

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON

Spring 2015

Village News

ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION ENDS JULY 2015

In March 2012, North Barrington voters approved a referendum authorizing the Village of North Barrington to seek lower electricity rates for eligible residential and small business customers. In July of 2012 the Village entered into a one year agreement with Integrys Energy Group, and in July of 2013, that agreement was renewed for two years. This agreement ends in July of 2015. From July of 2012 through January of 2014, the Integrys program has collectively saved North Barrington residents/small businesses more than \$570,000. The Village is considering discontinuing this program as the Village can no longer guarantee that the rate it selects would be lower than the ComEd rate. Due to various regulatory and market changes, ComEd and the other power brokers are now all buying power at about the same price; previously ComEd's price was much higher (about 30%), and this is no longer the case. The following website is a good resource to examine current rates, www.pluginillinois.org. Note, there is a \$50 discontinuation fee if you change suppliers before the end of the agreement. The Village will keep you updated on negotiations with the supplier.



APRIL 7, 2015 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

Positions open on the Board include Village Trustee - four year term (3 open positions), and Village President - four year term. Candidates for Village Trustee include Edmund P. Boland, John B. Schnure, Janice L. Sauer and Lawrence (Lawre) Weiner. Candidate for Village President is Albert R. Pino. Polling sites are open April 7th from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

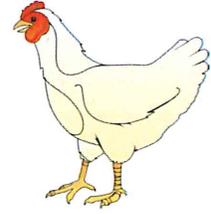
WASTE HAULING CONTRACT

The Village's contract with Waste Management for Solid Waste, Recycling and Landscape Waste removal will expire August 31, 2015. The Village has utilized the services of Waste Management for the past 13 years; previously the contract was with BFI/Alliance Waste. In the past, the Village was part of a consortium of five municipalities (Wauconda, Tower Lakes, Island Lake and Port Barrington) for refuse collection service. By joining forces and utilizing SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) the five villages had been able to obtain competitive refuse collection service rates. Due to the uniqueness of each community, the haulers are backing away from negotiating contracts via consortium. Subsequently, the Village has issued a Request for Proposal to get bids from area contractors.



The Environmental & Health Commission will be holding Public Hearings on Tuesday, April 7th at 7:30 p.m. and again on Tuesday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room. Vendors will be making presentations on the type of services they offer, including back door pickup, use of variable size/rate toter carts, landscape waste collection, snowbird suspension, and organic recycling. We encourage residents to listen in and give feedback as to your needs and preferences. The Commission will then make a recommendation to the Village Board.

NEWS CONT....ALLOWING OF BEES AND CHICKENS



The issue of allowing female chickens (hens), and bees in unincorporated residential areas of Lake County has been carefully studied by staff and officials of Lake County and the County now allows female chickens and bees on limited conditions. The Village's Plan Commission studied the issue and drafted an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance allowing the keeping of hens and bees. The draft amendment is lengthy and addresses topics such as Number of Hens allowed, Chicken Coops and Yards, Setbacks, Prohibition and Management Practices, Odors, etc. The Bees portion addresses Number of Bee Hives allowed, Location and Setbacks, Signage and Management Practices. The amendment in its entirety can be found on the Village's website, www.northbarrington.org. The Board will be discussing the matter at the April 22, 2015 Village Board meeting; please attend if you are interested in participating in the discussion.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. The Village's Plan Commission is submitting their recommendations on the update to the Comprehensive Plan to the Village Board in May, 2015. They will be holding their final Public Hearing on Monday, April 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room. Discussion will be directed to updates made within the chapters including issues dealing with the environment, housing, roadways, water drainage, community services, etc. We encourage residents to read, listen in and give feedback as to their vision of how/what the Village should grow to be. The Draft Plan can be found on the Village's website, www.northbarrington.org.



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