



# VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON



Winter 2013

## Private Well Water Quality Testing Event

Most of the Barrington area residents drink water that is drawn from the shallow aquifers and bedrock that lie within the first several hundred feet below ground surface. The state requires *public* water supplies to be tested for a wide range of contaminants on a routine basis, but with *private* wells that serve just one or two households, there is no regulation requirement for routine testing on existing wells— that means you are responsible for making sure your water is safe to drink!

Households with private wells are advised to test for bacteria and nitrates on an annual basis to detect these invisible, odorless contaminants. These contaminants can result from animal or human waste or fertilizer components reaching the well water and can cause illness in humans. The test is fast, easy and inexpensive, and the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) is working with Lake County Health Department to make it even easier.

Test Kit Pick-Up at Village Hall: March 4-7th, from 8:30am - 4:00pm. \$10 per kit, reduced fee. Only cash or checks are accepted. Please have exact change or make checks payable to “Lake County Health Department”.

Test Kit Drop-Off -- One Day Only: March 11 between 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm at The Garlands of Barrington (1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington).

Webinar Viewing Event: Drop off your sample at 6:30 pm on March 11th at The Garlands of Barrington and join other residents in a webinar viewing event with Steve Wilson from the Illinois State Water Survey about local groundwater issues.

For a list of the BACOG member locations selling test kits and additional information on the testing event, visit [www.bacog.org](http://www.bacog.org) or call (847) 306-9671.

### BACOG Partners with ISWS for “Private Well Class”

Through its partnership with the Illinois State Water Service (ISWS), BACOG is pleased to promote a new nationwide training initiative offered by the ISWS called the Private Well Class. The Private Well Class is a free, step-by-step education program to help well owners understand groundwater basics and well care best practices. It will also teach well owners how to sample their well, how to interpret sample results, and what they can do to protect their well and source water from contamination. The program combines a 10-part online class with live, interactive webinar events. Steve Wilson, a hydrologist with ISWS, is the instructor for The Private Well Class. Wilson also has been an advising member of the BACOG Water Resources Committee since 2002. Sign up at: [www.privatewellclass.org](http://www.privatewellclass.org).

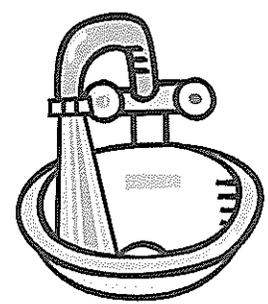
#### In this issue:

DiMucci Settlement; 2  
Village Code  
Changes:-  
Residential  
Driveways &  
Vacant Property  
Registration

Winter Gardening 3  
Tips; Septic  
Maintenance Ord.,  
Commission News

Flint Creek 4  
Restoration;  
Electrical  
Aggregation;  
Garage Sales

Eton Park News; 5  
Heritage Tree  
Ordinance



## Dimucci Settlement

The Village is pleased to have reached a settlement of the potentially very troublesome Dimucci property matter. The Dimucci Family sought to develop the 109 acre property at the southeast corner of Old McHenry Road and Rt. 12 with 800,000 square feet of general commercial under Lake County Zoning Regulations. The adjoining Villages of North Barrington and Hawthorn Woods would have suffered from the traffic impacts and drainage from the project without any revenue to meet the burden is placed on those Villages.

We are very pleased to report that as a result of the efforts of the two Villages, the unanimous support of the Barrington Area Council of Government (BACOG), Petitions to annex to North Barrington and to Hawthorn Woods filed by Diane and Terry Benz and their Valentine Manor Neighbors, and massive citizen assistance at multiple and lengthy public hearings before the Lake County Regional Plan Commission and the Lake County Zoning Board of Appeals, the size of the project was significantly reduced (to 450,000 square feet of controlled retail space and 200,000 square feet of family oriented retail and office space). Most significantly, types of businesses which could cause pollution (gasoline stations, car washes, on-site dry cleaning, etc.) will not be allowed and very stringent controls will be placed on both the volume and quality of the runoff, almost all of which comes into Wvynstone and into other areas of North Barrington. In addition, **for a period of 99 years the Village of North Barrington will receive 18% of the sales tax revenue generated**, thus giving the Village funds to pay for any additional Village policing and to monitor traffic controls and similar burdens placed on the Village.

The Village Attorney advised the Board of Trustees that the legal and negotiating skills of the Village President, Albert R. Pino were critical in helping to hammer out and secure this favorable result with very significant contributions from Village Trustee Edmund Peter Boland. Stevenson Mountsier, Lake County Board Member until last December, played a key role in bringing about this settlement, assisted by Lake County Board Member Craig Taylor.

Most citizens recognized that this large property would not be developed under a residential zoning category and the Village Board believes that the settlement which was reached will prove to be beneficial to the Village throughout the next century.

---

## Village Code Amendments:

### Residential Driveways

In January of this year, the Village Board passed an Ordinance amending Village Code as it pertains to residential driveways. As of January 1, 2013, any new residential driveway installed or replaced may be constructed with any surface such as asphalt, concrete, pavers or gravel (although hard surfaces are preferred). **However, the portions of driveways within three feet of the road pavement shall be composed of the same material and at the same grade as the public roadway, which is asphalt.** Any other materials such as concrete or pavers are not permitted within three feet of the road pavement. This change was made due to the high costs incurred by the Village when repaving Village roads. When a road is repaved, approximately three feet of the residential driveway is cut out replaced to match the level of the roadway. Materials such as pavers and concrete which require special treatment with

regard to removal and replacement, inflate road repair costs. Any person seeking a variation or an exception to this Ordinance would seek a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

### Vacant Property Registration

In the spring of 2011, in an attempt to address foreclosures in the Village, the Village Board passed an Ordinance amending Village Code to establish regulations governing the registration, maintenance, security and monitoring of vacant properties by their owners. Vacant properties, if left unattended, are likely to fall into disrepair, create public nuisance, drain Village resources, contribute to the decrease in value of surrounding properties and undermine the aesthetic character of the Village. Requirements include a yearly registration fee as well as a statement of intent on how the property is to be maintained. The registered property is to be secure and safe and the exterior areas free from debris with grass regularly mowed. Please notify the Village if you are aware of a vacant structure in your neighborhood.

## Winter Gardening Tips

Wondering how to care for your plants this winter? Here are a few tips to help :

- Water plants, especially evergreens, before the ground freezes.
- Prune trees and shrubs in winter when the branches are without leaves. Remove water-sprouts, dead, or crossing branches.
- Apply winter mulch to perennials and roses after a hard frost when ground begins to freeze.
- Protect trunks of young, thin-barked trees, such as ash, maples, and lindens, from winter sun scald by wrapping trunks with a commercial tree wrap.
- Place a cylinder of hardware cloth, chicken wire, or fencing around plants to provide a good defense against rabbits, mice, and deer. Spray evergreens, especially broadleaves (rhododendrons) with anti-transpirant to prevent winter burn.
- Protect multi-stemmed evergreens, such as arborvitae, junipers, and yews, from winter storm damage by tying trunks together with old nylons or cotton twine.
- More information can be found on the Morton Arboretum website: [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org)



### Special Recognition

The Village Board honored Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman **Warren Nass** at their December Board meeting. Mr. Nass retired from his position as Chairman after serving for **41 years** and is considered one of the "outstanding volunteers" in the Village's history. From left, Dan Nass, Warren Nass, and Village President Albert Pino.

### Village Commissions

Looking for a way to make a difference in the Village? Join a Commission! The Village has four Commissions: Parks & Recreation, Environmental & Health, Plan, and the Zoning Board of Appeals. There are **openings on each Commission**, with the exception of the Zoning Board of Appeals. For more information about each Commission please visit our website: [www.northbarrington.org](http://www.northbarrington.org). For information on how to volunteer call us during office hours or email to [info@northbarrington.org](mailto:info@northbarrington.org).

## Septic Maintenance Ordinance

One of the goals of the Village's Comprehensive Plan is to manage, conserve, and protect the valuable water resources in the Village in order to provide high quality surface and subsurface waters to serve the community needs. One of the major threats to these resources is a poorly functioning or failing septic system. For this reason, the Village has adopted an Ordinance requiring periodic inspections and maintenance of private septic systems.

The Village is in the process of phasing in the new Ordinance over five years. Some residents, those with street names at the beginning of the alphabet, have already participated. We thank you for your cooperation! We have had one successful year with the program and are continuing full steam ahead. When you receive the notice that it's time for you to comply you will also receive a form for the septic company and a list of Lake County approved septic companies. You do not have to use a company that appears on the list; it is just a resource for residents without a routine company. If your tank has been pumped or inspected after April 1, 2010 simply fill out the personal information portion of the form and send a copy of your receipt along with it. Most septic companies can provide you with a copy of your receipt upon request. This Ordinance does not require you to pump your system, only have it inspected. This Ordinance does not negate the requirements for a twice-yearly inspection and maintenance required for aeration systems by Lake County or the recommended pumping of septic tanks every two years. Your submission to the Village is complete when the form has been completed and returned accompanied by a \$25 processing fee. This fee is for 5 years; therefore breaking down to only \$5/year. After your submission is complete you will receive a copy for your records by mail with a permit number on the bottom and are in compliance with the Village for a 5 year period. The Ordinance and form can be viewed in their entirety at [www.northbarrington.org](http://www.northbarrington.org).

## Electrical Aggregation

The first full six months of the Village's electrical aggregation program have been nothing but successful. Voters approved an electrical aggregation program on March 20, 2012. The Village opted to go with Integrys and over 900 households are currently participating. **On average, each household has saved more than \$350 on their ComEd bills during the first full six months.** Collectively, the participating households have saved more than **\$325,000**; also during these first six months.

For more information on the program, please call the Integrys line devoted only to North Barrington residents: (855) 776-5597. Please keep in mind that other electrical companies still have a right to call in an attempt to gain your business. It has been reported that some of these companies are calling and asking residents to verify their electrical company and plan with them. Integrys will NOT be asking you to do this. If you have not opted-out of the program, you are already registered and do not have to do anything further.

## Rain Garden Program

Flint Creek Watershed Partnership is looking for homeowners, organizations & businesses to join their Half-Million-Gallons project by building your own rain gardens. They will provide the plants and guidance from experts. The 2013 program includes:

**Free seminar** March 9—9:30—11:30 am  
Barrington Village Hall.

**Free native plants** for first 30 gardens.

**Free consultations** from landscape professionals.

For more information about rain gardens visit [www.flintcreekwatershed.org](http://www.flintcreekwatershed.org).

## We Are Doing Our Part for the Flint Creek Watershed

For the past several years, the Village of North Barrington has been following guidelines in the Flint Creek Watershed plan to improve and protect water quality in the Flint Creek Watershed. In 2012, the Village was awarded "Community of the Year" by Lake County Stormwater Management Commission for this work.

**Our water supply is critical for our quality of life.** Both surface water from stormwater runoff entering our lakes, streams and ponds, to our groundwater that feeds our wells, depend upon good stewardship of the land. The Flint Creek Watershed Plan, completed in 2007, provided a guidebook for stewardship of land and water activities that would protect our water resources. In 2012, the Village received 2 grants totaling \$151,000 to restore the natural floodplains and stream corridor in a segment of Flint Creek as it runs through North Barrington.

The plans were created in 2011, permits from the Army Corps of Engineers were approved in 2012, and the Environmental Health Commission interviewed seven contractors to complete the project before selecting ENCAP in December. Work will begin in early February and be completed in May of this year. The goal of the project is to reduce the volume of pollution flowing into Grassy Lake, and ultimately help protect the Fox River. Ten residents will be directly impacted by this project, though the **entire community will benefit from nearly 3300 pounds of suspended solids per year being kept out of Flint Creek.** Additionally, the project will reduce non-point source pollution from contaminating the waterways that Flint Creek flows into.

With this project, water quality testing, maintenance and improvements of Eton Park, and a recently published Best Management Practices manual, the Village of North Barrington is demonstrating its commitment to doing its part to protect and promote good water quality for its residents and everyone downstream.

## Garage Sales

Occasional sales, commonly known as garage sales, house sales, estate sales, yard sales and rummage sales are permitted in the Village however; a permit is required if 3 or more persons from different households combine their efforts to hold the sale at 3 or more residences. The permit fee is \$25.00 and applications are available at the Village Hall. Garage sales may not be conducted by the same household in excess of 2 days within any 6 month period. The sale must not begin before 9:00 a.m. nor continue later than 6:00 p.m. Temporary directional signs are permitted, but must be removed promptly at the conclusion of the sale.



## Eton Park News

This past year, the Parks and Recreation Commission hosted two concerts, a family movie night, as well as the annual Fall Festival and Winter Fest. In June, Eton Park welcomed "Eleventh Hour Live." This energetic band pumped up kids and adults alike and even provided glow sticks to keep the party lasting long into the night.

In August, "Mr. Big Stuff" brought a three piece horn section and music from many generations. After the concert, "Monsters Inc." was shown on a giant inflatable movie screen. There was free ice cream and even though there was a small power outage everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. This year's Fall Festival was a success, as usual. The petting zoo, magician, music, hay rides, plus much more made the weather even more enjoyable and allowed neighbors and friends to visit with each other. Santa and his reindeer helped the Village usher in the holidays. Under a heated tent with hot cocoa and cookies, children were able to chat with Santa, submit their wish lists, and visit with two live reindeer. At the end of the day everyone went home with a giant candy cane and great new memories.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, headed by Chairman Pat Ryan and Trustee Liaison Ann Kafka, with help from the Village Board and Cuba Township, also supplied Eton Park with a **new ice rink. This ice rink will be constructed at Eton Park each winter for residents to enjoy.** When enjoying your time at the rink, please remember to follow the rules.

## Heritage Tree Ordinance— Susan Allman

I've been the Village's Forester for the past 13 years. Many residents have told me that they chose to live in North Barrington because of our beautiful large trees. With that in mind, the Village of North Barrington adopted a Heritage Tree Ordinance in 2009 for the purpose of protecting the Village's many Heritage Trees. To read the ordinance in its entirety, you can request a copy at the Village Hall or visit our website: [www.northbarrington.org](http://www.northbarrington.org)

A "Heritage Tree" is defined as any tree having a diameter of twenty inches (20") or greater. Please keep in mind that most of these trees are much older than the Village itself. Removal of a Heritage Tree without contacting the Village Forester is prohibited and subject to violation penalties.

In some cases, the Village Forester may grant a permit to cut down a Heritage Tree. An application requesting removal of a Heritage Tree is available at the Village Hall. A certified arborist's determination of the Heritage Tree's health may be required. Be aware that the homeowner may be obligated to plant young trees to compensate for the removed Heritage Tree. The Village of North Barrington views trees as important natural assets that not only increase property values but also enhance the quality of life and general welfare of residents and visitors. I hope you agree.



**Members from the Parks Commission pose in front of the newly constructed ice rink at Eton Park. From left to right: Jane Farrell, Lisa Onyx, Pat Ryan, Wayne Onyx, and Ann Kafka.**

Rules for the rink include: (1) Skate at your own risk. (2) Skating Only - NO HOCKEY (3) Adult supervision for children under 12. (4) Keep off sideboards. (5) No skating on melting ice. Also, keep in mind that the park is open from Sunrise to Sunset. It is unlawful to occupy or artificially light the rink for after hours use. The Parks and Recreation Commission look forward to another successful year in 2013!

**Village of North Barrington**  
**111 Old Barrington Road**  
**North Barrington, IL 60010**

Presort Standard  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Barrington, IL  
Permit No. 111

---

## **Village of North Barrington**

111 Old Barrington Road  
North Barrington, IL 60010

Phone: (847) 381-6000

Email: [info@northbarrington.org](mailto:info@northbarrington.org)

Website: [www.northbarrington.org](http://www.northbarrington.org)

Village Staff:

Village Admin./Clerk - Kathy Nelander

Village Treasurer - Marry Huggins

Deputy Village Clerk - Kris Lennon

Deputy Village Clerk - Nicole Keiter

**Lake County Sheriff's Police, Emergency - 911**

Non-Emergency : (847) 549-5200

**Fire, Emergency - 911**

Non-Emergency: Lake Zurich: (847) 540-5070

Wauconda: (847) 526-2821

**Village Board** - generally meets the 4th Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted on our website and publications.

Residents Welcome

**Village President Albert Pino**

BACOG, Finance

**Trustee Pete Boland**

Police/Fire/Public Safety/Legal/Law and Adjudication

Environmental and Health/Mosquito Abatement

**Trustee Gery Herrmann**

SWALCO

**Trustee Brent Johnson**

Finance/Roads/Utilities/Stormwater Management

**Trustee Ann Kafka**

Parks & Recreation Commission

**Trustee Mark Kolar**

Plan Commission

**Trustee Lawre Weiner**

Building & Zoning

**Waste Management:** 800-796-9696

**Cuba Township Highway Dept.:** 847-381-7793

**Good Shepherd Hospital:** 847-381-0123