



# BARRINGTON

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March 2010

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### Voters Pass Referendum for Pension Reform

In the February 2, 2010 election, the Village of Barrington asked voters in the community whether you support meaningful pension reform by placing an advisory referendum question on the ballot. You, by an overwhelming majority (87%), said YES.



Barrington, along with Lake Forest, is one of the leading municipalities on pension reform, an issue that impacts the finances of every community in the State of Illinois. In the election, the Village of Barrington asked voters in the community whether they supported meaningful pension reform by placing an advisory referendum question on the ballot. The voters overwhelmingly said YES.

Following the election, Village President Karen Darch said, "The residents and

elected officials of Barrington support our police and firefighter employees, but the burden from the pensions is undermining the long-term financial health of the Village.

This is an important issue that needs to be addressed by State lawmakers, and our intent in posing the question to voters was to make lawmakers aware of the concerns of local taxpayers on this matter."

Your elected officials will be discussing the results from the referendum with state legislators and other municipalities over the course of the next few months. President Darch and the Village Board remain committed to advocating reform and representing the interests of Barrington taxpayers. Barrington will continue working to convince the State legislature that reformation of the police and firefighter's

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### Barrington Appoints Sesquicentennial Committee

The Village Board voted to appoint community leaders to a committee that will plan events and activities for the Village's 150th anniversary.



In 1854, Robert C. Campbell, a civil engineer, completed a detailed plan for a village to be called "Barrington Station", which then consisted of a farm house and a log barn located on 80 acres owned

by Willard Stevens, and was bounded by what is now Hough Street, Lake-Cook Road, a line just to the east of Spring Street, and a line just south of Russell Street, which formed the nucleus of what is today the Village of Barrington. In 1863, approximately 300 residents of Barrington Station

decided, in a referendum, to separate local and township powers, and this led, in 1865,

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## Pension...Continued from page 1

pension systems are an important component to enhancing the financial strength of municipalities in Illinois.

In the current economic climate, the your Board remains steadfastly committed to fiscal responsibility. The Village recently improved its bond rating two levels to AA+, which is just one level below the highest possible

rating of AAA. Also, in March we will be presented with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The awards recognize state and local governments who demonstrate budget and audit documents of the very highest quality.

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to the Illinois legislature's approval of the incorporation of the Village of Barrington.

The Sesquicentennial Committee held its first meeting on February 16--the same date Barrington officially became incorporated in 1865. The Committee will look for ways for us to remember, recount, and honor the years, eras, and people of our Village's history.

"(The Village) turned 145 (years old) when they met for the first time," Darch said. The sesquicentennial celebration will take place from 2013 through 2015, to represent the time it took to become officially incorporated.

The Barrington 2015 Sesquicentennial Committee includes:

Tim Dunn	Will Knapik
Debbie Villers	Curt Larsen
Janet Agnoletti	Bob Lee
Jeff Anderson	Steve Morissey
Brian Battle	Margaret Myren
Carol Beese	Laura Nadelhoffer
Barbara Benson	Dave Nelson
Joe Coath	Sam Oliver
Patty Dowd Schmitz	Brooke Patsey
Rose Farber	David Pepper
Chris Garry	Dana Shadrick
Lenn Grant	Don Thompson
Christine Griffin	Ed Wichman
Ron Hamelberg	Jennifer Wondrasek
Jeanne Hanson	Karen Darch, Ex-Officio
Linda Welch Kemper	Jeff Lawler, Ex-Officio

### *McGonigal's Pub*

105 S. Cook Street  
(847) 277-7400

Irish pub and restaurant featuring a variety of pub food and drinks in a newly renovated space  
[www.mcgonigalspub.com](http://www.mcgonigalspub.com)

### *Park Ave Wine Bar & Merchant*

205 Park Avenue (847) 382-3900  
A distinctive destination for wine enthusiasts featuring an array of fine wines and liquor  
[www.parkavenuewinebar.com](http://www.parkavenuewinebar.com)



### *Ashleigh P Taylor*

121 S. Cook Street  
(847) 381-0755

Boutique featuring beautiful and unusual gifts and art  
[www.ashleighptaylor.com](http://www.ashleighptaylor.com)

### *Edward Jones*

100 E. Station Street  
(847) 382-3476

Added a new location in downtown Barrington  
[www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com)

## BACOA to offer AARP Income Tax Assistance



The Barrington Area Council on Aging is once again offering the AARP Income Tax Assistance Program.

A trained AARP volunteer will assist seniors with their taxes at the BACOA

office at the Prairieview Building at The Garlands of Barrington, 6000 Garlands Lane, Suite 100. Assistance is by appointment only and will run from early February through April.

Appointments fill quickly, so call as early as possible to schedule an appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call BACOA at (847) 381-5030.

## Census Day is Coming! April 1, 2010

### *What is the census?*

The census is a count of everyone living in the United States. It takes place every 10 years. A census questionnaire is mailed out to every home in the country.

### *Why is the census important?*

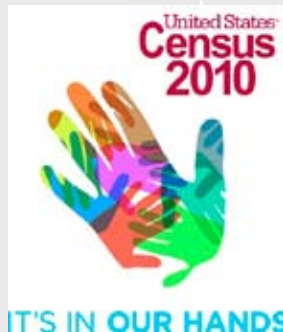
The data are used to make decisions about what community services to provide, where to distribute \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year, and to determine political representation.

### *When can I expect my census questionnaire?*

The questionnaire should arrive at your home in mid-March 2010. Please fill it out and mail it right back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form. All homes will get a short questionnaire that should take less than 10 minutes to fill out.

### *Is my information safe and will it be shared with anyone?*

The census is confidential. All census responses are protected by law. It is illegal for any information to be shared with anyone, even other government agencies.



## Important Meetings

Call (847) 304-3400 for more information

### March 2010

01	Committee of the Whole	6:00 PM
02	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM
03	Cultural Commission	12:00 PM
04	Town Hall Meeting	7:00 PM
09	Plan Commission	7:00 PM
11	Architectural Review	7:00 PM
15	Committee of the Whole	6:00 PM
15	Village Board	8:00 PM
25	Architectural Review	7:00 PM

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13	Plan Commission	7:00 PM
21	Ethics Board	6:30 PM
22	Architectural Review	7:00 PM
26	Committee of the Whole	6:00 PM
26	Village Board	8:00 PM
27	Plan Commission	7:00 PM

**TOWN HALL MEETING**  
**Thursday,**  
**March 4, 2010**  
[www.barrington-il.gov](http://www.barrington-il.gov)

## Rain Garden Workshops

March 6 at Village Hall,  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

## Construction Demonstration

April 24, 11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

visit [www.flintcreekwatershed.org](http://www.flintcreekwatershed.org)  
for more information

# Cultural

## **March 4, 5, 6, 7** ***Beauty and the Beast***

BHS Fine Arts Department will present *Beauty and the Beast* ~ a wonderful production for families of all ages. The box office will open on Monday, March 1. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children/ students, and seniors are admitted for FREE. Performance held at Barrington High School. For more information, call (847) 842-3214.

**BHS**

## **March 6 – 3:30 p.m.** ***Model Search***

Visit the Ice House Mall & Village Shops to pick up your entry form at all stores to be the next Barrington model.

## **March 6 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** ***Improv Comedy Performance***

Cook Street Coffee is offering an afternoon of laughs and amusement. Candy in Church, a Chicago-based improv group, will continue their tour of the suburbs by making a stop in Barrington. Stop on by, enjoy a smooth drink and laugh until your sides hurt. Cook Street Coffee, 100 E. Station Street (847) 387-3768.

## **March 7 – 2:00 p.m.** ***Artist Demonstration by Richard Helland***

Watercolorist Richard Helland demonstrates his watercolor technique of painting directly on fully saturated paper to achieve bright, intense colors. Free of charge, registration is required. For more information call the Barrington Area Library at (847) 382-1300.

## **March 11 – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** ***Second Thursday***

If you are interested in learning more about studying voice, please come to the first-ever “Second Thursday” event sponsored by the Barrington Cultural Arts Center. Workshop to be held in the gallery at Ice House Mall & Village Shops. Open to the public and FREE of charge.

## **March 12 – 7:00 p.m.** ***Artists Reception for Richard Helland***

Visit the Barrington Area Library to see the work of watercolorist Richard Helland. His technique entails painting directly on fully saturated paper to achieve bright intense colors. Free of charge, registration is required. For more information, call (847) 382-1300.

## **March 14 – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** ***Second Wind (Music)***

Cook Street Coffee is offering a Sunday afternoon of good grooves. Doug Saylor and Joyce Palmquist, members of Second Wind, will perform an eclectic blend of folk, pop, bluegrass and blues. This guitar-mandolin duo puts on a fantastic live show and have a little something for everyone. Cook Street Coffee, 100 E. Station Street (847) 387-3768.

## **March 16 thru May 11 –** **Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m.**

***Headin’ to Broadway***  
Explore the fantastic world of real Broadway musicals through the Children’s Musical Theatre. All participants receive a script and a part to prepare for a culminating showcase at the end of class featuring songs, dances and scenes. Registration required at Barrington Park District. \$145 for 8-week class. For more information, call (847) 381-0687.

## **March 16 – 7:30 p.m.** ***Barrington High School Band Concert***

Don’t miss this talented group of Barrington High School students in their spring band concert. Richard C. Johnson Auditorium.

## **March 17 – 7:30 p.m.** ***Barrington High School Choir Concert***

Don’t miss this multi-cultural concert of the Barrington High School Choir perform music from all continents. Richard C. Johnson Auditorium.

# Calendar

**March 18 thru May 13 –**

**Thursdays at 4:15**

***High School Musical Craze***

Actors and actresses who are involved in HSM Stage Craze will receive a script and a part to prepare for a culminating showcase at the end of class featuring songs, dances and scenes from either HSM 1 or HSM 2. Registration required at Barrington Park District. \$145 for 8-week class. For more information, call (847) 381-0687.

**March 19 – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

***Twice Told Tales & Wintery Wonders: Authors Read Their Original Works***

Don't miss this eclectic night of author readings at the Barrington Area Library. Local writers will read their original poems, short stories, memoirs, and other works. This event is co-sponsored by the Barrington Writers Workshop and the Barrington Area Library. Registration requested at [www.barringtonarealibrary.org](http://www.barringtonarealibrary.org) or (847) 382-1300.

**March 20 – 11:00 p.m.**

***Women's History Month Celebration***

Join the Barrington branches of the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters for a luncheon and an entertaining celebration of Women's History Month. Enjoy a living history presentation of "The March of the Mill Children: A Speech by Mother Jones". Mother Jones led the fight against child labor in the 19th Century. Makray Golf Club – Registration required for a fee of \$30 (includes lunch), (847) 277-9407.

**Through April 5 –**

**Mon – Fri, 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

***Art Exhibition – Scratchboard by Lisa Goessling, Sculpture by Don Stillman***

Presented by the Northwest Cultural Council Scratchboard and sculptures will be on display at the Advocate Good Shepherd Health & Fitness Center through April 5th. All are welcome to this free event. For more information, call the NWCC gallery at (847) 382-6922 or [nwcc@northwestculturalcouncil.org](mailto:nwcc@northwestculturalcouncil.org).

**Through April 5 –**

**Mon – Fri, 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

***Art Exhibition – Mixed Media by Eric Hill, Digital Art by James Plaxco***

Presented by the Northwest Cultural Council Mixed-media and digital art will be on display at the Advocate Good Shepherd Health & Fitness Center through April 5th. The public is welcome and there is no admission fee. For more information, call the NWCC gallery at (847) 382-6922 or [nwcc@northwestculturalcouncil.org](mailto:nwcc@northwestculturalcouncil.org).

**If you would like to submit an event for the Cultural Calendar, please visit [www.barrington-il.gov](http://www.barrington-il.gov) and click on "Cultural Events Form" under the Quick Links section on the left hand side of the front page.**

**If you have questions, please call Melanie Marcordes at (847) 304-3403 or email at [mmarcordes@barrington-il.gov](mailto:mmarcordes@barrington-il.gov)**

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## 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.*

*The community is committed to preserving the quality of its neighborhoods, the quality of education, and the diversity of leisure time activities. The community is dedicated to fostering an easily-accessible center of activity for the Barrington area, maintaining a prosperous economic base, protecting its extensive natural resources and promoting public participation and communication.*

## Art Fair Coming May 29 - 30, 2010

Save the date!! The Barrington Art Festival will be on Memorial Day weekend, May 29 – 30 from 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m. in downtown Barrington. This festival will offer the work of over 140 juried artists from around the world in a variety of mediums, including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, photography, watercolors, wood and more. Several bands and musicians will perform throughout the weekend, and tasty summer fare from local vendors will be available at the festival. There will also be plenty of activities for children, so save the dates and join the fun!

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## Visit the Easter Bunny for Breakfast and Photos



Have breakfast with the Easter Bunny at 111 Grille (formerly Chessie's) on Saturday, March 27 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Call (847) 382-5020 to register. Then come back on Sunday March 28th from noon until 2:00 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, April 2nd and 3rd from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to visit and take your picture with the Easter Bunny.

## Phone Numbers to Remember

Emergency (Police/Fire/EMS)	9-1-1
Village Hall	304-3400
Village Manager's Office	304-3444
Economic/Community Development	304-3470
Engineering & Building	304-3460
Community & Financial Services	304-3400
Water/Sewer Billing	304-3430
Fire Department	304-3600
Police Department	304-3300
Public Works	381-7903

## IS Technician Wanted

The Village has an opening for a part-time IS Technician with an average of 10 flexible hours per week. If you're interested, visit the Village's website at [www.barrington-il.gov](http://www.barrington-il.gov).

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