

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON

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NORTH BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS 60010

A Message from Eleanor Sweet McDonnell President, Village of North Barrington

Sweet Update

Dear Neighbors and Residents,

Thank you for the honor of serving you over the past year.

The last few months in particular have been extremely challenging for all of us as we have navigated through COVID-19. I want to thank you for your efforts in supporting Governor Pritzker's Stay At Home Order. In an effort to stay well informed and prepared, Village staff and I have regularly participated in 4-6 COVID-19 conference calls a week. These calls have been with the Lake County Health Department, Governor Pritzker's office, the Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus and White House mayoral briefings.

I feel honored and blessed to be able to have such a strong Board of Trustees, Treasurer and new Village Administrator working as a team to get our Village back on track. In the last year, we have focused on conservative spending, placing a significant amount of effort on bringing the Village's expenditures into alignment with its revenues. The Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Annual Budget is successful in doing this, even after taking a very cautious approach to our revenue projections for the year due to COVID-19. This Budget does require the Village to restructure its Road Program in order to better utilize our Motor Fuel Tax funds, while still allowing for the best possible return on investment.

On a personal note, I believe that it is my responsibility as President to set the record straight when it comes to misinformation regarding the Village of North Barrington. In our 24/7 world of social media, email and 10-second sound bite, information can easily get distorted or lost in the shuffle as we hear bits and pieces of what we think is going on inside our Village government. Please feel free to reach out to me directly with your questions at esweet@northbarrington.org or 224-633-8112.

I feel confident the Village of North Barrington is on a stronger path as we move forward!

Warm regards,
Eleanor Sweet McDonnell,
President
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North Barrington Named Tree City USA



TREE CITY USA® the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 135 million Americans call home.

Census 2020

Why is it important to respond to the Census? It determines how federal funds are spent in our community on roads, schools, fire departments, hospitals, and community services for the next decade. Census data determines our representation in Congress. You can respond online, by phone or by mail. Go to www.census2020.gov to find out more information. THANK YOU for helping the Village of North Barrington get more funds.

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Vehicle Stickers

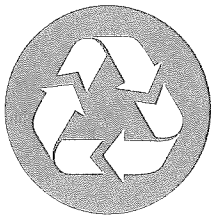
Vehicle Sticker renewals were due on May 1. If you have not done so already, please make sure to submit an application with payment right away! Replacement applications can be mailed upon request or downloaded from the Village's website. New this year, residents can also Register Online by visiting www.northbarrington.org. Online payment options include Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover; service fees do apply, which are not charged or collected by the Village of North Barrington. Residents needing assistance with their renewal are welcome to contact Kris Lennon, Deputy Clerk, at (847) 381-6000 Ext.11. Your vehicle sticker renewals help pay for maintenance of our roads and the upkeep of the Village's parks.

Board Meeting Highlights and Village Updates

- Tax Levies and Abatements for the 2019 Tax Year were passed by Ordinance. (12/18/2019)
- An agreement with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association to serve as the Village's insurance provider for 2020 was executed at a cost of \$14,044. (12/18/2019)
- The time and dates of the Village Board meetings were changed to 7:00pm on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month. (12/18/2019)
- A rate change for Vehicle Stickers was approved. (1/15/2020)
- Approved the 2020 intergovernmental agreement for PACE to provide Senior/Handicapped Bus Service in the community. (1/15/2020)
- Repealed the 50/50 Culvert and 50/50 Tree Cost Sharing Programs. (1/15/2020)
- Adopted a Resolution for a Complete Streets Policy in the Village of North Barrington, which promotes the residents' ability to drive, walk, or bike safely and conveniently throughout the Village. (2/19/2020)

- The Village closed out the 2019 Road Program through the issuance of a Final Payment to Geske and Sons. (3/18/2020)
- Arbor Day Proclamation. (3/18/2020)
- Declared a Local State of Emergency in the Village of North Barrington Due to the Outbreak of COVID-19 Disease in the State of Illinois. (4/15/2020)
- Approved an Ordinance Establishing the Position of Budget Officer. (4/14/2020)
- Approved an employment agreement and appointed Shannon Andrews as the Village Administrator. Ms. Andrews was also appointed to the positions of Village Clerk, Village Collector and Budget Officer. (4/15/2020)
- Adopted a Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and Authorized the Drafting of an Appropriation Ordinance. (4/15/2020)
- Approved an Employee Sick Leave Policy. (4/15/2020)
- Designated Shannon Andrews, Village Administrator and Kristin Lennon, Deputy Clerk as the OMA & FOIA Officers for the Village of North Barrington. (4/15/2020)

SWALCO & Prairieland Disposal News



Effective April 20th, Prairieland requires large items be wrapped in plastic to protect workers. Prairieland asks that when you place your totes at the curb, please do so with the opening FACING THE ROAD. Since the totes are being mechanically picked up, placing the totes facing the road helps the driver avoid having to get out of the truck and touch the tote, as the machine can grab it and dump the contents automatically. Please contact Prairieland directly with any questions. www.prairielanddisposal.com

Sites for Textile Recycling, Reuse a Shoe and other SWALCO programs are temporarily suspended, and donation centers are not accepting items at this time. With everyone staying home and performing early Spring Cleaning, we know you want to recycle and repurpose as much as you can to help keep our landfills less filled or donate to those in need. Please hang on to your textiles, shoes, clothing and household items for when these recycling and donation opportunities are back in full swing. For more info on where to recycle and what, check out our community page at www.swalco.org.

ComEd Project

In the coming weeks, ComEd is expected to be begin a large construction project in our Village that will significantly reduce the quantity of service outages in the affected area. This includes residents along Eton Drive (from Biltmore Drive to Brookside Road), along Shady Lane (rear easements south of Leonard Park) and along the walking trail at the west end of East Oxford Road.

Formal notifications will be mailed out to the affected residents once a full construction schedule has been provided and the project is officially under permit. Once construction begins, ComEd will be placing conduit underground within the utility easements in order to bury their lines. Ground transformers will be necessary at a few points along the path where the aerial lines make the transition to the underground conduit. It should be noted that the aerial poles will remain if there are other utilities such as phone or cable utilizing the pole.

Survey markers have been placed along the project path and will need to remain positioned throughout the project. This protects the residents by assuring that the construction remains within the utility easement.

2020 Tree of the Year

The Village is pleased to announce this year's Tree of the Year is a Sycamore located in the front yard at 270 Kimberly. This is a grand and majestic native tree. The mottled white barked Sycamore stands out among other trees. Its leaves can be up to 10 inches long and wide. The seed balls give it the nickname "buttonball." Native Americans used the Sycamore for dugout canoes.

COVID-19 Corner

As the state moves into Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan, please remember the importance of the following basics:

1. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
2. Practice social distancing in public by staying 6 feet away from other people.
3. Where a mask over your nose and mouth when you are not able to maintain 6 feet of separation in public.
4. Limit gatherings to less than 10 people at a time.

A state-operated Lake County Community Based Testing Site opened in Waukegan in May. The site will be open 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., or until 700 tests are completed each day. The testing site is located at 2161 Northwestern Avenue. Testing is free.

On May 12, 2020, the Lake County Board passed a one-time ordinance giving property owners more time to pay each installment of their property taxes due to impacts of COVID-19. There is no application, and this optional program allows residents to pay in 4 installments without penalty as follows:

- By June 8: 50% of first installment normally due in full on June 8
- By August 7: 50% (remainder) of first installment normally due on June 8
- By September 8: 50% of second installment normally due in full on September 8
- By November 9: 50% (remainder) of second installment normally due on September 8.

Proper Mulching

Mulch can either be a tree's best friend or an enemy if not applied correctly. Mulch retains moisture, insulates the soil, keeps out weeds, protects trunks from lawn mower damage and adds an aesthetic touch. A circle of organic mulch around the base of the tree 2-4 inches deep is recommended, but be sure to keep the mulch from touching the trunk of the tree.

Mulch out - not up!! Do not build up dirt and/or mulch around the base of your tree. This practice is known as "volcano mulching" and is very harmful to trees. Mulch volcanoes waste money and damage trees. If you find you have a mulch volcano, just get out your rake and spread the mulch out away from the base.

Too much mulch can end up matted over time. Just as detrimental as volcano mulching, matted mulch acts as a barrier and stops water and air from reaching the roots. You can quickly solve this by fluffing it up with a rake and removing any excess. Two to four inches thick is ideal.

Start Early: Mosquito Proof Your Home

- Keep your lawn mowed. It helps to keep out unwanted bugs.
- Install or repair screens or windows and doors to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Help reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home by emptying standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes and birdbaths on a regular basis

Parks & Recreation Updates

The Village usually hosts three summer concerts each year in June, July and August. At this time, the Village is not planning to hold the June concert. The Village will delay decisions on the July and August concerts until we receive further information and direction from the State.

The Village is looking for help from the community!! Village events and recreational activities would be an excellent way of getting out of the house, generating friendships among neighbors, and connecting with the North Barrington community. In order for the Village to continue to offer these activities in the future, we are in need of volunteers to either serve on our Parks and Recreation Commission or offer to participate in the planning and hosting of one or more of our special events. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Shannon Andrews at (847) 381-6000, ext. 10 for more information.

Be A Good Neighbor

The warmer weather brings people out of their homes to enjoy the community, open spaces and walking paths. Residents are asked to be respectful by properly disposing of any animal waste and refraining from littering. Also, Village Ordinances and State Law require that dogs must always be on a leash when off their owner resident's property. Please be sure to exercise caution along the Village's waterways when the water table is high, and be respectful of private property along waterways. It should also be noted that motorized vehicles are prohibited on public property.

Spring Drainage Issues

It's spring! With the spring rains comes drainage problems. Please make sure all leaves, branches and other obstructions are removed from ditches, storm structures and ends of culverts that are in front of your home. This will aid in minimizing standing water in ditches, protect the roads from deterioration and help facilitate positive drainage. All residents and landscapers should not blow grass cuttings or leaves into the any ditches, ponds, or lakes.

We are Moving... To Electronic Communications and Social Media!

Every newsletter costs the Village nearly \$500 in printing, postage, and staff time. We are trying to save money and move away from "Snail Mail" when possible. Please consider joining our email list, where you will receive more timely notices no matter where you are and be able to see news about what is happening in the Village that affects you. Go to www.northbarrington.org to sign up today! (Don't worry, we will NEVER share or sell our Village email list to an outside organization.) We currently have approximately 1/3 of our homeowners on our email list, so join the "Green" club and "Go Green" with our monthly email newsletters. Also 'Like Us' on Facebook and follow us on Instagram.

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SPOTLIGHT Person of Interest



Shannon Andrews

Newly hired full time Village Administrator

On April 15, 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Shannon Andrews as our new full time Village Administrator, following a formal recruitment process involving 28 candidates. Shannon has been serving the community in this capacity since September of 2019. "I am thrilled to tell you that Shannon possesses a sophisticated municipal background, in addition to being incredibly hard working, with strong integrity and sound core values." - Eleanor Sweet McDonnell

Shannon has over 14 years of diverse municipal management experience, working most recently for the Village of Lakewood (3,811 pop.) and the Village of Lake in the Hills (29,000 pop.). She received her MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management. She is married with two children, ages 12 and 14, and enjoys spending time outdoors with her family.

Please make a point to reach out to Shannon Andrews at sandrews@northbarrington.org or 847-381-6000 Ext 10.

Thank You Corner

Recent Appointments

Susan Allman as the Village Forester through 11/30/2020

Kathleen Leitner as the Adjudicator through 5/31/2021

Vance Antoniou to the Environmental & Health Commission through 4/30/2021

Kourtney Sellers to the Environmental & Health Commission through 4/30/2021

Michael Beightol to the Plan Commission through 4/30/2023

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