

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,

I wanted to wish you and your family a wonderful 2025 as we go forward with this new year.

While I have been out meeting residents around the Village, I realize that we are blessed with a lot of new residents that have moved into our Village in the last four years.

Some of you may not be aware that when I was sworn in during my first term in April 2019, we enacted the "Guiding Principles". This is a simple document that I felt would help the community understand how the Board, various Commissions and staff work to serve you better.

I have included a copy of this document for your convenience in this newsletter.

In addition, the Board has adopted a Civility Pledge we renew every two years, or when new Trustees join the Board, detailing how the Village operates.

The Village of North Barrington believes that everyone, including our staff, should be treated with dignity, kindness and respect.

In 2023 while I was going door to door, I shared with some of the residents that I was a "volunteer President (Mayor)". This seemed to be "new" information to many people I met.

The Village President and Board of Trustees are all elected positions without compensation working as volunteers. This has been true since the Village was incorporated (founded) in 1959. In Illinois, municipalities are generally either a city or village. Although they are different names, there is no difference in power given by the state of Illinois. Municipalities incorporated as a Village (North Barrington) are typically governed by a president and trustees that are elected by district or at-large. The president and trustees in North Barrington are elected at-large. Conversely, cities are generally governed by a mayor and alderpersons that may be elected by district or at large.

Like most corporations in the private sector, the Village President operates as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Our President, along with the Board of Trustees is the legislative side of North Barrington's Village governance primarily charged with setting policy and approving expenditures of money. Approval of expenditure begins with the approval of the annual budget.

The staff, led by the Village Administrator, is appointed by the Village President with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees. The authority given to the Administrator can be found in the Village Code. The Administrator can be thought of as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). This position is appointed, not elected and is a compensated position, not voluntary. The compensation is set by the President and Board of Trustees. The Administrator of the Village is charged with implementing decisions of the elected officials and manages the day-to-day operation of the Village.

I expect 2025 to be an exciting year for the Village of North Barrington.

1. We will keep you posted as we continue to move forward with the GHO (Grassmere, Haverton, Oaksbury) Stormwater project. I expect an update for you this spring after the necessary easements have been secured.
2. In addition, we will update the residents this summer regarding the development and implementation of the 5-Year Master Park & Recreation Plan that has been initiated.

I would like to at this time thank all the Environmental and Health Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Plan Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals members for all their wonderful volunteer help during 2024 and this upcoming year.

Thank you for your support, kind words and appreciation for all the hard work we are all doing together to help make the Village of North Barrington a better place to live.

Warm regards,

Eleanor Sweet-McDonnell,
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Village of North Barrington Guiding Principles

Our Promise to You:

1. We serve you, the residents. You will always be the primary focus of our attention.
2. We will treat everyone and each other with respect, dignity, and kindness.
3. We will not take any action that, based on the information we have at the time, would negatively affect you or your families' safety.
4. We will not make any decision that, based on the information we have at the time, negatively impacts your home values.
5. When making decisions, we will consider the impact on the entire community first.
6. We will conduct the Village business with transparency and in accordance with all applicable laws.
7. We will endeavor to reduce any budget deficits and to bring our expenditures in balance with our available revenues and resources.

Spotlight

****Person of Interest ****

Trustee Rick Mignano was appointed at our September 2024 Board Meeting to complete the unexpired term of Trustee Kevin Horcher who moved out of the Village.

Rick and his wife Linda have been residents of the Village in the Timbercreek subdivision for over 35 years. Rick has served on the Timbercreek HOA for over 25 years in addition to serving as the HOA President for more than 12 years.

Rick was a founder and President of Tech.Sell, an early sales automation and CRM System for 20 years. Rick is a graduate of Michigan State University.

During his retirement Rick is now an artist carving decorative waterfowl. His birds have earned him over 40 awards at the regional and national level. Rick also enjoys golf and bicycling.

Rick currently serves the Board as liaison for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

"For 30 plus years I've enjoyed the quiet natural environment that our Village provides. As Trustee, I look forward to being a trusted conduit for all residents."
Rick Mignano, Trustee, Village of North Barrington

Board Meeting Highlights & Updates

Leonard Park Walking Path: The Board of Trustees approved a contract to install a gravel walking path through Leonard Park. This project was part of the Parks & Recreation Commission's Five-Year Master Plan.

Street Program: This past summer, 1.24 miles of streets were repaved as part of the Villages bi-annual street maintenance program.

Trustee Appointments: The Board of Trustees confirmed the Village Presidents appointment of Trustee Sarah L. Creviston and Rick Mignano to fill two Trustee vacancies on the Village Board.

Zoning Ordinance Update: The Village Board approved a professional services agreement with Camiros, Ltd., to assist the Village in updating the Village Zoning Codes. There will be a comprehensive review of all zoning regulations.

Environmental and Health Commission Update

The Environmental and Health Commission hosted a well-attended resident Garden Walk. The event will be held again in 2025 due to its success. The Village will begin accepting resident registrations in the Spring of 2025 for residents that would like to submit their garden for consideration for the 2025 Garden Walk.



Parks and Recreation Commission Updates

The Commission hosts annually at Eton Park, a four-part Summer Concerts Series as well as the Annual Fall Festival which had a record number of attendees. This year the Commission oversaw the installation of an updated Nature Trail in Leonard Park. The Commission is in the final phase of engaging a consultant to develop a 5-year Comprehensive Master Parks and Recreation Plan. If you would like a copy of the Parks & Recreation 5-year work plan, please contact Sue Murdy (smurdy@northbarrington.org) at the Village Hall.



RECYCLING

The Village offers recycling for Small Electronics, Shoes, and Holiday Lights(through March 31). The bins are located outside in the North parking lot at the Village Hall in front of the garage. Open M-F 24/7.

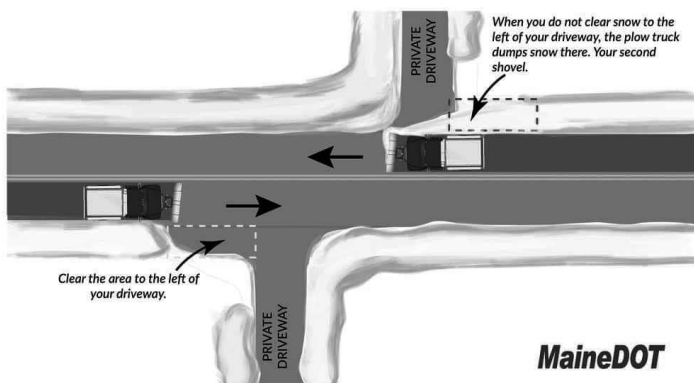
Textile Recycling – Cuba Township and the Elia Township Library offer textile recycling. Walmart in Lake Zurich offers Eye Glass recycling. The Lake Zurich American Legion, 51 Lyons Drive, Lake Zurich, IL 60047 offers recycling for American Flags.

Snow and Ice Control Operations

The Village contracts with Alan Horticulture LLC who purchased Mac's Property Management Services this year. If you need to contact them, please call Alan Horticulture at 815-943-4470 ext. 113 or Village Hall during regular business hours; M-F 8:30 am – 4:00 pm at (847) 381-6000.

- **Non-Village Streets:** Not all streets and/or highways in the Village of North Barrington are under Village control. **The Village does not provide snow and ice control on the following streets and/or highways.** Please contact the following agencies if you have questions regarding snow and ice control operations.
 - **Lake County Department of Transportation (847) 377-7400**
 - Miller Road
 - Timber Lake Rd.
 - **Illinois Department of Transportation (847) 705-4612**
 - Illinois Route 59
 - Illinois Route 22
- With snow and ice control operations in full swing, you can help keep our streets clear of ice and snow when clearing your driveway by depositing snow to the sides and not into the street after the plow truck comes through. Once the plow driver makes a pass down the street it is considered complete. Snow deposited on the street afterwards can ice up and create a hazard for others.

How to Prevent the "Second Shovel"!



2025 Golf Cart Registration

If you drive a golf cart on Village roads, please remember to register your golf cart with the Village. Registration is required annually. The "Rules of the Road" can be found on the Village website at www.northbarrington.org/golf-cart-information

Pace Bus Service

Please be aware that prior to making a reservation, a senior citizen or disabled person must call 800-273-5939 or 800-554-7599 to REGISTER IN THE SYSTEM. Reservations may be made Monday through Saturday between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. for rides during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. One day notice is required, and 7-day notice is required for medical trips. THE FARE IS \$2.00.

The service area includes Barrington, Good Shepherd Hospital, Lake Zurich, Deer Park, and Wauconda. For a complete list of locations please visit: <https://www.pacebus.com/dial-ride-services-lake-county>.

Sheriff's House Watch

Leaving home for an extended length of time? Did you know that you can request the Lake County Sheriff's Office perform random checks of your home while away? Call (847) 549-5200 to arrange a House Watch.

Public Safety-We Need Your Help

The Village receives complaints regarding vehicles speeding through our neighborhoods. This is unsafe for both motorists and residents for obvious reasons. We need your help in reporting this to law enforcement. When reported, the Lake County Sheriff can target the areas where they are getting complaints.

Please consider calling the Lake County Sheriff's Office at 847-549-5200 to report reckless driving or suspicious behavior.

Village News E-Blasts

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

COST SHARE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

The Village established a cost share tree planting policy on private property in North Barrington. The Village recognizes the importance trees have in the community. The planting of trees provides benefits to the community including improved property values, reduction in carbon dioxide, provides food and shelter for wildlife, stabilizes soil from erosion, has a cooling effect through transpiration, and provides a natural buffer between homes and roadways.

A resident may request financial reimbursement from the Village for the planting of a tree on private property located within the Village. The Village will reimburse the property owner up to 50% of the actual cost of the purchase and planting of the tree or \$300, whichever amount is less. Upon application, the following program guidelines shall apply:

- The quote must be from a nursery engaged in the business of selling and planting trees and include a one-year guarantee. The quote shall include the cost of the tree, species of the tree, caliper of the tree (minimum of 2 inches), planting cost and the one-year guarantee.
- The tree planting location must be marked by the owner and utilities located by JULIE, planted in the front or side yard, not located in the ROW and approved by the Village Forester.
- Applications will be first come first served and reimbursement is subject to the availability of Village funds.
- Homeowners are eligible for the program every other year.

Board Meetings-Live Stream

Watch Village Board meetings live every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Link to the meeting and 2024 meeting dates can be found on the Village website at www.northbarrington.org. The full Board Meeting packet is available on the Village Website two days prior to the meeting.

2025 Village Board Meeting Calendar

7:00 p.m.-Village Hall, 111 Old Barrington Rd., (lower level)

January 15, 2025
February 19, 2025
March 19, 2025
April 16, 2025
May 21, 2025
June 18, 2025

July 16, 2025
August 20, 2025
September 17, 2025
October 15, 2025
November 19, 2025
December 17, 2025

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Board of Trustees

Village President

Eleanor Sweet-McDonnell
Finance, Emergency Mgt.

Trustee Sarah L. Creviston
Public Safety

Trustee Robin Kelleher
Parks & Recreation

Trustee Rick Mignano
Zoning Board of Appeals

Trustee Neil Morrow
Plan Commission

Trustee Martin Pais
Roads, Utilities & Stormwater Mgt.

Trustee Mark Vandenberg
Environmental & Health & SWALCO

Contact Information Village of North Barrington

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

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