwellnessbyrenee.com.



Village Board Meeting Summary

At the Village Board meeting held on January 12th, the Village Board took action on several items. The following is a summary of those items. All Village Board meetings are aired on Channel 4 and can also be viewed online at www.barrington-il.gov.

Snow and Ice Removal: Two resolutions were included on the agenda to waive the formal bid process and solicit sealed proposals for snow removal for the 2015-16 season in the Chippendale Subdivision (paid through a Special Service Area), the North Commuter Lot, and Barrington Village Center.

Engineering Service Agreement: Included on the agenda were two resolutions providing for sanitary sewer televising and cleaning, man-hole inspections, identity inflow and infiltration sources, GPS data collection, and a final report for the sanitary sewer system known as Sub Area 3, in addition to a contract for survey and design of a replacement sanitary sewer main serving the same sub-area.

Snow Plow Purchase: Included on the agenda were two resolutions authorizing the purchase of a new dump truck for use by the Public Works Department. This vehicle is a replacement for a depreciated vehicle and was approved in the 2015 budget.

Police squad car purchase: Included on the agenda was an approval for the purchase of a new Dodge Charger for use by the Police Department's Patrol Division. This vehicle was a replacement vehicle and was approved in the 2015 budget.

IDOT Agreements: Included on the agenda were several ordinances and resolutions authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with IDOT allowing for the installation of an Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption System on the traffic signal at Dundee Road and Barrington Road. IDOT has proposed the addition of a northbound right-turn lane, drainage improvements, and signal modernization at this intersection.

Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program: Included on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the Village President to send a letter to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency requesting participation in the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program. Property owners completing qualifying rehabilitation projects on their homes in the Historic District may qualify for a freeze on the assessed value of their property for a period of eight (8) years.

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment: Included on the agenda was an ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance. The major components of the amendment include modifications to several definitions to clarify language regarding front yards, changes to floor area ratio requirements for walk-out basements, and makes all detached garages over 800 square feet a special use. The amendment also allows for existing nonconforming multifamily dwelling units to maintain the existing density.

Village News You Can Use

Holiday Light Recycling Program

The Barrington Public Works Department has partnered with Elgin Recycling to establish a "Holiday Light Recycling Program." Collection of these lights will be at the Public Works Facility, 300 N. Raymond Avenue, through February 2015. The drop-off bin will be located at the main entrance of Public Works. Accepted for recycling will be: mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, and extension cords. All colors and lengths will be accepted. The Village will not accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclables. For more information on this program please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 381-7903 or visit www.elginrecycling.com.



New Ways to Give to Barrington's White House



Barrington's White House Photo by Susan McConnell

In partnership with Living60010, a gift registry has been created for Barrington's White House. You can go online to donate money towards: home furnishings, new or restored windows, light fixtures, doors, bathroom fixtures, and

many other items!

Visit Living60010.com or BarringtonWhiteHouse.com to view the registry.

Barrington 4th of July Parade

Volunteers are needed to help plan and organize the 2015 Fourth of July Parade. The Village of Barrington and community organizations look forward to this annual event as one of our summer highlights. Be a part of this long time tradition for our community and join the fun!



For more information, please contact Anne Garrette, Marketing and Events Coordinator, at agarrette@barrington-il.gov or call (847) 304-3479.

Yard Waste Pick-up Resumes



Compost pick-up will resume on Friday, March 20, 2015.

From the desk of
Jeff Lawler,
Village Manager



Photo: Thomas Balsamo

Barrington Village Center Project Leasing is Strong

There is a lot of interest in the Barrington Village Center project as the public sees the buildings coming out of the ground. This is a highly desirable area, located at the main intersection of Hough and Main Streets in the heart of the Village Center. The Developer, ACH ERA HM, LLC (Arthur Hill and Company and Envision Realty Advisors) commenced site development work in August 2014 and have been moving at a rapid pace to secure the delivery of the tenant spaces in early 2015.

Leasing activity has been strong for the retail center according to Peter Rusnak, Envision Realty Advisors. Leases have been finalized for three tenants: Shakou Sushi, a Japanese restaurant that will occupy 4,500 square feet with a second story rooftop-style dining area; AT&T will occupy 1,400 square feet; and Egg Harbor Café will relocate from S. Cook Street to expand their business to 5,800 square feet. Lease negotiations are continuing with two additional restaurants that will include a steakhouse new to the Chicago area and a high end salon.

The Village has an agreement with the Developer that stipulates criteria for an existing business to relocate to the new development. For an existing Barrington business to relocate to the Barrington Village Center project, they must expand their net retail leasable area by 30% or the business has made a decision to move out of Barrington. In addition, no more than 35% of the retail space can be leased to existing businesses. By having this restriction in the Developer Agreement, the Village was determined to have the space generate new retail opportunities and not have it occupied by all existing businesses.

The Village is excited to see the construction activity and the strong leasing interest. This is a project that has been talked about since 2007, with a number of starts and stops based on the economy. The Village Board set as a goal to create a social, active and vibrant downtown. The Barrington Village Center project will bring new life and activity to the Village Center. It is anticipated that the tenants will begin to open in May through July of 2015.

Village Manager



ENVISION
ARTHUR HILL & CO. LLC

Perspective View
Barrington Village Center

March 11, 2015
E.H.M.

Scenes from the 2014 Holidays



Train Problems? Don't Just Fume - Take Action

As the CN traffic builds on the EJ&E line, we understand that resident frustrations are building as well. In August, about two-thirds of CN's overall projected traffic ran on the EJ&E. Across the greater Barrington area, we are hearing the complaints loud and clear about travel delays due to blocked crossings; freight running during peak commuter hours and gridlocking the roads; horns and way-side noise at all hours; and idling trains sitting for long hours.

Because we expect this traffic volume to ebb and flow in the months ahead, it's important that you know you have the power to register your complaints to the Surface Transportation Board during the oversight period for this rail merger. Don't waste the opportunity to tell federal regulators how CN operations are impacting the quality of life in our community.



If you are bothered by CN's operations, go to www.FightRailCongestion.com and click onto the "Register Rail Complaint" icon on the home page. Add this website to your mobile devices, so the next time you are stalled in traffic watching a mile-long train crawl by and blocking traffic for more than 10 minutes, you can do more than just fume! Whether you are at home or in your car, it's important that the STB hears from us. Otherwise, they will conclude that things are running smoothly.

**Register Rail
Complaint** ▶

Cultural and Community News

Barrington Reads!

Throughout February, 2015

Barrington Area Library invites adult and teen readers to join the 5th Annual Barrington Reads community event, featuring Stephen King's *11/22/63*. Read this powerful work of historical fiction, discuss it with your neighbors, and attend educational programs on the legacy of John F. Kennedy and the "Camelot" years. Details and registration at balibrary.org/barrington-reads.

Texas Hold 'Em

February 7, 12:00 p.m.

Barrington Lions Club

Help support the Barrington Lions Club, which has offered people the opportunity to give back to the community since 1917. For more information, visit www.BarringtonLionsClub.org.

BACC Economic Summit

February 11, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Garlands of Barrington

Meet the area's influential leaders and hear first-hand updates on developments that impact local businesses. To register, visit www.barringtonchamber.com.

Barrington Community Blood Drive

February 11, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Barrington Park District

Share your strength, hope, and courage by donating blood. To schedule your appointment, use sponsor code 281D at www.lifefsource.org or call (877) 543-3768.

Midwest Dance Collective

March 14, 6:30 p.m.

Barrington High School

Enjoy an exciting, colorful evening of dance artistry and entertainment, featuring dancers from northwestern suburbs, with choreography from Chicago and New York based artists. For tickets, email ellen@dancewerks.com or call (847) 382-1699.

Barrington Community Theater

Barrington Community Theater is Barrington's newest community performance ensemble. Under the direction of Ellen Werksman and Nancie Tobison, be a part of this talented group of performers. For more information, call (847) 382-2789.

Barrington Cultural Arts Center

BCAC's vision is to help create a community of local artists and to promote exhibition, performance, and teaching opportunities for all. BCAC has galleries located in the Ice House Mall, Starbucks on Hough Street, Starbucks on Rt. 14, Good Shepherd Fitness Center, Wool Street Bar & Grill, Fresh Flower Market, Barrington Bank & Trust on Hough Street, and the Barrington Park District. For more information on how to get involved with BCAC, visit www.barringtonculturalartscenter.org.

Barrington Dance Academy

Barrington Dance Academy, founded in 1984 by Mary Brennan, is the area's finest school of dance. From fostering the creative instincts of the preschool child to providing top quality dance instruction for our older students, BDA has earned a reputation as the very best. Noted for our world class instructors, the Academy provides a creative and supportive educational setting. For more information, visit www.barringtondanceacademy.com or call 847-382-6333.

Barrington Martial Arts

Under the direction of Master S. Morris for the past 17 years, Barrington Martial Arts has been using martial arts to develop focus, goal-setting, self-esteem, and leadership skills in students ages 4 to 75 years old. To further meet the needs of the community, the Barrington Martial Arts also offers programs in cardio kick boxing, cardio fitness, and Tai Chi. For more information, visit www.barringtonmartialarts.com.

Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble

In residence at the Barrington Dance Academy, Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble is a not-for-profit pre-professional dance company which promotes artistic integrity, involvement, and awareness through exceptional dance training and performance. For more information on auditions, productions, and events, please visit www.byde.org.

Bataille Academie of the Danse

Under the direction of Dee Dee Johnson, Bataille Academie of the Danse has a fun, diverse, and always professional environment. Bataille is recognized for its commitment to the growth and development of every dancer that walks through the studio doors, viewing each of them simultaneously as both artists and people. For information, call (847) 381-1459 visit www.batailledanse.com.

Kaleidoscope School of Fine Art

Kaleidoscope is a not-for-profit organization. As a tax exempt organization, Kaleidoscope is able to receive donor gifts, sponsorships and grants. Such donations will boost the school's scholarship fund, as well as fund other outreach projects. Kaleidoscope has been offering fine art classes to Barrington and the surrounding communities for 28 years. For more information, visit www.kaleidoscopeschoolofart.com.

Midwest Dance Collective

Under the direction of Ellen Werksman, Midwest Dance Collective is dedicated to training aspiring dancers in the foundations of dance, while incorporating current innovative trends and unique performance opportunities, so students may discover their full potential in the art of dance. For information, visit www.dancewerks.com.

Musee School of Photography

Musee is passionate about photography and digital media and is just as passionate about passing on its knowledge so that your photographs can be all they are supposed to be. For more information, visit www.museeschool.com.

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:



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.

Winter Parking

November 1st through March 31st

To allow snow plows to safely maneuver and clean the streets for emergency response vehicles, parking is not permitted after 1:00 a.m. on streets within the Central Business District when snow accumulation is over two inches, until snow removal operations are complete. Parking is not permitted at any time on residential streets outside of the Central Business District when snow accumulation is two inches or more, until snow removal operations are complete. Just as a reminder, parking is always prohibited on all Village Streets between the hours of 1:00 A.M. until 6:00 A.M. Village snow removal crews typically complete post storm clean-up of Village streets during the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. after the storm has ended. Please refrain from parking on the street until after all snow and ice control efforts have been completed.



Please keep your fire hydrant clear of snow. It will greatly help you and the firefighters in case of fire.

Snow Removal Tips

During snow storms, watch Channel 4 and the Village's website www.barrington-il.gov for detailed snow removal tips. Like most municipalities in northern Illinois, the Village requires residents and business owners to clear snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to your property. Keeping your sidewalk clear is important for preventing hazardous conditions for pedestrians. Please remember to do your part to help assure the safety of your neighborhoods and customers by making sure your sidewalk is promptly cleared.

Snow Piled at End of Driveways

Because there are more than 3,800 driveways in the Village, we do not have enough equipment and personnel to clear snow at the end of driveways. We recommend waiting until the street has been plowed from curb to curb before clearing your driveway.



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