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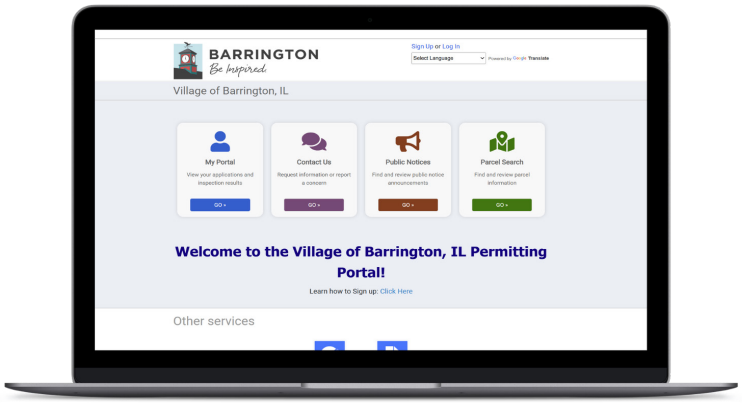

NEW ONLINE PERMITTING PORTAL NOW AVAILABLE

Applying for a permit with the Village of Barrington just got easier.

The Village has launched a new online permit system designed to save you time and streamline the application process. Residents and contractors can now apply for permits, upload plans, review comments, pay fees, and receive approved permits, all from the comfort of home. For most permits, there is no longer a need to visit Village Hall in person.

Getting started is simple. Visit **www.barrington-il.gov/permits** and select the "Click Here to Apply" button to access the online portal. From there, create an account using the "Sign Up" option in the top-right corner. After verifying your email address, you'll be able to log in, navigate to "My Portal," and select "Apply Online" to begin your application.

Once you've selected your project type and entered your project address, follow the step-by-step instructions to complete your application and upload the necessary documents. You'll receive email updates throughout the review process, and once your permit is approved, you can pay online to have it issued.

The Village is pleased to offer this faster, more convenient process. If you need assistance at any point, Village staff is always here to help and can be contacted at (847) 304-3460.

NEW UTILITY RATES AND CHARGES SEEN IN THIS MONTH'S BILL

In December 2025, an ordinance was approved to adjust the rates for water, sewer and refuse/recycling services. It also introduces a new, flat monthly capital improvement charge. These adjustments are a necessary step to address rising operational costs, support essential infrastructure upgrades, and ensure continued investment in reliable and sustainable utility services. These new charges will appear on this month's utility bill. For detailed rate information, please visit the Village's website at **www.barrington-il.gov/2026rates**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

12: Cocktails & Conversation with Pamela Enzweiler-Pulice: The Voice That Rocked America The Dick Biondi Film

19: Third Thursday: Spring Awakening with artists Susan Chelminski and Ric Pass

29: The Old Town School of Folk Music: Live at Barrington's White House Featuring the Bear Williams Trio

APRIL

10: An Evening of Storytelling: "From Sea to Shining Sea: Road Trip Stories"

12: Midnight on the Potomac: Author Talk and Book Signing with Scott Ellsworth

16: Cocktails & Conversation with Daprato Rigali Studios – Restoring Icons: 5-Generations of Artistry

16: Third Thursday Art Night Out featuring Dan Rigali 5-Generations of Artistry – In Support of Our Friends at the Catlow 1927 Foundation

19: Jazz Pianist Fred Hersch: Solo at Barrington's White House

26: Elgin Symphony String Quartet: American Masters

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS & MORE EVENTS

GO PAPERLESS FOR YOUR UTILITY BILLS

Switch to receiving your utility bills electronically by signing up for the Village's paperless billing option online. Visit **www.barrington-il.gov/gopaperless** to get started.

- To register your account, click on the "Utility Payment" button
- Please have a paper bill with your account number ready to enter online along with the house number only of the service address, and click "search invoices"
- Click the box to the left of the top invoice displayed and then click on the "Register Customer" link at the bottom
- Fill out all required information, click the box to the left of the "I would like to sign up for Paperless" option, click the second box to the left of "Utility Payment" and then click the "Complete Registration" button at the bottom

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PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING ALERT

Beginning March 16, Advanced Tree Care, the Village's tree contractor, will be out in District 1 (shaded in green at right), pruning parkway trees. This work is part of the Village's four-year cycle to maintain and care for our community's trees, with one district pruned each year.

Tree trimming work is expected to continue for approximately two weeks. Pruning is essential for removing dead or damaged branches, improving tree health and ensuring safe, strong growth. It also helps reduce the risk of falling branches.

To view a PDF version of the district map, please click on the news article found on the homepage of the Village's website at **www.barrington-il.gov**.

Thanks for your patience as we work to keep our urban forest thriving.

NEW ILLINOIS LAW: MANDATORY BATTERY RECYCLING

This year, Illinois enacted a new battery disposal law prohibiting loose batteries from being placed in curbside recycling or trash. Barrington residents are encouraged to drop off unwanted household alkaline and rechargeable batteries at Barrington Public Works, 300 N. Raymond Ave., on Wednesdays and Fridays, between the hours of noon and 3 p.m. For everyone's safety, please do not leave batteries outside the facility when it is closed. For more information, visit the Village's website **www.barrington-il.gov/recycling**.

BARRINGTON RECEIVES $1.1 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT

The Village of Barrington is pleased to announce it has been awarded approximately $1.1 million in federal grant funding through the Community Project Funding (CPF) program in Illinois for fiscal year 2026.

The grant will supplement secured Illinois Environmental Protection Agency loan funds and will be used to complete critical upgrades to the Village's Wastewater Treatment Facility located at 302 N. Raymond Ave., alleviating some of the financial burdens on Barrington residents and water customers while ensuring the facility continues to meet current and future environmental regulations. Read more at **www.barrington-il.gov/pressreleases**.

RECENT BARRINGTON BUSINESS NEWS

Achieve Physical Therapy
Recently, Village staff and other community members celebrated the grand opening of Achieve Physical Therapy with a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce.

Located at 756 W. Northwest Hwy., Suite B, Achieve Physical Therapy believes in coaching and uplifting clients holistically, so that each person can achieve their optimal health. For more information about their services, visit **www.achieveptwellness.com**.

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