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THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Cook County, Illinois

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Dear Fellow Citizens of  
Barrington Hills:

Your President and Board of Trustees feel that it is desirable at this time to report to you what has been accomplished in connection with the organization of the Village of Barrington Hills.

A little over a year ago it was deemed essential in order to protect the present character of our Barrington Country-

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side that the area be incorporated without delay. Fast-moving events throughout Cook County and the greater Chicago area have fully established that our course has been a wise one and that we were almost too late in initiating our program.

Because the Illinois laws provided that a village could not be organized with more than two square miles in its original town site and must have a population of at least 100 within such area, a two-square mile tract having the greatest density of population was used for the original organization. This consisted of property lying on either side of Brinker Road south of County Line Road and extending to and including the area where Highways 59, 63, 62 and Bartlett Road intersect.

Subsequent to the organization of the original Village, elections were held, a President, Trustees and Village Clerk were elected, committees were appointed and general organization of the Village was completed. This has involved the careful preparation and enactment of a complete village code, the appointment and functioning of a plan commission which has recommended a plan for the Village and the territory in which residents have indicated their desire for annexation, and the surrounding areas. A zoning law, largely following the old County Zoning Ordinance under which we have functioned for the past 20 years, has been adopted and is in force. Our initial village plan is on file and effective. A complete building code has been enacted which, in most respects, follows the provisions of the County Building Code under which we have functioned for several years. A plumbing code and an electrical code have been adopted. An ordinance providing for the platting of lands, the fixing of the procedures to be followed, and fixing the width and character of roadways, was adopted as a part of the village code.

Our committee on police protection has made a study of the problems of law enforcement, police protection and public safety within the area of the Village and its proposed extensions, but except for appointing a Village Marshal at a nominal salary to do certain necessary things, no police program has yet been adopted, and it is likely that a public meeting will be held before that is done. Enforcement officers for the administration of zoning and a building inspector to enforce our building ordinance have each been appointed and are functioning. In all, we have duly established our Village

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and provided the necessary ordinances and procedures for it to function fully and completely as a village except that we are delaying the establishment of more than a nominal law enforcement department until the matter receives more careful study.

Three successive additions have been made to the Village. This has necessitated the holding of public meetings in the areas, preparation of petitions for annexation and the taking of the necessary court procedures which have resulted in these three annexations now being complete. As a result, the following annexations have been finally accomplished:

Annexation No. 1 - all of the property lying south of County Line Road east of the original Village of Barrington Hills up to the western limits of the Village of Barrington and north of the center line of Otis Road;

Annexation No. 2 - all of the property lying south of County Line Road west of the original Village of Barrington Hills and east of the center line of Bateman Road and north of Algonquin Road and including the property east of Sutton Road and north of Dundee Road;

Annexation No. 3 - all of the property lying south of Otis Road east of the original town of Barrington Hills north of Algonquin Road and west of a line constituting approximately Dundee Avenue projected, except three tracts lying in the southern part of such area.

In order to cause the Village to include what has been historically the Barrington Countryside, petitions are being prepared and circulated covering (a) the territory in Lake County north of County Line Road and south of the Chicago and North Western Railroad right-of-way, (b) those portions of McHenry County that have traditionally been a part of the Barrington Countryside, and (c) that portion of the property lying to the south of the Village as now constituted which historically has been Barrington Countryside property. In general, the southern boundary line will be located approximately (with some variations therefrom) one-quarter mile south of Penny Road.

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The carrying out of this project, which has already resulted in the organization of perhaps the largest village in Illinois from a territorial standpoint, has involved a tremendous amount of work on the part of not only the elected and appointed Village officials but the members of the various established committees in the Village and the citizens in the area from time to time proposed to be included within the Village.

A new village has recently been formed which is a few miles to the south of Barrington Hills; a number of highly undesirable uses are now proposed on the territories fringing the Barrington Countryside. The greatest mass movement in the history of northern Illinois is taking place, both as to residential relocations and industrial and business relocations. A completely new county zoning ordinance is in the process of preparation which may well involve substantial changes in land uses in Cook County. If we are to reasonably protect our Barrington Countryside area and its borders there is much remaining to be done, and its accomplishment will require the voluntary service of our people in serving on the various advisory committees which will be constituted to study various phases of our community problems. There is enclosed herewith a list of some of the subjects which will have to be dealt with in the coming months, and the President will be pleased to receive from you an expression as to what phase of our Village responsibilities you would like to share by serving on such committees as may be formed from time to time to deal with them.

It is the continuing desire of your Village officials to have the least possible regulation of the lives and affairs of the people living in our Village and to avoid as far as possible the establishment of municipal services which will require the raising of money by taxation. Through our share of the State license fees distributed to municipalities, our share of the Township funds collected for maintenance of roads, and certain income from licensing fees, zoning and building permits, etc., the Village has a slight income. The President and members of the Board of Trustees, the Village Treasurer, the members of the Plan and Zoning commissions are serving without compensation, and it is expected that their successors will

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do so. Only the Village Clerk and the Village Attorney will be paid a salary. The Village Engineer and zoning and building enforcement officers will be paid on a fee basis, based upon a percentage of the fees collected.

It has been the desire of all concerned with this work of organizing the Village and bringing about the annexation thereto that the expenses incident thereto be discharged, if possible, without taxing the Village property therefor. With that in mind, certain citizens in the community have already made substantial donations to the Village for that purpose. It is believed by the various committees who have handled the organization of the original Village and the annexations that the owners of each piece of property should make some contribution towards this cost. Accordingly, it is requested that each property owner make a contribution of a minimum of \$25 to the Village and that the holders of the more expensive properties and the larger tracts within the Village make their contributions in such amounts as in their opinion they regard as fair. All such contributions are tax-deductible.

The President and the Trustees of the Village will appreciate your comments and suggestions from time to time as to how they may better serve the needs of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ralph Bard, Jr., Trustee  
Orville Caesar, Trustee  
William Goltra, Trustee  
Stanley D. Grace, Trustee  
Charles Motter, Trustee  
A. P. Stresen-Reuter, Trustee  
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Members of the Citizens' Advisory  
Committee on Organization of the  
Village:

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NOTE: If you are not already a citizen of Barrington Hills  
but reside in nearby territory you may receive a copy  
of this letter in order that you may be accurately in-  
formed of the matters covered by this letter.

Treasurer of the Village of  
Barrington Hills, Illinois:

I  
We hereby agree to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
as a contribution to the Village of Barrington Hills to be  
expended for its proper corporate purposes, including the  
costs of incorporating the Village, effecting the annexations  
thereto, and securing the functioning of the Village during  
its first year of operation. Such sum shall be payable as  
set forth below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Check is enclosed herewith.



Such sum will be paid at one  
time or in several installments  
on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 195\_.

To the President of the  
Board of Trustees of the  
Village of Barrington Hills:

I should be glad to serve on any advisory committees which may be set up to aid in planning the better functioning of the Village of Barrington Hills. I have checked below the subjects in which I am particularly interested:

Zoning and Planning  
Operation and Maintenance of Highways  
Finance  
Roadside Planting  
Protection against Dutch Elm Disease  
Suburban Transportation by Public Bus or Rail  
to and from the City  
Regulation of Weight and Speed of Motor Vehicles  
Public Health  
Police Protection  
Dissemination of Public Information and Proper  
Publicity in Aid of the Proper Community Development  
Establishment of Proper Vital Statistics concerning  
Inhabitants of Community  
Collection and Maintenance of Community Historical  
Data  
Garbage Disposal  
Other Matters of Public Interest (as follows):

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(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

(Telephone Number) \_\_\_\_\_