



VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON

Autumn



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Fall Festival

North Barrington's annual Fall Festival will take place Sunday, October 8th from 1 to 4 p.m. at Eton Park. Attendance has grown steadily over the years, and well over 500 residents are expected to attend. Kraig Kenning, a blues musician will once again perform while neighbors visit and enjoy complimentary hot dogs, brats and beverages. Children's entertainment will include pony rides, a petting zoo, pumpkin painting and pick-up soccer games. Carnival food will also be provided at a nominal charge. The event is sponsored, in part, by State Bank and Trust. Please bring your family and join your neighbors in celebrating the fall season in our beautiful park. This event is for North Barrington residents.



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Dear Neighbor:

As we move into autumn, I wanted to provide you with an update on the Lot Coverage Ratio (LCR) issue – a review of the process that’s been used to date, where we are currently in the process, and what the next steps in the process will likely include.

Equally important, I wanted to take a moment to address the understandable concern that has arisen over this issue and provide my personal assurance to every resident that protection of and respect for property rights will remain in the forefront of the Village’s effort to protect the community as we work to encourage thoughtful development and remodeling within our community.

All residents can be assured that the Village’s efforts on the LCR issue starts with the fundamental assumption that forward-looking policies which preserve our heritage can, should, and will work hand-in-hand with respect for the rights of North Barrington residents to improve their homes or rebuild on their property.

Where We’re At In The Process

The Lot Coverage Ratio issue has followed our community’s policymaking framework because it has been fact-and-data-driven and open to all concerns voiced by responsible members of the community. This has been an ongoing process for many years.

The Plan Commission held public hearings, conducted benchmarking with other communities, and collected data on the potential impact of a LCR ordinance upon North Barrington residents. The result of those efforts was an ordinance which grew from a teardown driven idea to a policy statement that oversees all types of construction in North Barrington and provides an umbrella type protection. This initial LCR was passed by the Village Board. Importantly, to give voice to additional resident concerns, the Village created an ad hoc committee of Village officials and residents to monitor the impact of the new ordinance, determine its effectiveness, its impact upon property rights, and its overall cost to residents.

Moreover, and because several respected citizens, Trustees and Plan Commission members expressed a concern that the new ordinance could be too restrictive, we continued to ask the ad hoc oversight committee to evaluate potential amendments to address all remaining concerns. Indeed, it is because of citizen concern that the Village has already generated a “Catastrophe Ordinance” that protects reconstruction rights for homes destroyed by fire, accident or natural causes and has amended the original LCR to exclude driveways, paths and patios. We believe the amended LCR is the right ordinance but will continue to monitor its impact to insure its viability and acceptance.

Other Key Issues

Some residents have inquired as to why the LCR ordinance does not apply to the Wynstone community. This is both a fair and important question that deserves a full response. Simply put, the Wynstone community, unlike other parts of North Barrington, is governed by a Planned Unit Development (PUD) contract. This means that the developer and the Village contractually agreed in advance of the construction of the subdivision precisely how the homes and streets, water and waste, security and design would be created and maintained. This agreement is a binding, legally-enforceable contract between the Village and the Wynstone Property Owners Association and functions, in a practical sense, as a LCR ordinance for Wynstone with regard to construction and improvements in Wynstone.

Letter from the President continued:

Equally importantly, this contract cannot be changed. This means that the homes in Wynstone are subject to a binding, legal-equivalent of the LCR ordinance via the PUD agreement which closely regulates such things as floor area ratio (FAR), architectural guidelines, and landscape guidelines that determine the size, style, even color, of homes built there. Stated another way, the PUD contract does for Wynstone what the LCR ordinance seeks to do in other parts of the Village outside of Wynstone.

Summary

We recognize that this issue has generated serious concern in our community and we take those concerns very seriously. The Village will continue the oversight of the LCR ordinance in a comprehensive and meaningful way. Any needed changes to address ongoing resident concerns will occur on the basis of objective facts and data.

In closing, every North Barrington resident can be assured that the Village strongly supports property rights and that we will continue to work tirelessly in assuring that our defense of property rights likewise supports our desire to preserve that which is best about our heritage, environment, and way of life. Your continued constructive involvement and input are welcome at anytime and I look forward to continuing to serve you on all issues of community interest.

Sincerely,



Bruce J. Sauer
Village President



Seasonal Information



Waste Management Seasonal Yardwaste Program - The program begins April 1, 2006 and ends December 5th, 2006. The service is \$65.82 for the season and allows for unlimited 32 gal cans/bags.

Grass and leaves must be in brown Kraft paper yardwaste bags or marked yardwaste cans and weigh no more than 50 pounds. Brush must be bundled and tied with biodegradable twine or string in distinct piles that are no longer than 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter and weighting no more than 50 pounds with no individual branch being greater than 3 inches in diameter. Pick up is the same day as regular trash pick up.

For residents who only wish to dispose of leaves in the fall, Waste Management is offering a **Six Week Leaf Program, October 23rd through December 5th**. Residents wanting to dispose of leaves only, must place one leaf sticker on each biodegradable Kraft paper bag or properly marked can (maximum 32 gallons and 50 pounds) for collection. Stickers will be available for purchase through the North Barrington Village Hall and Waste Management. The cost of the stickers is \$1.00 each. For further information on the program, contact either the Village Hall or Waste Management at (800) 796-9696.

Days and Hours Burning Permitted - Currently, leaves and other landscape waste may be burned only on the following days and during the following times: **September through April: any day between noon and five o'clock p.m., except on national holidays**. No fire shall be left unattended and there should be a ready source of sufficient water to extinguish the fire in the event of any emergency. Burning on any public street or right of way within the Village is prohibited and subject to fine. The Village asks that all residents do their part in promoting the health and safety of all by following Village Ordinances. For tips on disposal of yardwaste, please visit Solid Waste Agency Lake County website <http://www.co.lake.il.us/swalco/disposal/yardwaste.asp>.



Burning Survey - The Village will be sending out a resident survey this fall to solicit public input on leaf burning. Some residents have expressed concerns about leaf burning and burning related health issues. In 2003, two questions were placed on the April Ballot as Advisory Questions of Public Policy regarding opening burning. Although there was a low voter turnout, the voters were in favor of continuing to allow residents to burn leaves and other landscape waste, but at limited times. When you receive the survey, please fill it out and return to the Village; we would like to hear from you!

Village of North Barrington News

Deputy Building Inspector Retires - Raymond Donini, the Village's Deputy Building Inspector retired this fall. Mr. Donini started inspecting homes for the Village in 1990, and before that worked at the Village of Lake Barrington for many years as an inspector. The Village wishes Ray well and designated this September 7th as Raymond Donini day in the Village of North Barrington.



Fall Chipping Program - The Village with Cuba Township, will be offering a chipping program for residents. The Fall Program will apply to residents living south of Miller Road. The program is to assist with removing homeowner-cut brush and there is a limit to the materials that can be placed for removal. Brush no larger than 4" in diameter must be stacked neatly at the edge of the road, with large ends out, and the pile cannot exceed 8' in length by 3' in height. All items should be placed by the end of the day Sunday, October 15th. Chipping will begin on Monday, October 16th. The chipping truck will only make one trip through the Village; brush placed after Sunday, October 15th will not be picked up. Direct questions to Cuba Township's Tom Gooch at 847-381-7793.

Floodplain Modeling Update: In August, the Village of North Barrington authorized Village Engineers Baxter & Woodman, to undertake a comprehensive floodplain study of the Wynstone subdivision south to Miller Road. This floodplain study is being cost shared with Lake County Department of Transportation, Landover Corporation and the Wynstone POA. The study's main goal is to provide accurate information to verify the flowrates and the base flood elevation within the study area. This information will allow existing property owners to maintain flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program. Additionally, future development will be able to use the information for appropriate land planning within the floodplain in order to reduce impacts of development on neighboring properties.

The Village is proactively taking steps to alleviate flooding experienced by area residents near the Woodland Drive culvert along North Flint Creek. The first step was a hydrologic and hydraulic study of the creek. In that study, Baxter & Woodman recommended replacing the existing culvert with two 12 foot by 6 foot box culverts, which will necessitate raising the road elevation. The Village has also requested the addition of a concrete headwall to improve the aesthetics of the culverts. Surveying and engineering are well underway and the project is scheduled to begin construction in Spring 2007.

Village Code Supervisor - The Village Board has entered into a contract with Joseph Arizzi to act as Village Code Supervisor in the Village of North Barrington. Mr. Arizzi also serves as an enforcement officer for both the Villages of Buffalo Grove and Northbrook. Mr. Arizzi will enforce all provisions of the Village Code, have the authority to send out notices requesting abatement of violations and issue citations.

West Oaksbury Estates - The property owners at 22969 Honey Lake Road have received approval from the Village Board to annex the property into the Village of North Barrington and subdivide the approximately 10 acres into 4 home sites. The area will be known as West Oaksbury Estates. The access road for the subdivision will be located opposite Old Oak Lane at Honey Lake Road and will be named Oak Leaf Lane.

Village Meeting Dates - Meetings are held at 7:30 in the lower level of the Village Hall

October

2 Parks & Recreation Commission
3 Health & Sanitation Commission
9 Plan Commission
10 Zoning Board of Appeals
12 Environmental Commission
25 Village Board

November

6 Parks & Recreation Commission
7 Health & Sanitation Commission
9 Environmental Commission
13 Plan Commission
14 Zoning Board of Appeals
20 Village Board*****MONDAY*****

December

4 Parks & Recreation Commission
5 Health & Sanitation Commission
11 Plan Commission
12 Zoning Board of Appeals
14 Environmental Commission
18 Village Board*****MONDAY*****

January

2 H&S Commission
8 Parks & Recreation Commission
8 Plan Commission
9 Zoning Board of Appeals
11 Environmental Commission
24 Village Board

From the Board of Trustees

Periodically, members from the Board of Trustees will share their thoughts in the newsletter. The Autumn Issue features:

Trustee Jim Moran – A couple of thoughts....

As the Board's liaison to the Plan Commission, a member of Finance Committee and a past member of our Environmental Commission, I'd like to outline but a few recent Board accomplishments.

- Safety 'First' was the Board's impetus for passing an ordinance that protects our children from tragedy when we passed an ordinance that calls for all pools to be fenced.
- 'Open space' as outlined in your Village comprehensive plan is being preserved with new guidelines that preclude future fences in front yards.
- Continued 'Protection of property values and rights of all of our citizens' is intended with enactment of a 'Lot Coverage Ratio' that will defend from unwanted teardowns in your neighborhoods while still encouraging appropriate high end development.
- Roads & Infrastructure – Proactive planning that ensures the Village spends your money wisely in the years ahead is underway and we hope to adopt technology used by the State, County, and other communities to help us here.

The Board certainly wants to thank all of our various commissions and volunteers that continue serve the needs of this Village. We especially want to thank all of the residents that continue to provide input that makes North Barrington an ongoing great community.



Summer Events at Eton Park

The Parks and Recreation Commission sponsored many activities at Eton Park this summer including a Summer Concert on Saturday, June 17th and a family movie night on Saturday, August 26th. The concert featured the Harper Jazz Combo and a record number of residents took advantage of the beautiful weather and park setting to picnic with friends and family. Family movie night featured the film "The Princess Bride" and it was enjoyed by family members of all ages. Due to the unpredictable weather that day, there was a relatively small turnout for the event. Next summer the Commission plans to host another movie night, featuring free popcorn and music while waiting for the sun to set and the movie to begin. The Parks Commission recently completed actions to bring electrical service to Eton Park. This access to electrical outlets in two areas of the park eliminates the need for a generator in order to run equipment; which added to the enjoyment of both summer events. Thanks to the members of the Parks Commission for getting that task accomplished.



The Parks and Recreation Commission again teamed up with the Foglia YMCA to offer various summer camps at Eton Park. Offerings included three sessions of the increasingly popular Ricky Raccoon Preschool Day Camp, as well as some specialty sport camps and a Krafty Kids camp. BASA also hosted some soccer camps at the park.

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