

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON

111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD

NORTH BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS 60010

A Message from Eleanor Sweet McDonnell

President, Village of North Barrington

Sweet Update

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

On behalf of myself, John Lobaito, Sue Murdy and the staff of Village of North Barrington, we want to wish you a wonderful and blessed 2026 for you, your family, friends and pets.

I wanted to share with you some exciting recent updates from our Village and what we accomplished in 2025 on your behalf with the hard work of the staff and various Commissions.

Grassmere, Haverton and Oaksbury (GHO) Drainage Improvement Recent Update:

The design engineering plans are completed, and the Village has submitted plans to the US Army Corp of Engineers, IEPA, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, and the Illinois Department of Transportation for review and approval.

On January 21, 2026, the Village Board authorized staff to advertise for the solicitation of bids.

The Village Board has tentatively set March 18, 2026, to award the contract to the successful bidder.

The overall project design and construction is dependent on securing 14 easements from private property owners. The Village has secured 12 and are in discussion with the remaining 2 property owners.

The project start date is expected to begin in the Summer 2026. (See special insert for further details and history on the GHO Project.)

The Year 2025 was a busy year for the Village of North Barrington.

1. The Village made improvements to Leonard Park Walking Path by adding a stone walking surface to replace the wood mulch path. The path looks great and can be utilized more often throughout the year.
2. In March the Village Board signed an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission that approved the \$2.5 million funding the GHO stormwater project. North Barrington is 1 of 14 communities in

Lake County receiving grant funds for stormwater improvement projects.

3. 25th year of being recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation.
4. Increased the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) by \$700,000 by transferring surplus funds from the General Operating Fund. **This fund is used exclusively to fund the capital needs of the Village.** The Village has purposely increased the CPF funds from \$2.4 million to \$4.7 million over the past two years to fund upcoming capital projects.
5. Rehabilitated 1.24 miles of streets.
6. In June the Village Board approved a professional services agreement with Kimley Horn to develop a 5-year master Parks & Recreation plan. Community surveys were completed, and stakeholder interviews were conducted to elicit input on the community recreational needs.
7. Renewed a 3-year intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Lake Barrington and Lake County for police services.
8. Entered into a 4-year Agreement with Ela Township to provide public works services to the Village.
9. Approved a Tax Levy in the amount of \$811,449. This represents a total of \$34,000 increase over the prior year's tax levy. Increase is due mostly to the increase in police protection services.
10. Hired Camiros, a planning firm specializing in developing plans and codes for communities. Camiros is rewriting the Village Zoning Code. The zoning regulations have become outdated. The Village is updating the code to more closely match the needs of the Village residents when participating in the permit application process.

None of this could have been accomplished without the wonderful support of our great staff. Also thank you to our Trustees and Commission members that volunteered their time in 2025 to continue to help our Village get stronger and better in serving you the residents and your families.

Warm regards,
Eleanor

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FULL GHO PROJECT UPDATE

Grassmere, Haverton, and Oaksbury (GHO) Drainage Improvements Project Background

For many years, the Village has experienced flooding on Haverton Way, IL 59, Grassmere Farms, and in the Oaksbury Subdivisions during heavy rain events. The cause of the flooding is due to failed drainage systems that traverse private property. These drainage systems that are mostly open drainage channels, old drain tiles, and swales through the Grassmere Farm subdivision, Haverton on the Pond subdivision, and Oaksbury subdivisions. These stormwater conveyance facilities have been failing for many years.

In addition, the stormwater culvert under IL 59 has failed and is preventing storm water from passing through the culvert (west to east). Instead, the stormwater overtops the IL 59 pavement when the storage capacity of the Haverton on the Pond detention area is exceeded on the west side of IL 59. The private drainage systems on the east side of IL 59 responsible for providing stormwater conveyance from IL 59 east and northward to IL 22 have degraded and are contributing to the rise in water levels in this area, increasing the standing water on private property and public streets.

The Oaksbury Subdivision, more specifically, Duck Pond Ln. and private property is inundated with stormwater from time to time during heavy rain events. This is caused by undersized stormwater conveyance channels downstream of the Oaksbury Pond located at the end of Duck Pond Ln.

Why is the Village Constructing This Project?

The area impacted by the flooding is significant and encompasses more than 300 acres and impacts more than 40 parcels including properties outside of the Village of North Barrington. A project of this magnitude can only be accomplished by a partnership with multiple governmental agencies and stakeholders. No homeowner's association or private property owner can make the necessary changes to improve the regional flooding that is occurring.

The flooding is causing a significant safety concern for motorists on IL 59. The flooding is causing public infrastructure to fail, namely Haverton Way in the Haverton on the Pond subdivision, and IL Route 59. This past winter, IL 59 was closed for seven (7) days due to ice formation on the highway due to the failed stormwater culvert under IL 59. Certain private property owners are also seeing a rise in water levels on their property.

It should be noted that when the project is completed, **NO** additional storm water will be conveyed to properties in Oaksbury Subdivision or to downstream property owners. The flow of storm water into the Oaksbury area is restricted by the existing storm water restrictor which was constructed in the northern berm structure at the north end of the Grassmere Farms detention area. The restrictor controls the volume of stormwater discharge which is conveyed to a stormwater box culvert under IL 22. The water flows from south to north. The restricted flow under the IL 22 has been in place for many years and is not being altered.

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GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 17, 2026

VOTE BY MAIL

Mail in ballots will be accepted from February 5, 2026, to March 16, 2026.

Post Marking Letters Change

The USPS has clarified that the postmark date now reflects the first automated processing operation at the USPS facility, **NOT** the date the mail was dropped off.

This change means that the date on the postmark may be later than the date the mail was actually mailed.

To ensure a postmark on the date of delivery, individuals must enter the post office to receive the delivery date postmark.

LOCAL EARLY VOTING SITES

March 2 – March 14
Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday Closed

Village of Deer Park Vehe Barn
23570 W. Cuba Rd., Deer Park

Wauconda Township Office
505 W. Bonner Rd., Wauconda

LOCAL EARLY VOTING SITES WITH EXTENDED HOURS

March 2 – March 8

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 9 – March 15

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 16
Monday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Lake Barrington Village Hall
23860 N. Old Barrington Rd., Lake Barrington

ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, March 17, 2026
Voting Open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE YOU ARE ABLE TO VOTE AT ANY
VOTING LOCATION WITHIN LAKE COUNTY.**

**PLEASE GO TO THE LINK BELOW TO ACCESS A
BALLOT AND VIEW YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION
CARD AND PRECINCT NUMBER**

<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/351/Voter-Power-for-Registered-Voters>

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION UPDATE

The Environmental and Health Commission welcomed Steve Kahn as the new Chairperson in 2025. Thank you, Steve!



VOTING LOCATIONS

CUBA TOWNSHIP:

Cuba 69 Village of Tower Lakes,
400 N. Hwy 59
Tower Lakes, IL 60010

Cuba 74 Lake Barrington Village Hall
23860 N. Old Barrington Road
Lake Barrington, IL 60010-7501

Cuba 75 Langendorf Park, 235 Lions Drive
Barrington, IL 60010-3103

ELA TOWNSHIP:

Ela 79 Village of Hawthorn Woods
Aquatic Center
94 Midlothian Road,
Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047-6829

Ela 84 Ela Area Public Library
275 Mohawk Trail
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Ela 92 Village of Deer Park Vehe Barn
Ela 102 23570 W. Cuba Road
Deer Park, IL 60010-2490

SPOTLIGHT

****PERSON OF INTEREST ****

James (Jim) Colella Appointed as Trustee

Trustee James (Jim) Colella was appointed at our January 2026 Board Meeting to complete the unexpired term of Trustee Morrow who moved out of the Village.

Jim and Rochelle and their family have lived in the Village of North Barrington for 22 years.

Jim has a 30 year+ background in residential planning, land development, municipal relationships and residential finance, give him a unique background as a Trustee member of our current Board. He has experience in real estate, home building and the finance arenas.

Jim received his degree from Western Illinois University.

Jim served as a Plan Commission member for the Village of North Barrington. Prior to moving to North Barrington, he also served on the Village of Gurnee Plan Commission.

“ I wish to see the Village retain its special semi-rural character through thoughtful development as well as maintain financial stability through careful budgeting and planning. ” Jim Colella.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

5-Year Comprehensive Master Parks & Recreation Plan Update

In June 2025, the Village hired the consulting firm of Kimley -Horn to guide the process of developing a 5-year comprehensive plan for the Village owned parks and open space. The Community Surveys, Listening Sessions, and stakeholder interviews have been concluded, and the project remains on schedule for completion this summer.

Thank you to the residents who responded to the survey and attended community feedback sessions! We will continue to keep you posted on the project.

VILLAGE NEWS E-BLASTS

Please go to the Village website at www.northbarrington.org to sign up for important news updates via email.

PERMIT REMINDER

Just a reminder if you are doing a project inside or outside of your home, and are unsure if a permit is needed, please call the Village Hall 847-381-6000.

THANK YOU CORNER

New Appointments 2025

Frank Fontana	Parks & Recreation Commission
Tony Kircher	Parks & Recreation Commission
Tammie Mahoney	Parks & Recreation Commission
Dennis O'Shaughnessy	Plan Commission

Reappointments 2025

David Lauffer	Chairperson, Parks & Recreation
Kasia Lazar	Park & Recreation Commission
Dwight Bennett	Park & Recreation Commission
Tammie Mahoney	Parks & Recreation Commission
Frank Fontana	Parks & Recreation Commission
Tatiana Blinova	Plan Commission

2026 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

7:00 p.m.

Village Hall, 111 Old Barrington Rd., Lower level.

February 18, 2026
March 18, 2026
April 15, 2026
May 20, 2026
June 17, 2026
July 15, 2026

August 19, 2026
September 16, 2026
October 21, 2026
November 18, 2026
December 16, 2026

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Board of Trustees

Village President

Eleanor Sweet-McDonnell
Finance, Emergency Mgt.

Trustee James Colella
Plan Commission

Trustee Sarah L. Creviston
Public Safety

Trustee Robin Kelleher
Parks & Recreation

Trustee Rick Mignano
Zoning Board of Appeals

Trustee Martin Pais
Roads, Utilities & Stormwater Mgt.

Trustee Mark Vandenberg
Environmental & Health & SWALCO

Contact Information

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Village Hall Hours
Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Village Hall Office Staff
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Administrative Assistant, Sue Murdy