

Village of North Barrington

Spring



VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON NEWSLETTER

SPRING, 2007

From the Desk of the Village President

Dear Neighbor:

The Village of North Barrington is like a big family. And like a big family, we have to be careful to insure that we communicate to everyone so no one gets left out. That's particularly important in the case of emergency situations.

By the time you read this the Village will have an "emergency phone response system" in place that will allow us the opportunity to contact all of you very quickly in the case of a natural or man made crisis. We have signed on to employ The NTI Group and their Connect-CTY service. This is a fully hosted, fully managed Application Service Provider (ASP) that will allow NB to deploy a complete time based notification system without buying and maintaining hardware, software or added personnel. The provider will purchase phone numbers for every household in North Barrington and maintain the security and privacy of that list. We have been adamant that the list is not, and cannot be public. Our legal representation is satisfied that The NTI Group does a remarkable job of maintaining security over their lists. North Barrington is one of many surrounding communities, including Lake Barrington that has added this service. Every household will be on the emergency response list. The cost for the system is a flat fee of \$2 per household per year paid by the Village. There is no limit to usage so The NTI Group encourages us to use the system on a regular basis for a host of other reasons. Some of their suggestions include community issue surveys, meeting schedules, hazardous road notifications and public event announcements. Since the Village wants to protect your privacy, we will only employ the system in the case of emergencies initially. We do, however, want to expand our ability to communicate with you. To that end, we will soon feature a website location that will allow you to "opt in" for receipt of a variety of village generated messages. You may wish to know when certain meetings are held, or you may wish to be part of community surveys.

In addition, you will be provided the opportunity to edit your number so that the primary response phone can be your home, your work or your cell. The point is that we will provide a mechanism for better distribution of Village information, events and opportunities. We encourage you to take a look at the options and join up. The Village can improve our service to the residents with your help.

Recently another group of people made a commitment to improving North Barrington. I want to issue a public standing ovation to the members and staff of **The Biltmore Country Club**. Their examination of an environmental issue, their decisions and their resulting actions produced an outstanding resolution. A study of Honey Lake revealed a potentially damaging rise in salinity. BCC chose to drill a new well to provide water suitable for use on their grounds. They drilled into a deep (900 ft.) aquifer rather than the shallow (300 ft.) water source that supplies the homes of our community. Their decision dramatically increased their cost but avoided impacting the drain rate of our potable water resource. We commend them for going beyond the call.

Enjoy North Barrington . . . it's a wonderful place to live.

Bruce Sauer, Village President

April Election Update

The election date for this year is **Tuesday, April 17th**. Importantly, voter registration closes on March 20th. Both Cuba and Ela Township offices are open from 9 am to 3:30 pm Monday thru Friday and will be open from 9 am to Noon on Saturday, March 17th. Two forms of identification are required to register and one must have your home address shown. Beginning March 26th any registered voter can vote early at the township offices. Cuba Township is located at 28000 W. Cuba Rd. in Barrington (847)381-1924 and Ela Township is at 99 East Main St. in Lake Zurich (847)438-7823. Absentee voting starts April 13th again at the township offices. The difference between early voting and absentee is that an absentee voter must sign an affidavit declaring an inability to vote on April 17th. College students who are registered voters can vote from school. To access this voting procedure contact the Lake County Clerk's Office at (847)377-2317.

Four of the seven terms on the Village Board are expiring in April of 2007, three Trustee positions as well as the Village President position. Candidates for Village Trustee include: Edmund P. "Pete" Boland, Mark D. Kolar, Jim Moran, John B. Schnure, Frank C. Tripicchio and Lawrence Jay "Lawre" Weiner. Candidates for Village President include Carolyn A. Boyle and Bruce J. Sauer.

Emergency Response Program

The Village of North Barrington is part of the Lake Zurich Emergency Response Program. The first steps towards a defined and complete emergency preparedness plan are in action. The Village of Lake Zurich Fire/Rescue Department, through the efforts of Fire Chief Terry Mastandrea, has organized a Lake Zurich Area Volunteer Corps. Designed to support the first responders and Emergency Management Agency Director(s) during times of large-scale emergencies, this group of pre-registered and trained participants will provide a great benefit to the community when in need.

At a March 4th meeting, some 62 community members learned about the purpose of the program, the structure, the activity divisions and the training opportunities that will take place. The critical divisions are defined as **Administration, Business Continuity, Communications, Damage Assessment, Medical, Planning, Procurement, Security, Shelter & Welfare, Training and Transportation.**

The next step is to specifically define goals and objectives of each of the divisions and to determine a leadership structure that will report to the overall group. Training in division specifics and plan implementation will also be conducted. The first scheduled training session NIMS 100- Introduction to the Incident Command System will be held on Saturday March 24th from 1:00 – 5:00 pm at the Ela Public Library. New volunteers from North Barrington are encouraged to attend.

The Village of North Barrington encourages any resident with expertise or interest in any of the critical divisions to be part of this wonderful community support group. Please RSVP to Ingrid Skidmore (at ingrid.skidmore@volz.org) or phone 847 540-5070 to confirm your attendance. This group of volunteers could one day save lives and property in our community. We ask that you be part and that you encourage others to get involved. Thank you!



Candidate Forums

Residents of North Barrington are invited and encouraged to learn more about the candidates running for election and the key issues facing our community by attending a **Candidate Forum**, moderated by the League of Women Voters and organized by the **Committee for Informed Voters** of North Barrington (a volunteer, non-partisan group). All North Barrington residents are invited to question the candidates on issues which will impact our community profoundly for years to come. The forums provide a unique opportunity for residents to let the future leaders of our community know and understand their concerns. Forums will be held on April 4th and 11th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Please watch your mail for an informational flyer with additional information and forum locations.

Roads Update

2007 Road Program. In October of 2006, Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. was retained by the Village of North Barrington to perform a pavement condition evaluation and provide the framework for a comprehensive road maintenance and rehabilitation program. 23.25 miles of Village streets were inventoried, measured and evaluated. 64% of the roads were considered to be in “very good” condition, 27% in “good” condition, 7% in “fair” condition and 2% in “poor” condition. A draft rehabilitation/maintenance program has been developed, based on a 10-year regimen. Maintenance for each road, or portion, is assigned to a particular program year. All the information is contained in a database, and then this database can then be used to generate various “what if” scenarios in conjunction with annual budgets, proposed construction, etc. Roads slated for resurfacing include Brook Circle, Brook Forest Lane, Brookside Road, Clover Hill Lane, Crooked Lane, East Oakwood Drive, Edgewood Place, Eton Drive (parital), Halcyon Lane, Oak Ridge Road, Redwing lane, West Indian Trail Road (partial), and Woodland Drive (partial). Anyone who is interested in viewing the proposed road plan may do so at the Village Hall during office hours. We hope to start the resurfacing program in May.

Last summer, a culvert inspection of all private driveways was conducted in order help manage stormwater conveyance. In conjunction with that inspection, the Village is going to utilize its existing **Culvert 50/50 Cost Share Program** with the 2007 Road Program. Under driveway culverts on the roads slated for repair will be inspected and evaluated. If the culvert is failing, is buried, or just doesn't exist and it would benefit stormwater flow if one were in place, the Village will pay half of the cost of the replacement, with the homeowner paying the remaining half. The work is performed by Cuba Township's Road Department. Not only is it is important for property owners to maintain their culverts for proper stormwater conveyance, a functioning culvert increases the longevity of the driveway apron. A clogged or collapsed culvert can cause flooding problems on the homeowner's property as well as neighboring properties, and in some cases force water to spill over roads causing washout situations. Keeping ditch lines clear of all obstructions is equally important. If you have questions about this replacement program contact the Village Hall. The culvert 50/50 program does not only apply to roads currently slated for repair; any homeowner can take advantage of this program.

Woodland Drive Culvert Replacement. Landmark Contractors, Inc., located in Huntley, Illinois, was awarded the contact for the Woodland Drive Culvert Replacement project in the amount of \$354,341.10. Four bids were received for the project, after the properly published bid notice. The existing, undersized culverts will be replaced with two 12 foot by 6 foot box culverts, which will necessitate raising the road elevation. Road closures, basement flooding and bank erosion are just some of the problems caused by the recurrent flooding due to many undersized crossings. The Village has also requested the addition of a concrete headwall to improve the aesthetics of the culverts. The project is scheduled to begin construction in Spring 2007 and completed by August 1st. Updates on construction and road closures can be found on the Village's website as well as posted signs in the area. Village Engineers Baxter & Woodman will be at the site to oversee all work performed by Landmark Contractors.

Road Bonds. Road bonds are typically required as part of the building permit or health and sanitation permit process. Applicants deposit one thousand five hundred dollars, five hundred dollars of which is a nonrefundable road fee, and the balance of which serves as a cash deposit to be utilized to reimburse the Village in the event of damage to roads and public ways. The one thousand dollar road bond will be fully refunded, after the project is completed, if there are no damages. The road fee and deposit is not required if the property for which the building permit or health and sanitation permit is being applied for is in a subdivision where the roads are private.

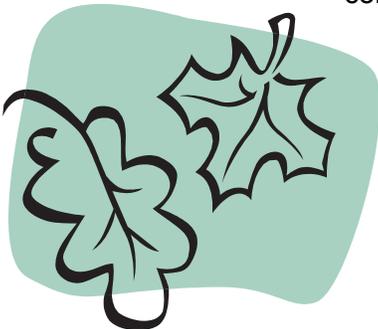
Environmental News

Flint Creek Watershed Partnership. The Flint Creek subwatershed is tributary to the Fox River. Because of the value of the Fox River for fishing, boating, and water supply, protecting the water quality of Flint Creek, and other tributaries, is a priority. In particular, the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership is looking at implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) to control sediment and nutrient loads. To prevent increases in flooding damages, BMPs are needed to control the 100-year discharge and to minimize increases in runoff volumes. Watershed wetland protection also is critical to these objectives.

The Village of North Barrington has joined the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership, which is comprised of watershed stakeholders dedicated to the preservation, protection and improvement of the Flint Creek sub-watershed of the Fox River. Their mission is to realize a long-term vision for a healthy watershed and educate citizens. Their goal is to educate while building partnerships for projects to improve water quality, reduce flooding, and preserve and restore wetlands, prairies, and other natural features for future generations. Members include Barrington Area Council of Governments, Barrington Area Development Council, Barrington Hills Conservation Trust, Citizens for Conservation, Barrington and Cuba Townships, Villages of Barrington, Barrington Hills, Hawthorn Woods, Lake Barrington, Lake Zurich, and North Barrington.

The partnership was successful in obtaining a grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for \$100,000 to update the 1994 Flint Creek Watershed Management Plan. This new plan would provide an assessment of current creek and watershed conditions and prioritize projects that will improve surface water quality and quantity. To aid in the funding of this plan, the twelve partners in the Watershed Partnership (including North Barrington) have committed to a matching contribution of \$5,000 each towards this project. Individuals and groups are encouraged to get involved with the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Zurich Village Hall. Please contact the watershed coordinator, Patsy Mortimer, at 847-381-8663, pmortimer@earthlink.net if you have any questions.

Leaf Burning Survey. The Village Board of North Barrington has been actively reviewing its leaf burning policy after a group of residents voiced a concern about the health effects of leaf burning. This concerned group of citizens has urged the Board to pass a ban on leaf burning in the Village.



In order to get feedback from residents, the Village commissioned a survey last fall to gauge the community's feeling on the subject. Almost half of the community returned the survey with the following results:

- 46.5% of the residents opposed leaf burning
- 48.7% of the residents favored leaf burning
- 4.8% of the residents were unsure about leaf burning

The Village Board recognizes that this is an important issue to many of our citizens as evidenced by the high response rate and is committed to closely monitoring the issue. While the Board is not inclined to change its policy at this time based solely upon the survey results, the Board strongly encourages continued input from Village residents. The Village Board would like to thank all the residents who took the time to respond to the survey.

Parks & Recreation News

Barrington Park District Pool Pass

For a limited time this spring, the Barrington



Park District will be offering discounted rates for the 2007 Season Pool Pass. North Barrington residents are encouraged to act early to take advantage of these lower fees if interested in obtaining a season pool pass. An "Out of District" pool pass for a family of four will cost \$284 for the Super Early Bird Special from April 2-16, \$324 for the Early Bird Special from April 17-30 and \$405 at the regular price which is effective May 1st.

Rebate Program

The Village of North Barrington offers a Park District Rebate program. The program reimburses a portion of the cost difference between the In-District Fee and the Out-of-District Fee at applicable area park districts. There is a refund limit of \$25 per program per participant for each session attended and a \$75 limit per family per year. The Rebate Program does not apply to Park district or YMCA membership fees or pool passes. Courses must have been completed at the time of submission and rebate forms must be submitted within 60 days of course completion. This program is administered by the Parks and Recreation Commission and may be changed at any time. For further information about this program, contact Village Hall staff. Rebate forms can be picked up at the Village Hall, mailed out upon request, or downloaded from the Village's website, www.northbarrington.org.

Eton Park Use

Eton Park, is open daily from sunrise to sunset. All residents who wish to use Eton Park for an event are required to have a permit issued by the Village Clerk. Any group using Eton Park is responsible for cleaning up all debris and leaving the premises in a neat and sanitary condition. Thank you for efforts in keeping Eton Park a clean and enjoyable park for all.

SAVE THE DATE: North Barrington's Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for October 7th!

Summer Events at Eton Park

The Parks and Recreation Commission is planning to host two concerts at Eton Park this summer; dates include June 16th for the Harper Jazz Combo and July 21st (a group has not been scheduled to date). This will be the fourth year for the popular family event. These casual, early evening concerts are a great place for picnics with family and friends. The Commission will also host a Family Movie Night featuring "ET" on August 18th at 8 p.m., also at Eton Park.

Camp Programs

The Parks and Recreation Commission is busy planning events for the summer season. As in past summers, the Commission is working with the Foglia YMCA to provide Ricky Raccoon camp programs at Eton Park. There will be three sessions: 6/12-6/14, 7/9-7/13 And 7/31-8/2.



Contact the Foglia Y for more information, 847-438-5300. There will also be a Barrington Area Soccer Association sponsored camp June 25-27th.

A big THANK YOU to Biltmore Country Club and in particular Golf Course Superintendent Brian Thomson for all the maintenance work performed at Eton Park. It is their grounds keeping expertise which keeps Eton Park looking its best. This includes mulch placement, equipment repair, installing tents for camp and park functions as well as turf care.

News and Information

Waste Management News

Seasonal Yardwaste Program - The program begins April 1, 2007 and ends November 30, 2007. 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 strictly use the program for leaf pick up in the fall, Waste Management is offering a **6 week leaf program in the fall**. The dates will be decided by the Village and Waste Management. 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.

Toter Carts – Residents are reminded that toter carts are available for rental, both the 96 gallon Trash Cart as well as the 35 gallon Recycle Cart. Prices are \$1.25/Month for each.

Days and Hours Burning Permitted - Leaves and other landscape waste may be burned only on the following days and during the following times: January through April and September through December: any day between noon and five o'clock p.m., except on national holidays; May through August: Thursdays and Sundays only, 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.

Vehicle Stickers. Residents are reminded that vehicle stickers are required for every vehicle or motorcycle that is registered to a North Barrington address. These vehicle stickers are not only mandatory, but also provide an important source of Village revenue, and the fees from these stickers are used towards road improvements in the Village. Stickers are available now from the Village Hall and can be obtained at the basic rate (\$10 for a passenger vehicle) until MARCH 31, 2007; after this date a penalty rate will apply (\$35 for a passenger vehicle).

Dogs. The Village has recently learned about an occurrence where dogs managed to get through their electric fence and cause harm to a resident and her dogs while walking past the home. Please make sure your electric fences are in proper working order for the safety of all residents, children, and pets. Residents are reminded that every person who owns a dog and allows the dog to run at large, other than on the premises of the owner, shall be guilty of a violation of Village Code and the offending dog will be declared a public nuisance and shall be apprehended and impounded. Also, any dog owner who fails to remove excrement deposited by his dog upon any premises, public or private, other than on the premises of the owner, shall be guilty of a violation of Village Code. Both violations are subject to fines.

Hazardous Waste - The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, IL (SWALCO) will soon begin their Household Chemical Waste (HCW) collection program to help residents dispose of their chemical wastes safely and conveniently. Latex paint is no longer accepted at HCW collections. Residents can call the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County at (847) 336-9340 or check the agency's website (www.swalco.org) for further information about the HCW collection events. **The next collection in our vicinity is going to be held in the Village of Lake Zurich, Saturday, June 9, 2007** at the Middle School, 100 Church Street.

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

April

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

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10 Environmental Commission
14 Plan Commission
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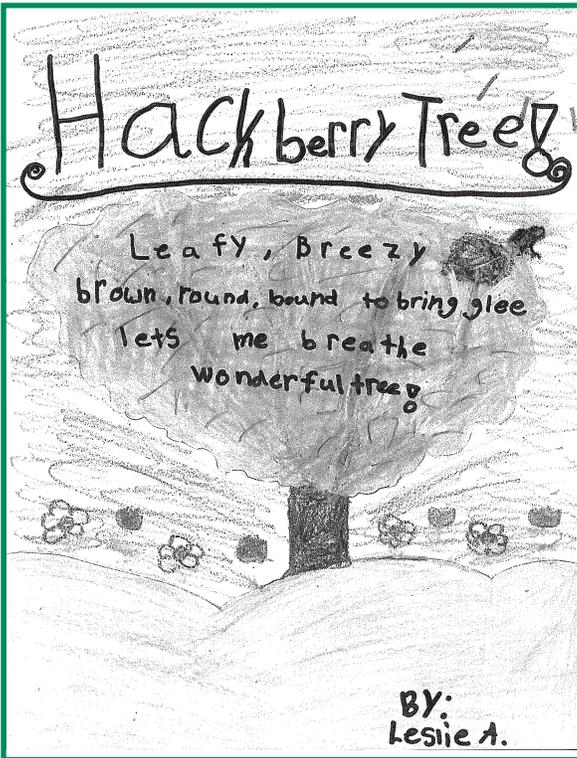
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Arbor Day

Saturday, April 28th



Join Village Forester Susan Allman, Village officials, and residents for the tree planting dedication on **Saturday, April 28th from 3-4 p.m. at Eton Park**. Last year's Arbor Day Celebration (photo above) took place at North Barrington School. A Hackberry Tree was planted on the school grounds and the students presented drawings and thank you notes in book form to the Village. As part of this year's Arbor Day festivities, a Red Bud tree will be planted and Mark Spreyer, Director of the Stillman Nature Center, will be on hand with a Great Horned Owl. Come celebrate the beginning of spring at Eton Park.

2007 Deer Count

An aerial deer count conducted by Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. took place this past January in order to continue the monitoring of the deer population in the Village. This count is used to gauge trends or changes in the population. A similar count was performed in January of 2005. A survey was not conducted in 2006 due to poor snow conditions. This information will be used for comparison purposes and to further study the deer population. The deer population has shown two small trends. The number of deer per square mile within the Village has increased approximately 22% and there was a general increase in the number of deer in the southern half of the Village compared to the northern portion. The total number of deer observed in 2005 was 95, in the 2007 survey, 121 deer were observed. The number of deer observed during aerial surveys is typically less than the actual number of deer within a local population. Because the number observed is considered a minimum number, an adjusted number is calculated to include those individuals that are missed in aerial counts. The Lake County Forest Preserve District adds a standard of 25% to the total of deer observed to account for deer missed during an aerial survey. The Environmental Commission as well as the Board will be discussing the results of this count. If you are interested in reviewing the complete report, it is available for inspection at the Village Hall.



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Village Board - meets 4th Wednesday of the Month. Residents Welcome

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Trustee Jane Farrell

Parks and Recreation

Trustee Jim Moran

Planning, Finance

Trustee Albert Pino

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Trustee John Schnure

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