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A Message from Mike Moran

President, Village of Barrington

Protect Barrington's Character & Prioritize Safety

Barrington has always taken a thoughtful and balanced approach to growth, preserving the character of our neighborhoods while planning responsibly for the future. With that in mind, I am writing to share serious concerns and urge opposition to House Bill (HB) 5626, known as the BUILD legislation. View the full text of the bill and its status at **bit.ly/4cvdAFY** or scan the QR code on this page.

This proposal would override local zoning and require municipalities like Barrington to allow multi-family housing on nearly every residential lot.

Local zoning authority grants the Village the power to create and maintain single-family residential districts, which cover most of the Village's footprint. In these locations today, only single-family homes are permitted. This helps to maintain the existing character and density of our neighborhoods.

What BUILD Would Allow by Lot Size:

Lot Size	Units Permitted by Right
2,500 sq. ft. or less	1 unit
2,500 to 5,000 sq. ft.	Up to 4 units
5,000 to 7,500 sq. ft.	Up to 6 units
Over 7,500 sq. ft.	Up to 8 units

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Because all single-family residential lots in the Village exceed 5,000 sq. ft., this legislation would allow for any single-family residential lot in the Village to be redeveloped into a 6 or 8-unit building without any ability for the Village to prohibit such redevelopment. In short, if you live in a single-family residential district, the home next to yours could become a 6 or 8-unit apartment building.

This legislation raises several concerns. It removes local control, does not reflect the character of our neighborhoods, and could place additional strain on parking, infrastructure and schools. It also creates the risk that existing single-family homes, including naturally affordable housing, could be replaced by higher-density development, leaving uncertainty about future costs and fees.

Barrington supports responsible growth, but these decisions should remain local and grounded in careful planning. The Village will continue to share updates and information about this legislation in the coming months. I encourage you to visit the Village's website at **www.barrington-il.gov/build** to stay informed.

As we move into the warmer months, I also want to share a brief community safety reminder. With more residents walking and biking, it is important to note that low-speed e-scooters are not permitted on public rights-of-way within the Village. Certain e-mobility devices, including some e-bikes and gas-powered bikes, are also restricted in areas such as sidewalks and may be subject to age requirements under state law. We ask all residents to use our streets and sidewalks safely and to report reckless use to 911 so our police department can respond and address the situation. View the article on page two of this insert for more information.

Thanks for prioritizing safety with e-mobility devices. **And please also contact your state legislators and ask them to oppose HB 5626. Your voice is important in protecting our community. You can find the contact information for your district officials at bit.ly/41BEWFs.**

Mike Moran
Village President

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E-MOBILITY DEVICES IN THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON

As the weather warms up, the Village is thrilled to see more people walking and biking around town. As a reminder, under current state law, the use of low-speed e-scooters on any public rights-of-way within the Village remains illegal. Likewise, the use of other e-mobility devices, such as e-bikes and gas bikes, within certain public rights-of-way, including sidewalks, remains illegal. The use of many of these e-mobility devices is also restricted by age. Low-speed gas bikes and Class 3 low-speed e-bikes may only be used by people who are at least 16 years old. In communities outside of the Village that have authorized low-speed e-scooter use, they may be used only by people who are at least 18 years old. The Secretary of State is currently prioritizing the coordination of legislation to provide the necessary definitions for these various classes of devices, as well as additional regulations governing their use to ensure consistent regulatory standards throughout the state. The Village will share more information on that legislation and the associated regulations once they are finalized and approved. Until that time, we remain committed to the safe use of our rights-of-way, including the roadway and sidewalk. The public is encouraged to report the reckless use of e-mobility devices via 911 so our police department can respond and address the situation.

ATTEND BARRINGTON SPRING WINE WALK MAY 9

Sip your way around downtown Barrington at the Spring Wine Walk. Spend the afternoon walking around town, tasting fine wine, socializing with friends and exploring approximately 20 distinctive shops and restaurants. Then, settle in for a wonderful dinner at one of Barrington's fine dining establishments. For tickets and more information, visit the chamber's website at **www.barringtonchamber.com**.

YARD WASTE PICKUP REMINDERS

Through mid-December, residents may place yard waste and food scraps in the green yard waste containers for curbside collection on the Village's regularly scheduled trash collection day. Any excess yard waste must be placed in Kraft 2-ply bio-degradable landscape waste bags. Please note that yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

Tree limbs, branches or brush must be cut to no more than 5 feet in length and placed in the container. Any brush or branches outside of the container must be cut down to 5 feet in length and bundled (use only twine or string), no greater than 2 feet in diameter. For more information, please contact the Barrington Public Works Department at (847) 381-7903.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

04: Chipping Begins North of Main Street

07: Cocktails & Conversation with Shakespeare Behind Bars: A Conversation with Founder Curt Tofteland

9: Barrington Spring Wine Walk

10: Mother's Day Run

11: Chipping Begins South of Main Street

15: Police Dept. Cop on a Rooftop

17: Vanessa Becerra, Soprano: American Song and Spirit

19: Public Works Touch-a-Truck

21: Third Thursday Art Night Out: "Emerging Voices: Barrington's New Generation of Artists"

23-24: Barrington Art Festival

25: Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

29: Back By Popular Demand! – An Evening with The Second City (two shows)

JUNE

04: Thursday Night Out Kicks Off*

06: Ron Keaton as Benjamin Franklin in "The First Embassy"

10: ESO Woodwinds: Serenades in the Park

11: Thursday Night Out

13: Author Event and Book Signing: Dr. Patrick Griffin

17: Poetry in the Park

18: Thursday Night Out

19: Free Metra Lot Concert: Smooth Sailing — A Night of Yacht Rock Music

19: Bill Powers and David Wickerham: Echoes of Conflict

25: Thursday Night Out

28: Old Town School of Folk: Live at Barrington's White House

29: Fire Dept. Community Blood Drive

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS & MORE EVENTS

**Thursday Night Out includes local vendors, hot food and bar, classic car show, live music, Bob the DJ, family activities and more!*

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY REMINDERS

Administrative Offices Closed - Monday, May 25

Groot Pickup - Saturday, May 30