

Village of North Barrington

Spring



VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON NEWSLETTER

SPRING, 2008

FROM THE DESK OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT – APRIL 2008

Our way of life, rural surroundings with easy access to urban goods and services, is under siege and quite frankly the bad guys are winning. Canadian National is attempting to buy the EJ&E Railways in order to establish their own freight line around Chicago. This line will be dedicated to serving the growing avalanche of Asian imports. CN is paying \$300 million for the line and has dedicated another \$100 million to improvements that will connect the EJ&E to their existing railways.

They are virulently opposed to taking responsibility for mitigation of at grade crossings. Since the “railroad was there first” CN believes that if the residents don’t like it they can live somewhere else. The impact to traffic congestion, the potential safety hazards, the air quality deterioration and numerous other concerns that have been well defined are, according to CN, “the not in my back yard” problems of spoiled communities who do not recognize the larger good. While CN tries to trumpet the “broad rail transportation efficiency and environmental benefits” of their plan, they fail to emphasize that the beneficiaries are the communities they are leaving not those of us who live along the EJ&E.

The citizens of the impacted communities have not taken this challenge lightly. Town meetings and personal statements have provided the federal Surface Transportation Board (the governmental body that oversees rail acquisitions) with an overwhelming response opposed to the deal. The STB acknowledges that the negative response is unprecedented in their history.

Roughly 40 communities in Will, DuPage and Lake Counties are uniting to present a single front against this “294” of foreign freight. Villages and state officials are spending unlimited hours building a coalition of opposition to this impending nightmare . . . and yet all of our efforts have little impact on the process because the ruling body is federal.

The STB has ordered a full environmental impact statement (EIS) be done as part of the decision process. They have read all of our letters, heard all of our arguments and will shortly announce the parameters of their study. Therein lays our fate. It is imperative that the STB have objective, self generated data that determines the need and degree of mitigation at each grade crossing. Railway generated numbers or community originated figures will be open to opposition challenge and degraded credibility. Traffic congestion data must be provided by an equally objective source that takes into consideration the immediate daily delays commuters and locals will suffer, as well as emergency access to health care delays that are potentially life threatening. These figures must be developed for each individual community and then compiled as a regional impact. Additionally, real estate value fluctuations for all homes and businesses along the line must be considered. This accumulation of information will require the help of real estate professionals, community chambers of commerce and village governments. And it will all take time. CN doesn’t want to wait. The use of the EJ&E for freight is a 100 year investment promising staggering profitability that CN can generate immediately.

The longer and the more in-depth the EIS, the greater the likelihood that the information developed will generate mitigation requirements that will run into the billions of dollars and will take years of construction to complete. Large costs coupled with long delays will chase CN from this deal.

The STB must generate data from every crossing and every community, carefully analyzed and distilled, until the real impact of this acquisition is fully understood. It’s called transparency and it is what we expect and demand from those who make decisions on our behalf. It’s time for our United

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States House and Senate representatives to make sure the depth of the environmental impact statement is appropriate. They can't define a meeting with CN officials or a letter stating their opposition as "the best they can do". They cannot sit on the sidelines asking communities to develop a mitigation wish list, or force local governments to somehow prioritize at grade crossing needs. The development of that information by our villages would waste scarce local assets, eat away precious time, and may or may not be acceptable data for STB consideration. This is a federal level process that they alone can impact. The time for leadership, the time to stand up for the people who put them into office is now. If they cannot, or if they make excuses about the difficulty of the task, then they need to be replaced.

US Representative Melissa Bean (202) 225-3711
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Senator Barack Obama (202)224-2854

Call them; inundate them with requests demanding an environmental impact statement that examines all the issues, in all the communities, at all grade crossings, on all the roads and at every home. Remind them that while CN is talking about goods and dollars, we're talking about lives. The CN acquisition of the EJ&E will destroy Barrington and forever diminish the flavor and value of life in North Barrington.

This is the fight. This is the one time in your life when you must get involved. Demand action from our representatives. It's what being an American is all about. To stay updated, consult the coalition's website www.fightrailcongestion.com.



Bruce Sauer, Village President

NEWS

VILLAGE BOARD APPOINTS NEW TRUSTEE. Trustee Rick Contorno stepped down from his position as Village Trustee in December of 2007 due to time constraints. Trustee Contorno had served on the Board of Trustees since elected to the position in April of 2005. The Village would like to thank Trustee Contorno for all his time and effort spent in the last three years on the Village's behalf.

The Village welcomes Trustee Camille Koertner to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Koertner was appointed to the Board in February to serve the un-expired term of Trustee Contorno. Trustee Koertner moved to North Barrington in 1999 with her husband Bill and two children from Springfield, Illinois and has served on the Plan Commission since 2005. Trustee Koertner is retired, but volunteers with the Mobile Dental clinic through Northwest Community Hospital. She will oversee the Police/Fire/Public Safety matters for the Village, serve as a liaison to the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership and is appointed to the board of Directors of SWALCO.

The Village relies on many dedicated volunteers to serve on the four commissions including Parks & Recreation, Planning, Zoning, Environmental & Health as well as the Village Board. We thank all of our volunteers for giving of their time and talents; this Village could not run without them! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Village Hall.

BACOG LOBBIES ON BEHALF OF BARRINGTON AREA. The member governments of the Barrington Area Council of Governments work together to promote the unique needs of the region. Staff and officials speak with state and federal lawmakers and other councils of government, and they use the 2008 BACOG Legislative Platform as their tool for communication. The Platform was developed by the BACOG Legislative Committee and adopted by the BACOG Executive Board.

BACOG village presidents and township supervisors present the Platform, which stresses local needs relative to rail roads, pension, disconnection of property, and groundwater, at events with lawmakers. A *Legislative Breakfast* was held in February with Lake County Municipal League and state representatives and senators from Lake, Cook and McHenry Counties. BACOG held a drive-down to Springfield and Lobby Day on March 5-6th. Staff, presidents and supervisors met with state lawmakers and attended committee meetings where legislation of interest to BACOG was being considered. During the lobby day, BACOG co-hosted a reception and dinner with McHenry County Council of Governments for officials who are key to township and municipal issues.

The BACOG office also takes action by writing, calling and working with legislators. We are fortunate to have Senator Pamela Althoff sponsoring a property disconnection initiative on BACOG's behalf. This initiative would help to stabilize municipal boundaries and preventing developers from undermining comprehensive plans.

BACOG submitted several letters of opposition and comment on the Canadian National Rail Road's proposed purchase of the EJ&E. Comments to the US Surface Transportation Board (STB) examined groundwater and water supply concerns in depth, including an examination of wells, recharge areas and surface waters in the vicinity of rail. BACOG communicated its belief that the environmental impact statement for the transaction should include greater consideration of: land use and regional/comprehensive planning; existing rail design and conditions; safety concerns for emergency response; potential for hazardous materials spills; traffic congestion and emissions pollution; impacts on native vegetation and wildlife; and other concerns.

For more information regarding BACOG, please logon to www.bacog.org, or contact Janet Agnoletti, Executive Director, at (847) 381-7871.

BE APART OF THE 11TH YEAR OF RELAY FOR LIFE OF BARRINGTON! The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that brings together more than 3.5 million people every year to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remembered loved ones lost, and empower individuals and communities to fight back against a disease that takes too much from too many. This fundraising event involves teams of participants taking turns walking the track for 12 hours in an effort to fight cancer. The Relay for Life will take place at Good Shepherd Hospital on June 14th starting at 6 p.m. For more information contact the American Cancer Society 1-800-ACS-2345 or consult their website www.cancer.org.



MOSQUITOES – RESIDENTS SHOULD REPORT STANDING WATER FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL. The Village of North Barrington has contracted with Clarke Mosquito Control this summer to provide inspections and treatment of mosquito breeding sites throughout the Village – retention ponds, drainage ditches and wetlands. Hundreds of acres will be treated by hand, backpack and helicopter within the Village and Cuba Township to reduce nuisance mosquito populations and help prevent the spread of West Nile Virus. Additionally, Clarke will provide adult mosquito control (spraying) to the Village during the summer based on local and regional adult mosquito surveillance.

Homeowners in the Village are encouraged to report stagnant water (3 days or more) on their property this summer to the “Clarke Mosquito Hotline” at (800) 942-2555. Residents may also use the hotline to be notified the day of adult mosquito control activities.

Residents should take additional steps to protect themselves and their families from mosquito bites by utilizing insect repellents that contain DEET or Picaridin. In addition, at least once or twice a week, empty the water from flower pots, kiddie swimming pools, pet food and water dishes, birdbaths and swimming pool covers.

Environmental News

DAYS & HOURS BURNING PERMITTED. The Village has changed its Ordinance regarding burning as of December 17, 2007. **Landscape burns** may be conducted January through December any day between 12:00 p.m. and 5 p.m. but not on any national holiday. **Leaf burns** may only be conducted April 1 to May 31 and October 1 to November 30 on Thursday and Sunday between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. but not on any national holiday. 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 (SWALCO) website www.co.lake.il.us/swalco/disposal/yardwaste.asp.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

SEASONAL YARDWASTE PROGRAM. The program begins April 1, 2008 and ends November 28, 2008. The service is \$65.82 for the season and allows for unlimited 32 gallon 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 weighing 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 offers 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.

GARBAGE PICK UP. Village ordinance requires that all garbage must be kept in cans with tight-fitting lids and be stored where they cannot be seen from the street. Garbage and recycling containers may not be placed for pick up sooner than 24 hours prior to the scheduled time and date for pick up. Containers and bins should be promptly removed after pick up. Thanks for doing your part to keep North Barrington looking its best.

TOTER CARTS. Residents are reminded that toter carts are available for rental. Residents can choose from a 96 or 64 gallon Trash Cart as well as A 35 gallon Recycle Cart. Prices are \$1.25/ Month for each.

SWALCO

In 1989, Lake County became the first county in Illinois to adopt a solid waste management plan in compliance with the Illinois Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act. The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) was formed in 1991 to implement the Lake County Solid Waste Management Plan, and currently is comprised of members from 42 municipalities, including Lake County and Great Lakes NTC, representing at least 85% of the county's population.

“Solid Waste Management” is the planned and organized management of solid waste in an environmentally and economically sound manner. Solid waste management encompasses management of the generation, storage, collection, transfer, transportation, processing, reuse, recycling, incineration, energy recover and landfilling of solid waste. It includes all administrative, financial, educational, environmental, legal, planning, marketing and operational aspects of the management of solid wastes.

SWALCO sponsors Household Chemical Waste and Household Electronics Collections which are held at locations throughout Lake County. Check their website for events throughout the area www.co.lake.il.us/swalco or phone them at 847.336.9340.

RECYCLING. Through SWALCO, the Village of North Barrington and Waste Management have a contract for regular pickup of garbage and recyclables. This contract contains a provision that requires Waste Management to pay a per ton rebate to the Village, depending on the volume of recyclables collected. All residents are encouraged to maximize their weekly output of recyclables, not just for financial reasons, but for the greater good of reducing the level of pollution caused by cans, bottles, plastics and paper goods.



GO GREEN WITH RAIN BARRELS AND COMPOST BINS.

A **rain barrel** is a system that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that can later be used to water your garden or lawn on “no-rain” days. Diverting water from your downspout into your rain barrel

has many advantages including: good back up source of water during times of drought or between rain showers; reduces the need for additional tax dollars earmarked for drainage; and helps keep our lakes, streams and rivers clean. A **compost bin** can be used to create rich humus to add to your garden by composting kitchen waste and garden debris. Compost bins are convenient, easy-to-use containers that are about the size of a large trash barrel. Both items can be found by contacting the Lake County Forest Preserve at 847-367-6640 or visiting their website, www.lcfd.org/rainbarrels. Lake County Stormwater Management Commission is also selling rain barrels, and information can be found at their website, www.co.lake.il.us/smc/citizens/Rain%20Barrels.asp.

RAIN GARDENS. A rain garden is simply a shallow depression in your yard that is planted with native wetland or wet prairie wildflowers and grasses. It is designed to naturally collect water that runs off from your roof or is discharged from your sump pump. Rain gardens make good use of stormwater runoff; conserving precious water supplies and helping protect water quality in downstream lakes and streams. Rain gardens provide food and shelter for birds, butterflies and beneficial insects, such as mosquito eating dragonflies. More information

can be found at Lake County’s website www.co.lake.il.us/smc/bmp/raingarden.asp The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources also has an informational website dnr.wi.gov/runoff/rg.

FLINT CREEK. The Village of North Barrington is a member of 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. Individuals and groups are encouraged to get involved with the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, April 29th at 10 a.m. at the Barrington Hills Village Hall, 112 Algonquin Road, Barrington Hills. Further information can be found on their website, www.flintcreekwatershed.org.

Last fall Village officials, staff members and residents walked the length of the creek within the Village limits to get a visual assessment of the creek. While the Village is aware of and has plans to replace existing undersized culverts, there are also many areas with excessive erosion and blockages caused by dead wood and debris. The Village is working with the Partnership to formulate a plan for the clean up of Flint Creek in the Village. Stay tuned for more information and volunteer opportunities.



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 waste properly.

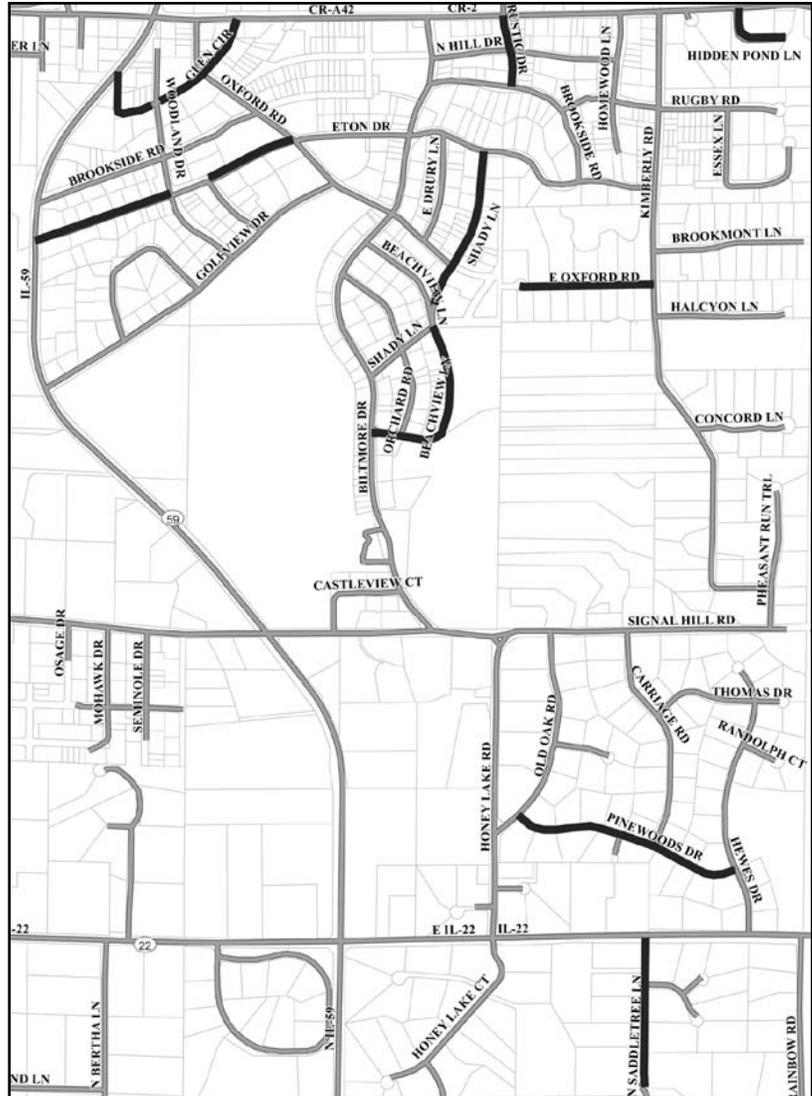
Roads Update

2008 Road Program.

Roads slated for resurfacing this year as part of the 2008 Road Program include Beachview Lane from Shady Lane to Biltmore Drive, East Oxford Road, Eton Drive from Route 59 to Woodland Drive and from Woodbine place to Oxford Road, Glen Circle, Hidden Pond Lane, Pinewoods Drive, Rustic Drive, Saddletree Lane, Shady Lane from Beachview Lane to Eton Drive and Wooded Lane. The bidding process will be held this spring with the work to be performed late summer.

The Village will utilize its existing **Culvert 50/50 Cost Share Program** with the 2008 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 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.

North Barrington 2008 Road Maintenance Schedule



Barrington Area to Participate in Mail and On-line Needs Assessments

The Barrington Area United Way and the Healthier Barrington Project are sponsoring a mail survey and an on-line environmental survey that allow you to share what you feel is most important to you to keep our area a healthy place to live, work and play. If your household receives a mail survey, please respond. Take the brief environmental survey at www.uirockford.com. Here's an opportunity to make a difference – your opinion counts.

Parks & Recreation News

SUMMER EVENTS AT ETON PARK

RICKY RACCOON PRESCHOOL DAY CAMP. The preschool day camp program, for ages 3–6 years, is run in collaboration with the Village of North Barrington Parks and Recreation Commission and the Foglia YMCA. All sessions run from 9:00 a.m. till noon and are held at Eton Park. Session One will be held June 17-19 (T,W,TH); Session Two July 14-18 (M-F), and Session Three July 29-31 (T,W,TH). Registration deadline is one week prior to the first day of camp. For more information contact the Foglia YMCA at (847) 438-5300.

SATURDAY CONCERTS. The Parks and Recreation Commission will host two concerts at Eton Park this summer. The **Harper Steel Drum Band**, whose contemporary repertoire includes Trinidad's latest calypsos, and original works for steel band by Director, Paul Ross and composer Steve Flowers will perform on Saturday, June 14th from 6 to 8 p.m. **Bopology** a jazz and Frank Sinatra group who feature the big band sounds of Duke Ellington with the vocal style of the 'Rat Pack' will perform on Saturday, July 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. These casual, early evening concerts are a great place for picnics with family and friends.

STORIES IN THE PARK. The Barrington Area Library brings storytime to you! Librarians will share stories, songs, and a craft at Eton Park, Monday, August 4th at 10:00 a.m. No registration required. Children should be accompanied by a caregiver.

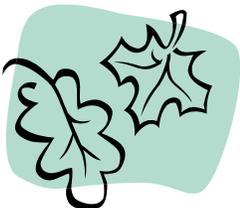
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. The Commission will host a Family Movie Night featuring "ET" on August 30th at 8 p.m. Bring the family and some blankets to enjoy a movie under the stars.

BASA SOCCER CAMP. June 23-25, 2008. Various camps for all ages running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check their website for full details www.BASA.net.

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.

PARK DISTRICT 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.



SAVE THE DATE: North Barrington's Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for October 12th!

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Village Board – generally meets the 4th
Wednesday of the month. Residents Welcome

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Police, Fire, Public Safety

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