111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD

NORTH BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS 60010

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

#### **Sweet Update**

Dear Neighbor,

Thankfully to date the Village staff remains healthy, safe and continues taking care of you our residents remotely. Like all of you, the period since last mid-March has been challenging for us. Our Village staff has been tested like never before, confronted by canceling Village events, and by these unprecedented times of remote operations during times of uncertainty to when "normal" will return.

**Financial Updates:** I am proud to tell you that the Board of Trustees and myself in the spirit of empathy for those impacted by of COVID in our community, voted/decided/supported to not increase property taxes. The Village has and will still be feeling the financial impact of COVID with lost revenue going forward for the next 2-3 years. As a result, we will still need to be particularly mindful of our expenses relative to our revenues.

**COVID 19 Updates:** I am happy to report that Village did successfully receive from the CARES Act \$16,082 from Lake County for reimbursement for Village COVID 19 related expenses.

**Recycling Updates:** We have added a recycling cart for small electronics at our 24/7 recycling center, <u>located at the lower-level village garage</u>. (next to holiday light and old shoes recycling bins).

I am hoping that as we progress in 2021, we will be able to slowly get back to "normal" for our Village and our residents. I look forward to when we will be able to meet more freely in groups and resume our outside events.

I wish you, your families, loved ones and pets, a wonderful 2021!

Warm regards,
Eleanor Sweet McDonnell,
President
847-381-6000 Ext. 12
Email: esweet@northbarrington.org



# Staying Connected with the Village

In addition to our printed newsletter, we encourage you to sign up for our E- newsletter. In our email newsletter you will find the most current updates on Village news.

Go to **www.northbarrington.org** to sign up to receive your timely email Village updates.

Social Media - Please **FOLLOW US** on Facebook, **www.facebook.com/northbarrington** and Instagram, at "**villageofnorthbarrington**"

## **COVID Vaccine Registration**

Lake County Health Department is asking residents to sign up to receive the vaccine. Lake County AllVax Portal is now open. You may register at **allvax**. **lakecohealth.org**. Once registered you will be notified when it is time to make your appointment to receive the vaccine. Questions may be directed to the Lake County Health Department (847) 377-8000.

## **Commission Openings**

North Barrington residents interested in getting more involved with the community are encouraged to consider applying for Commission openings. There are currently openings on the Plan Commission, Environmental & Health, and Parks & Recreation. These volunteer positions provide residents the opportunity to give back to the community. To apply, please contact Village Hall at (847) 381-6000 for an application.

## **Village Board Meetings During COVID 19**

Did you know you can still participate in the Village Board meetings via Zoom or by telephone? You can also submit public comment before the meeting by emailing Deputy Clerk at klennon@northbarrington.org. All public comments must be received 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Check our village website, www.northbarrington.org for a meeting schedule and a Zoom link and call in instructions. Simply go to the Home Page and select Government/Village Meetings/2020 for the most current agenda.

## **Board Meeting Highlights & Village Updates**

- Approved the Village's Annual Audit for FYE 2020 as prepared by Lauterbach & Amen, LLC. (11/2020)
- Approved a 36-month agreement with AEP Energy, Inc. for the supply of electricity under the Village's Electrical Aggregation Program. 50% of the purchased power will be from renewable energy sources. (11/2020)
- Approved an Ordinance establishing a new catering liquor license classification which allows the retail sale of alcoholic liquor for private catering events. (11/2020)
- Approved an Ordinance granting a zoning variation to Biltmore Country Club to erect artificial lighting for (2) temporary platform tennis courts. As a result, club members are able to play the sport of paddle tennis in an outdoor venue. (12/2020)
- Received additional Cares Act Coronavirus Relief Funds in the amount of \$16,082.82. (12/2020)
- Approved a Tax Levy Ordinance and Abatement providing for the levy of taxes for tax year 2020. The only increase to the tax levy was in the amount of \$1,398.00 which was attributable to the increased property values from new construction. (12/2020)

## Lake County Sherrif

• Way Out Program - The Lake County Sheriff's Office participates in A Way-Out program. The program is a criminal justice diversion program. The Lake County Sheriff's Office is seeking to reduce the number of fatal and non-fatal overdoses in Lake County by connecting individuals with substance use disorders with addiction treatment services. The program is offered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at participating police departments. No criminal charges will be sought for those that may be in possession of narcotics or paraphernalia provided the prospective participant is seeking assistance.

Participants may call (847) 549-5200 and request A Way-Out service. A deputy will be dispatched to participant's location if no transportation is available.

• New App – Did you know the Lake County Sheriff's office has a new App? The App is convenient to use and provides the user with important notifications. You can request a vacation watch, provide tips, report incidents, and much more. Go to your App store and download the App.

## **Political Signs**

Please take note when installing political signs in the Village.

- All political campaign signs must be located on private property and with owner permission
- No signs are allowed within the public right-of-way (ROW) of roads and highways or public property.
- Signs may not obstruct the view of motorists.
- Illumination of political campaign signs are prohibited.
- Maximum sign area shall not exceed six (6) square feet.

It's sometimes difficult to know what portion of the property is public ROW. The general rule is that any sign within twenty (20) feet of the road is part of the ROW. Also, if there are telephone poles along the street, the signs placed behind the telephone pole line are most often on private property. These are just guidelines. In some instances, the ROW may be wider.

Any signs found to be in the ROW will be removed.

## DID YOU KNOW YOU COULD SAVE MONEY?

## **Special Resources for Senior Residents**

#### Senior Homestead Exemption (SHE) Benefit

This exemption lowers the equalized assessed value of your property by \$5,000 and may be claimed in addition to the General Homestead Exemption.

To qualify, applicants must

- Be the principal residence of the owner.
- Have reached age 65 during the tax year.
- Have lived on the property on or before January 1 of the tax year.
- Can only receive on one property.

#### To Apply

Applications are initiated at Cuba Township Assessor's

office. Applicant is required to provide proof of age (Driver's License, State-issued ID). Applicant need only file once for this exemption.

#### **Properties Held in Trust**

If your property is held in a trust, the township must verify you are a beneficiary of the trust. The exemptions cannot be applied without this verification. Please include a copy of the pages of the actual trust agreement that state the applicant is a beneficiary. This can usually be found on the first few pages of the trust document. If you have questions, call 847-381-1120 or email **info@cubaassessoril.gov.** The township office is located at 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington, IL. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## **Special Resources for Seniors (Con't)**

#### **GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE**

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Seniors 65 years and older and resident of North Barrington.

#### **DISCOUNT**

15% on small wheeled cart, medium wheeled cart, and large wheeled cart rates. No discount on the added charge for Back Door service or any other service.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Call, email, fax, mail, or stop in Prairieland Disposal office. Must have proof of residency such as a driver's license, federal or state ID, or FOID card. ID must show North Barrington address.

#### **CONTACT INFO**

21988 N. Pepper Rd, Lake Barrington

Ph: 847-381-9300 Fax: 847-382-5244

Email: sales@prairielanddisposal.com

#### **PACE BUS SERVICE**

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Seniors and people with disabilities

#### **SERVICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**FARE \$2.00** 

#### **ADVANCED CALL-IN**

1 day in advance. Doctor visits may be booked a week in advance.

#### **SERVICE AREA**

Barrington, Barrington Twp., Cuba Twp., Deer Park south of Long Grove Rd., west of Deerpath, north of County Line, east of Ela Rd, unincorporated Palatine Twp., south of County Line, west of Lake Barrington in Wauconda Twp., and the area surrounded by Rt 22, Rt. 14 and Kelsey Rd.

Service also provided to shopping areas of Lake Zurich along Rt. 12 between Miller Rd. and Cuba Rd. along Rt. 22 between Rt. 12 and Ela Rd. and along Ela Rd between Rt. 12 and Rt. 22.

RESERVATIONS 800-273-5939

## The Cold Facts About Ice Safety

You can't judge ice conditions just by appearance or thickness. Many other factors, including water depth, size of water body, water chemistry, currents, snow cover, age of ice, and local weather combine to determine its strength.

New ice is usually stronger than old ice. Four inches of clear, newly formed ice may support one person on foot, while a foot or more of old, partially thawed ice may not. Ice seldom freezes uniformly. It may be a foot thick in one location and only an inch or two just a few feet away. Ice near shore can be weaker than ice farther out.

Check ice thickness every 150 feet at a minimum. Ice formed overflowing water and currents is often dangerous. This is especially true near streams, springs, channels between lakes, bridges, culverts and aeration systems.

Also, the ice on outside river bends is usually weaker due to the faster current. The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process. The extra weight of snow cover also reduces how much weight the ice sheet can support.

Shovel any snow before testing the ice for thickness and color. Watch for large cracks, depressions or pressure ridges in the ice and avoid those areas. Moving fish populations can bring warm water up from the bottom of the lake, and waterfowl can warm the surface of the ice causing holes to open, posing a threat to anyone traveling on the ice. For more ice safety guidelines and tips, visit **mndnr.gov/icesafety** 

## **Snow and Ice Control Operations**

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.

- Removing snow from driveway: Did you know that you can reduce the possibility of getting a huge pile of snow in your driveway when the snowplow passes by your driveway by; 1) creating a clear area for snow pushed by the snowplow on the upstream side of the snowplows direction, and 2) clearing snow in the direction as traffic pile snow on the downstream of the snowplow direction
- Questions/Concerns: The Village contracts with Mac's Property Management Services. If you need to contact them, please call Mac's at (847) 487-9400 or Village Hall during regular business hours; M-F 8:30 am 4:00 pm. at (847) 381-6000 X11 or email at **info@northbarrington.org**.



## **SPOTLIGHT** Person of Interest



#### Patty Kalinowski

Patty Kalinowski represents a resident with over 13 and a half years of consistent volunteer experience serving the Village of North Barrington. Patty in the past has been an Environmental & Health Commission Chair. Vice Chair, and Member, She has been a Trustee since April 2017 and is currently a member of the Finance Committee since 2019.

Patty assisted me during our evaluation of our past BACOG agreement.

Patty has been a resident since 1999. She is known for her strength of being very detail oriented.

Professionally Patty had worked 27 years for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) as an Enforcement Officer and Supervisor, User Charge and Cost Recovery. She is currently retired.

"Strength of Democracy lies in its people, not with any one individual or politician." Patty Kalinowski.

Patty currently is our liaison for SWALCO.

## Holiday Lights Recycling Extended

Anyone interested in recycling their holiday lights can bring them to Village Hall and deposit them in the recycle bin by the garage next to the lower level entrance into Village Hall. Please remove lights from boxes or plastic containers. Please Note: lawn ornaments, holiday decorations, or light strands connected to wreaths or garlands cannot be accepted. Collection ends March 31, 2021.

## **Household Chemical Waste Event**

APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED for the upcoming household chemical waste event on January 30. The collection site is located at SWALCO'S Gurnee facility, 1311 N. Estes Street. Collection is for residents only. No business waste will be accepted.

Items being collected include CFL bulbs, prescriptions and over the counter medication (people and pets), household chemicals, gasoline, garden chemicals, pesticides, oilbased paints (NO LATEX) and varnishes.

Get a detailed list at SWALCO'S website: www.swalco. org. Appointments can be scheduled at SWALCO'S website or by calling (847) 336-9340.

#### Thank You Corner

Recent Appointments

December 2020 - Reappointment Gery Herrmann – Plan Commission Chairman Presort Standard U.S. POSTAGE PAID Barrington, IL Permit No. 111

#### **Board of Trustees**

Village President **Eleanor Sweet McDonnell** 

Finance, Emergency Mgt.

**Trustee Jackie Andrew** Parks, Environmental & Health Comm.

> Trustee Patricia Kalinowski **SWALCO**

> > **Trustee Martin Pais** Building/Zoning

**Trustee Gregory Rogus** Plan Commission

**Trustee Janice Sauer** Roads Mgt.

**Trustee Lawrence Weiner Public Safety** 

#### **Contact Information**

Village of North Barrington 111 Old Barrington Road North Barrington, IL 60010

www.northbarrington.org Phone 847-381-6000

> Village Hall Hours Monday – Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Village Hall Office Staff Village Administrator, John Lobaito, Ext 10 Deputy Clerk, Kris Lennon, Ext 11