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NEW PARKING OPTIONS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Questions & Answers

Q: Why is the Village of Barrington Changing Its Parking Program?

A: Due to increased demand for commuter parking, in spring 2019, the Village of Barrington purchased a parking lot from the First Church of Christ, Scientist, which is adjacent to the North Commuter Parking Lot. This lot will add 67 additional commuter parking spots in our North Commuter Lot. The lot will be under construction through the summer and will be available to commuters on October 1, 2019. The addition of this new lot has allowed the Village to comprehensively re-examine its current parking options and offerings.

Q: When Does the New Parking Program Go into Effect?

A: October 1, 2019.

Q: What is the new Premium Commuter Parking Permit and How Does It Work?

A: The new premium parking option (\$1200 per year) allows commuters to purchase a guaranteed, reserved-just-for-you spot near the train depot in either the North or South Lots for the entire year. A limited number of spots are available (see map). Premium parking purchasers will have access to their reserved spot until 9:30 a.m. each day during regular commuter hours, after which time their spot will be released for the day and open to the public. Premium Commuter Parking Permits will be assigned via random lottery, with Village of Barrington residents receiving first priority in the lottery; BACOG residents assigned second priority; and all others receiving third priority. All Premium Commuter Parking Permits applications must be submitted with a 10% deposit (\$120) no later than June 28, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Reserved spots will be available on October 1 and the balance of your payment will be charged in August. If you do not pay in full by September 15, your spot will be released to the waiting list. Permits will be mailed on September 16 for use beginning October 1.

The fine print: Permit hang tags will be mailed to you following the lottery. Your reserved spot will be marked with your number; you must display your hangtag. Permits are issued on an annual basis. If you choose to forgo your spot during the year, your fee will be prorated to the first of the next month. A waiting list will be maintained for spots that become open throughout the year. If you arrive in the lot after 9:30 a.m. and your spot is taken by another parker, you will be permitted to park in another open daily space at no additional charge. All parkers must vacate Premium spots by 2:00 a.m. Should Premium Parkers wish to park overnight, they must call the Barrington Police Station at 847-304-3300 and pay an overnight fee. Permit Applications will request the applicant to choose from 5 zones for their preferred spots; spots will be assigned via lottery drawing number.

Q: Where Can I Now Park on a Daily Basis

A: Daily parkers will now have the option to park in both the North and South Commuter lots on a first-come, first-served basis, at a cost of \$3.50 per day. This represents a 50-cent increase from the previous daily parking fees.

Q: What Will the Increase in Fees Be Used For?

A: This increase will be used to pay for ongoing maintenance of the parking lot as well as the purchase of the additional 67 spaces in the new parking lot as well as the addition of an improved entrance to the North Commuter lot (with traffic signal) near the current Barrington Animal Hospital, which will provide additional ingress/egress to the commuter lot each day. In addition, the Train Station will be receiving an additional enhancement in 2019-2020 of heat lamps on the platforms.

Q: Can I Still Prepay for Parking on a Quarterly Basis?

A: Yes. You may still prepay for daily parking in both the North and South Commuter lots at a discounted cost of \$200 per quarter. Paying by quarter does not reserve a specific spot for you, but rather grants you access to that lot on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-paying on a quarterly basis provides not only a discount but also the added convenience of not having to pay each day at the fare boxes.

Q: Can I Pay for Parking Online?

A: Beginning October 1, parkers will have the ability to purchase permits online rather than in person.