

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON

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A Message from Eleanor Sweet McDonnell

President, Village of North Barrington

Sweet Update

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I hope you have been enjoying your summer with your family, friends, and pets.

Stormwater Update: We have had a wet spring/summer this year. Please slow down when driving when there is water on the road, and particularly at the dip in Rt. 59. Please read, "Storm Water GHO Project Update" in this newsletter issue.

The Village of North Barrington is spearheading this effort with four other regulatory agencies to make improvements that will alleviate the flooding on IL Rt. 59. We are anxiously waiting for the release of funds for the project. We hope to be able to start the project sometime in the Spring 2025 once the funds have been released. I have learned in the last five years of serving you that government moves much slower than the private sector. Thank you in advance for your continued patience with all of this.

Financial Update: The Village Board recently approved the 5th consecutive year of a balanced budget and approved a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan so that the Village can appropriately plan for the community's future capital needs.

In 2025 we plan to start evaluating our Eton Park area and considering investing in major improvements in the Village's park and recreation facilities. We will draw the needed funds from the Capital Projects Fund.

We also recently appointed a new Treasurer, Mo Ashab. See the "Spotlight Person of Interest" article for further details.

Volunteer Updates: The Village is looking for residents that are interested in serving the Village as a volunteer for the Environmental & Health, Parks & Recreation, Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Please email Sue Murdy for Volunteer Application at smurdy@northbarrington.org or call me at 224-633-8112.

***Looking for adult and student volunteers to help with Fall Fest, October 6th. Students will earn community high school community hours. This is our largest resident event. Thank you in advance for your help. Looking for 2-hour commitments.

Special Event Updates: Our 1st North Barrington Garden Walk, Sunday, August 25th 1:00 – 4:00 pm, for the residents of North Barrington. The event will begin at the Pavilion at Eton Park at 12:30 p.m.

Join us: Eton Park, Saturday, September 14, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Jazz Response (911 Tribute).

Join us at our Annual North Barrington Fall Festival on Sunday, October 6, 1:00- 4:00 p.m. Further details in this newsletter.

Email Updates: Remember to join our Village email list for timely updates. Signup at: <https://www.northbarrington.org/>

We at the Village all wish you a wonderful rest of your summer.

Warm regards,

Eleanor Sweet McDonnell,
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Stormwater GHO Project Update August 2, 2024

Grassmere, Haverton, and Oaksbury Pond Drainage Improvements Project

Background

For many years, the Village has experienced flooding on Haverton Way, Route 59, and in the Oaksbury Subdivision. 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 Haverton on the Pond subdivision, Grassmere Farm subdivision, and Oaksbury subdivisions have been failing for many years.

In addition, the storm water pipe under IL Route 59 has failed and is preventing storm water from passing through the pipe (west to east). Instead, the storm water overtops the highway. The drainage systems on the east side of the highway have also failed and are causing the water levels in this area to rise, increasing the standing water on private property.

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

No additional storm water is being conveyed to Oaksbury with this project. The flow of storm water through the Oaksbury area is restricted by the existing storm water pipe under IL Route 22. The restricted flow under the highway has been in place for many years and is not being changed.

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. A project of this magnitude can only be accomplished by a partnership with multiple governmental agencies. No homeowner's association or private property owner can make the necessary changes to improve the conditions.

The flooding is causing a significant safety concern for motorists on IL Route 59. The flooding is causing public infrastructure to fail, namely Haverton Way in the Haverton on the Pond subdivision, and IL Route 59. Certain private property owners are also seeing a rise in water levels on their property.

Project Funding

The Village of North Barrington is not planning to raise property taxes or any other tax to pay for the project.

The Village was made aware of a unique funding opportunity that is not typically available. The funding for the project is coming from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The federal government allocated funds through ARPA for storm water mitigation projects. The State of Illinois is one state that is the recipient of these funds. The State designated the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) the grant administrator of the \$35 million allocated to Lake County. Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (LCSMC) will be the Lake County governmental agency to receive the funds. LCSMC is currently in the process of reviewing the grant agreement with DCEO that will release the funds. The timing of this is unknown.

Once an Agreement is executed between LCSMC and DCEO, LCSMC will enter into sub-agreements with the fifteen (15) communities that have already been pre-approved by LCSMC for funding. North Barrington's project is one of the fifteen (15) projects that have been preliminarily approved. However, approval is subject to permitting through multiple governmental agencies and securing all the necessary easements to construct the project. The timing of the permit approval is unknown at this time.

LCSMC has earmarked \$2.496 million for the "Grassmere, Haverton, and Oaksbury Pond Drainage Improvements Project". The Village cost share is 15% of the construction cost which the Village has included \$375,000 in the FYE 2025 budget. The Village is also responsible for any costs that exceed the \$2.496 million grant.

The preliminary cost estimate is believed to be within the grant funding limit, but until the project is bid on, the final cost will not be known. If the low bid on the project is higher than the grant amount, the Village will need to evaluate its options. The Village may elect to use other funds on hand in its Capital Fund account, defer other capital projects to make funds available, reduce the scope of the project, seek other grant funding opportunities, or choose not to proceed with the project.

Project Status

A draft of the design engineering plans is completed, and permit application has been submitted to the US Army Corp of Engineers. Submission of permit application to the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and Lake County Stormwater Management Commission are anticipated by the end of August. The review and approval process will take several months, and the plans may be amended through the process. It is anticipated that the Village will get approval in December 2024, but the Village has no control over the other agencies' approval process.

The overall project design is dependent on securing thirteen (13) easements from private property owners. The Village is in the process of scheduling a second round of meetings between the Village and affected property owners. The meetings will focus specifically on the design and easements needed to construct the project. The easement documents have been revised based on the changes in engineering design and feedback from affected property owners. This is a fluid process, and further changes may be needed based on review comments from the permitting agencies and/or property owner.

The project start date is targeted for Spring/Summer 2025.

Village News E-Blasts

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

Spotlight

★ ★ Person of Interest ★ ★

Village Treasurer Appointed

At the June 19, 2024, Village Board meeting, Mo Ashab was appointed as the Village Treasurer. Mo Ashab and his family have been residents of the Village for 2-1/2 years. Mo and his wife have two sons, one son will be a Freshman at Barrington High School this Fall, the other son works on the east coast. Mo is a passionate tennis player, playing 5 times a week.

Mo has an extensive professional background in Finance, Accounting, Treasury, IT, Legal, Investments, Regulatory, Actuarial, Risk Management, and Operations. He is currently a Managing Director at Hause Actuarial Solutions, Inc.

He received his BS Degree Pure and Applied Mathematics and Computer Science at University of Massachusetts Boston.

The Village Treasurer is the custodian of all Village funds and when authorized by the Village Board by Warrants shall disburse payments based on vouchers or bills.

"I have wanted to volunteer for public service for many years now. When the Treasurer position opened at the Village, I immediately jumped at it because I saw it as an opportunity to serve and give back to my local community. With my background in Finance, I look forward to working with the Village President, Village Administrator, and the Board of Trustees as part of a cohesive team who works hard for the benefit of the Village residents."

Board Meeting Highlights & Updates FYE 2025 Budget

VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES THE FYE2025 BUDGET

At the April 2024 Village Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the FYE 2025 Budget that began on May 1, 2024, and ends April 30, 2025.

This year's budget anticipates \$1,374,670 in expenditures in the General Fund or often referred to as the operating budget. This fund is where the day-to-day Village operating costs are expended. Estimated revenues are \$1,796,281 or \$421,000 surplus by the end of the fiscal year. Any surplus funds are planned to be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund, which is a fund restricted to capital projects and cannot be used for operational expenses.

Expenditures are up 4.5% (\$59,067) over last fiscal year. The top four increases include police services

(\$5,000, second year of a 3-year contract), Salaries (\$19,000), Snow & Ice Management Services (\$10,000), and Building and Zoning Department (\$24,000 due to increase in activity).

The Board of Trustees also approved its 5-year Capital Improvement Plan that includes \$1,933,700 in capital expenditures this fiscal year. The top two projects include the Grassmere, Haverton, Oaksbury Storm Water Improvement Project (\$1,250,000) and the 2024 Street Rehabilitation Program (\$525,000).

The total cost of the storm water project is estimated to be \$2.5 million. It's expected the cost will occur over two fiscal years. The Village anticipates receipt of a \$2.5 million Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant to fund the project. To read more about this project, please go to the Villages website at www.northbarrington.org.

The 2024 Street program is funded through Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) revenues that are received from the State of Illinois. The revenues come from a tax on every gallon of gas sold in the state and a portion of the tax is distributed to each village and city in the state on a per capita basis. The Village saves the MFT funds and uses these funds to repair the streets. This is a bi-annual program.

Thank You Corner

New Appointments 2024

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Dwight Bennett, Member

Plan Commission:

Tatiana Blinova, Member

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Christine Bolger, Member

Re-Appointments 2024

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Jill Kelly, Chairperson

Jeff Harwood, Member

David Lauffer, Member

Kasia Lazar, Member

Zoning Board of Appeals:

David Dziura, Member

Environmental and Health Commission Update

2023 Tree of the Year Award

The 2023 Tree of the Year recognition was awarded to the Silets family at 120 Arrowhead Lane for their American Chestnut Tree. The tree was selected for its rarity, age and unusual bending shape. American Chestnut Trees are currently very rarely seen east of the Mississippi River.



2024 Tree of the Year Recognition Program

The Environmental & Health Commission is asking residents to submit their tree nomination for the 2024 Tree of the Year Recognition program by November 1, 2024. Program guidelines and nomination application can be found at: www.northbarrington.org/departments/forestry-department.

Please submit your 2024 Tree of the Year nomination by November 1, 2024.

Street Side E-Scrap Collection

Street Side E-scrap collection will be SEPTEMBER 24, 2024. This date is on your regular refuse collection day. Limit 1 TV or monitor per customer and up to additional five (5) items. Electronics MUST be placed outside the night before. LRS WILL COME EARLY AND ONLY DO A ONE TIME PASS. Place electronics by the recycle bin.

Final Summer Concert / Fall Festival

WHERE: Eton Park

WHEN: Second Saturday of the month from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Our final concert will be September 14, 2024 (9-11 tribute)

TIME: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Please join us for good music, camaraderie, and complimentary ice cream (limit one per resident). PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 6, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Eton Park for the **ANNUAL VILLAGE FALL FESTIVAL!!!** Enjoy music, hayrides, petting zoo, pumpkin painting, and lots of entertainment!!

2024 Village Board Meeting Calendar

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

January 17, 2024

February 21, 2024

March 20, 2024

April 15, 2024

May 15, 2024

June 19, 2024

July 17, 2024

August 21, 2024

September 18, 2024

October 16, 2024

November 20, 2024

December 18, 2024

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