



VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON

Winter



VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON NEWSLETTER

WINTER, 2008

Dear Neighbors,

North Barrington is populated by hard working people who have saved money, invested in education, chosen to raise their family in a school system that historically prepares children for advanced college educations and who on par understand the nuances and fine points of capitalism. We tend to have defined opinions predicated on verifiable information and we invest accordingly. Conservative strategies are the norm, home purchases are based upon anticipated and historical values, and a consistent return is anticipated . . . which is why the devaluation of our homes because of the sub-prime market collapse hurts so badly. Not surprisingly we will move on because that's what we do . . . we work hard regardless of the circumstances!

The Village of North Barrington is dedicated to helping your home values and the quality of life we enjoy remain intact. Over the next few years the families who live in the Biltmore area, and all of us who visit and spend time there, will become aware of the largest nature revitalization project this Village has ever undertaken. Working in concert with the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership, Citizens for Conservation, the Barrington Area Conservation Trust and Tallgrass Restoration LLC, North Barrington will begin the clean up and restoration of Flint Creek from where it enters our community to where it leaves. Our intention is simply to return the creek to its cleanest state, to establish natural filtering zones along each side of the creek, to limit the amount of yard and road maintenance compounds that find their way into the water, and to educate our citizens on the best stormwater management principles. We will get the added benefit of dramatically enhancing the look of the streambed area so all can enjoy the natural beauty of our community.

The initial project will be carefully photographed to display our progress to all. Our intention is to invite and encourage the landowners along the creek to get involved . . . to educate our children and ourselves on the changing philosophy of stormwater management . . . to set standards of environmental sensitivity that will become our children's norm and our community's blessing. Green is good and green sells. We are confident that the ever widening awareness of environmental stewardship will become an inviting reason for people to move to North Barrington.

In addition, the Village will begin a Public Relations campaign dedicated to promoting our community, our "green" commitment, our schools, and our community outreach programs. We anticipate working with local businesses, realtors and community members to create a game plan for making potential home buyers aware of the incredible quality of life we enjoy.

I believe we are all a little nervous about the next six months. But I also believe we can all be very excited about the next ten years. North Barrington is a wonderful place to call home and we are working to making sure it stays that way. Have a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Bruce J. Sauer
Village President

Village News

2009 Municipal Elections. The Municipal General Elections will be held Tuesday, April 7, 2009. There are three four-year Trustee positions open. Petition packets are available for prospective candidates at the Village Hall, 111 Old Barrington Road and may be circulated at this time. The first day to file nomination papers is Tuesday, January 20th and concludes on Monday, January 26th. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For general election information and the 2009 State of Illinois Candidate's Guide go to www.elections.state.il.us.

Voter registration is open all year throughout the Lake County up to 27 days preceding an election. Registration reopens the second day following an election. Residents may register to vote at Cuba Township and Ela Townships. Cuba Township is located at 28000 W. Cuba Road in Barrington (847) 381-1924 and Ela Township is located at 99 East Main St. in Lake Zurich (847) 438-7823.



Important Recycling Update. Did you know that the Village has an Agreement with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) to receive revenue based on the tonnage of recyclables that are collected by Waste Management? While the tonnage price will be increasing, they will start deducting funds for items contained in the recycling bin that are not recyclable. Items that should not be included in the recycling bin include: juice boxes and wax coated cartons, children's toys, plastic bags, polystyrene products (#6 and #7 plastic) caps or lids from any container, window glass, mirrors, Pyrex dishes, light bulbs, or scrap

metal. All food must be removed; if contaminated, discard as trash. Acceptable recyclable materials residents may not be aware of include: shredded paper as long as it is placed in a paper grocery bag and fastened with staples, paper tubes, magazines, telephone books, and junk mail; glass and aluminum cans may include paper labels. Waste Management now does single-stream recycling so nothing has to be sorted by the consumer; it will all be sorted at the sorting center. Waste Management brochures are available at the Village Hall or contact them directly at (800) 796-9696.

Flint Creek Update. The Village continues its efforts to improve the water quality along the North Flint Creek sub-watershed. Cleaning up the creek and restoring it to its natural state is essential in preserving an important natural resource within the community. In March 2008, the Village Board approved a Flint Creek Watershed-Based Plan which includes recommendations specifically designed for North Barrington. The Village subsequently requested the services of Nancy Schumm-Burgess, Executive Director, Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACTrust) to provide assistance with the grant writing process. BACTrust is a nonprofit and civic organization that assists landowners and village governments by providing land protection tools. Ms. Schumm-Burgess submitted a grant plan to the Village which included a cost share program and Best Management Practices action items from the Flint Creek Watershed-Based Plan. Projects under consideration, if approved for grant funding, include components such as cost share reimbursements for resident projects and demonstration workshops throughout the community. The Village secured the services of Tallgrass Restoration, LLC (Tallgrass), a company dedicated to improving area native ecosystems. Tallgrass devised a restoration plan to be utilized as a demonstration project which encompasses approximately 5 acres of land at Flint Creek adjacent to the intersection of Rugby Rd. and Essex Ln. The 2008 Phase I Site Preparation Plan was approved and involves the clearing of invasive woody plants such as buckthorn and honeysuckle among other tasks. The invasive species clearing is weather dependent and scheduled to begin December 9th, 2008.



2008 Roads Resurfacing Program. The Village budgeted \$675,000 this year for roads, which includes maintenance, construction and repairs, as well as the 2008 Road Resurfacing Program. The Village utilized the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund (\$170,000), Road and Bridge Tax Fund (\$58,000), as well as Village funds. MFT funds provide for the construction or resurfacing of public rights-of-way within the Village and for maintenance of streets. MFT is collected by the State and distributed to local governments on a per capita basis and are derived from a tax on the privilege of operating motor vehicles on public highways and recreational watercraft on waterways in Illinois. It is paid by distributors and suppliers, who collect the tax from their customers. The Road and Bridge Tax Fund is collected by the County from property taxes.

The 2008 Road Resurfacing program spanned 2.37 miles and included the installation of 423 feet of under-road culverts and 8 under drive culverts for drainage improvement. Bids were solicited through IDOT and A Lamp Concrete Contractors Inc. was awarded the contract for the work at a cost of \$498,910.00. The under driveway culvert work was performed by Cuba Township.

There were also some unanticipated costs with the repair of a collapsed under road culvert at Kimberly and Pheasant Run, Pinewoods and Pooks Hill, and Oxford Road at Flint Creek. Drainage upgrades were also required on Hillandale Court. A very busy roads season!



Snowplowing. Cuba Township provides snowplowing services for the Village of North Barrington. Due to last year's heavy snowfall, almost all salt supplies were exhausted by the end of January, and a sand/salt mix was used for the remaining portion of the winter. The Township will be utilizing more of this sand/salt mix this year due not only to the skyrocketing cost of salt and its availability, but also in view of the environmental effects of salt usage. The Village of North Barrington and the Cuba Township Road District are "going green" and drastically reducing the amount of salt used on Village roadways. Excessive road salt has negative effects on the environment, human health, and ground water systems. Salt also affects the vegetation along the roadway where the salt is being applied. The Road District will continue to provide efficient snow and ice removal on the Village roadways, but due to the decrease in salt use, do not expect "clean asphalt" after a heavy snowfall. Driving in snow and ice requires slower driving speeds for all vehicles, plows as well as residential traffic. The best advice for driving in bad winter weather is not to drive at all, if you can avoid it. Don't go out until the snow plows have had a chance to do their work and allow extra time to reach your destination.

Overnight Parking Prohibited. It is unlawful to park any vehicle on any street within the Village between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Cars parked overnight will be ticketed by the Lake County Sheriff's Police. This is especially important during the winter snowplowing season. If a vehicle impedes snowplow equipment, the vehicle may be towed in order for proper street clearance.

Cuba Township Free Firewood Program. Split firewood is now available for pick up for township residents. Pick up days are Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Highway Department, 28000 W. Cuba Road in Barrington. Residents are limited to the amount of wood that would fit into a typical car trunk. For further information, contact the Highway Department at (847) 381-7793.

Dog Owners. Residents are reminded that 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 and subject to fine. Dog waste is an environmental pollutant and can impact the quality of the area's water supply. Pet waste is also a health risk to pets and people, especially children. Help keep our Village clean and healthy for all by doing your part and picking up after your pet and disposing properly.

Toys for Tots. Yearly, the Village of North Barrington provides collection boxes for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. The Timberlake Civic Association held their annual toy drive and brought in an overwhelming number of generous gifts for the collection. Thank you to all the residents and especially the Timberlake Civic Association for making a difference in the lives of the less fortunate children in the area.



Barrington/Cuba Township Have a Heart Food Drive. Barrington Township and Cuba Township have joined together for their 8th annual February Have a Heart Food Drive on Saturday, February 14, 2009 from 9 a.m. to noon. Drop off donations at Barrington Countryside Fire Station #1, Public Safety Building, 400 N. Northwest Highway, Barrington. All donations are used to aid Barrington area residents. Donations of non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated. Checks can also be accepted for the Angel Fund (Barrington Township) or Cuba Township Food Pantry. Direct questions to Cheryl Tanaka or Kate Formichella at Cuba Township (847) 381-1924 or Barbara Janssen at Barrington Township (847) 381-5632.



Christmas Tree Pick Up. Waste Management will pick up Christmas trees for chipping on January 6th, 13th and 20th. All trees must be free from decorations and should be placed with the trunk closest to the street. Please remove from bags; trees in disposal bags will not be picked up.

Vehicle Stickers. Residents are reminded that vehicle stickers are required for all vehicles in the Village. Every owner of a motor vehicle or motorcycle that is registered to a North Barrington address is required to have a vehicle sticker. These vehicle stickers are not only mandatory, but also provide an important source of Village revenue. Fees collected are used towards road improvements on the Village's roadways. Applications for the 2008/2009 stickers have just been mailed out. If you have misplaced yours or did not receive one, please contact the Village Hall or download a form from the Village's website, www.northbarrington.org. Rates for a passenger automobile are \$10 per sticker; other rates apply for motorcycles, recreational vehicles and trucks. Vehicle sticker applications are due by March 31st or a penalty rate is applied. Call the Village Office if you need additional information.

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

January

- 5 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 6 Environmental & Health Commission
- 12 Plan Commission
- 13 Zoning Board of Appeals
- 28 Village Board

February

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

March

- 2 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 3 Environmental & Health Commission
- 9 Plan Commission
- 10 Zoning Board of Appeals
- 18 Village Board

April

- 6 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 7 Environmental & Health Commission
- 13 Plan Commission
- 14 Zoning Board of Appeals
- 29 Village Board



Annual Fall Festival. This year's Fall Festival was a HUGE success! Thank you to the Parks and Recreation Commission and all our volunteers for making the event one of the best ever! Once again, we couldn't have asked for better weather for the well-attended event – sunny skies with temperatures ranging from the high 70's to the low 80's; three weeks into the fall season. Patch 22 was on hand for pony rides, a petting zoo, as well as scenic hayrides through Biltmore's tree lined streets. Slide blues guitarist Kraig Kenning accompanied by Jim Siedel on electric bass entertained all ages with music and lyrics. Magician Randy Bernstein strolled the crowd performing slight of hand, as well as a short show for the kids. Lake Zurich's Bella Lukes served up approximately 500 hot dogs and brats to hungry, appreciative residents. And of course, the favorite for the kids, snowcones, popcorn and cotton candy served up by sticky middle school volunteers. The Fall Festival is sponsored by the Village of North Barrington with support from Midwest Bank.

The Parks Commission hosted other events at Eton Park this summer including two summer concerts, a family movie night, and the Ricky Raccoon Preschool Day Camp held in conjunction with the Foglia YMCA. Planning for park events is a year-long task, and the Commission members are congratulated on their continued success as well as commended on all their hard work. Commission members include Jennifer Haidu, Ann Kafka, Patrick Ryan, Andrew Seagren and Lloyd Struttman. Goodbyes are in order for Commission Chair Kathy Kubick and Vice Chair Cathy Howes who both stepped down from their positions on the Commission at the conclusion of the Fall Festival. If you are interested in volunteering to help with any of the events and/or a position on the Commission, contact the Village Hall.



Once again, a big THANK YOU goes out to **Biltmore Country Club** and in particular Golf Course Superintendent Brian Thomson for all the Park. This includes mulch tents for camp and park functions keeping expertise which keeps crew recently gave the Biltmore back overgrown brush, removing path. The Village thanks Biltmore their continued dedication to the Village's public park and walking trail.

Thank you!

maintainance work performed at Eton placement, equipment repair, installing as well as turf care. It is their grounds Eton Park looking its best. Brian and his Drive walking path a clean up by cutting dead limbs as well as mulching the Country Club and Brian and his crew for

50/50 Tree Planting Program. The Village Forester chose the Catalpa Tree for this year's 50/50 tree planting program. This is the fourth year the Village has sponsored the program where the Village pays half of the cost of purchasing and planting an approximate two to two and a half inch diameter tree on private property. The total cost has been \$400 per tree for the past four years, and has previously featured the Hackberry, Kentucky, Coffeetree and Pacific Sunset Maple. Other requirements of the program include that the tree must be planted in the front or side yard at a location approved by the Village Forester and there is a limit of one tree per household. Next year, in honor of the Village's 50th Birthday, the Forester is looking into offering an Oak Tree for the program. A mailing will go out in early September of 2009 and planting is generally in mid October.



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Village Board – generally meets the 4th Wednesday of the month, but the December meeting will be on the third Wednesday due to holiday schedule. Residents Welcome

Village President Bruce Sauer

Legal

Trustee Pete Boland

Parks & Recreation Commission

Trustee Jane Farrell

Finance, Plan Commission

Trustee Camille Koertner

Police, Fire, Public Safety

Trustee Mark Kolar

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