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,

In 2023 we had four great improvements for the residents.

#### **Continued Strong Fiscal Management:**

First, we continued our strong fiscal management. With a modest \$1.3 million budget we were able to close the year with a \$300,000 surplus. These funds will be directed to the Capital Projects Fund for future capital improvements.

I am proud to announce that North Barrington is on strong financial footing. We just finished our 4th consecutive year of a balanced budget.

#### **Strong Capital Project Fund Growth:**

Second, this fund was initially established in 2021. The Capital Projects Fund grew \$600,000 to a total now of \$2.2 million in 2023.

#### **Village Stormwater Improvements Projects:**

This major flooding project where we are focusing our money and time is the Grassmere, Haverton, Oaksbury Flood Mitigation Project. The project will significantly reduce if not eliminate the 25-year flooding that has been occurring on IL Route 59 south of IL Route 22.

The project involves approximately 300 acres, 35 residential properties and is multi-jurisdictional, involving four government organizations. We are seeking \$2.5 million dollar grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The targeted completion date is 2025.

In 2023 the Village approved a \$300,000 engineering design contract for this project.

#### 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan

After 25 years, we will be beginning the process of developing a long-range plan for the Village's Parks and recreational facilities.

# Please respond to the Parks Resident Survey asking for your input.

I have placed a special article in the newsletter commemorating the passing of our beloved Trustee Lawrence (Lawre) Weiner. Please take the time to read the special article in this newsletter about our wonderful 29-year Village volunteer.

Warm regards,

Eleanor Sweet McDonnell, President 847-381-6000 Ext. 12

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# Spotlight ★ ★ Person of Interest NEIL MORROW

**Trustee Neil Morrow** has been a resident of the greater Barrington area for 13 years, with 5 years in the Village of North Barrington. Neil with his wife, Tami are raising 5 children and two dogs. On May 17, 2024, Neil was sworn in as a Trustee for a four-year term.

Neil is currently Sr. Director – American Mass Market Sales, for OSRAM. He has over 30 years of experience in engineering, sales, and business management.

Neil received his undergraduate at Iowa State University with a BS - Electrical Engineering and his MBA from University of Phoenix.

Neil is currently serving as a Tackle Football Assistant Coach for Barrington Youth Football. He is also active with Willow Creek Community Church as a volunteer, donor, and with charities for the past 14 years.

In addition, Neil enjoys sports such as golf, bicycling, local trail running, weight training, pickleball as well as laid back pastimes such as reading and cooking. "My family has been very blessed by living in this community for over a decade, and it is an honor to give back and serve North Barrington as a trustee."

Neil currently serves as the Board Liaison for the Plan Commission.

**Trustee Lawrence (Lawre) Weiner**, passed away on December 21, 2023. Lawre served the Village of North Barrington for 29 years and has the distinct honor of being the longest serving resident volunteer for the Village.

Lawre was initially appointed to the Plan Commission in 1990. He was elected in 1997 as Trustee, Liaison to Public Safety, Legal, and Adjudication and served in the capacity through 2023. While serving the Village he was the BACOG Alternate from 2013 – 2015. In addition, he served on the Finance Committee from June 2019 – June 2021 while we worked on creating a balanced budget.

In my mind one of his greatest legacies for the Village was Trustee Weiner, alongside Trustee Rogus, negotiated our recent Lake County Sheriff IGA agreement resulting in the Villages estimated savings of \$237,834 over a 3-year period or \$79,278 per year.

When I asked him, "What are you most proud of accomplishing while serving the Village as Trustee or your previous positions?"

Lawre answered, "What I am most proud of is that the Village is now on a sound basis, going from deficit spending to a balanced budget.

Another of my proudest moments is helping with the newest Lake County Sheriff contract between the Village of North Barrington and Lake Barrington. And that is a very proud moment I must tell you."

Lawre was a 29-year Village Volunteer and former President of Barrington's Library Board.

Lawre was more than an outstanding attorney; he was a humorist, amusing all who knew him.

He was a world traveler and an avid adventurer who went on innumerable scuba dives and tried bungee jumping, skydiving, and hang gliding.

He was a devoted husband of 59 years to Terri P. Tepper, and wonderful father to his daughter, Nona TW Ullman, and son Jordan Tepper Weiner.

# **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.

#### **Village News E-Blasts**

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

# **Board Meeting Highlights & Updates**

- 1. Approved an Ordinance Providing for the Levy of Taxes for the Village of North Barrington for the Tax Year 2023 collected in 2024. Total levy of \$746,931 is an increase of \$35,52 over the prior year.
- 2. Approved an Ordinance Regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act and Amendment to the North Barrington Village Code.

#### **Earth Day and Arbor Day**

Please join the Environmental and Health Commission and Village Forester in celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Day at Eton Park on Sunday, April 28th at 1:00 pm. Residents and local scouts will clean the park, spread mulch, and honor a newly planted tree. Can't make the clean up? Gather a crew or go solo and pick up garbage on your own during the weekend of April 27th and 28th.

# Don't Live in Wynstone? Please Read

You have an on-site wastewater treatment commonly called a septic system. It consists of a tank system and a disposal field. All your waste goes into this system. Maintenance is your responsibility. These tanks must be pumped out every 2-5 years, depending on the use and the number of people in the home. If part of your tank system includes an aerator, you must have it

odors, and back up into the home.

If you have any questions, please call

Village Hall, 847-381-6000.

inspected twice a year. Signs of failure include seepage on the ground surface,

# **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.

#### 2024 Tree of the Year Recognition Program

The Environmental and Health Commission is asking residents to submit their tree for the Tree of The Year Recognition program. Trees are an important asset to the community and the program was developed to recognize the many beautiful trees in the community. The community has also received the designation of Tree City USA for the past 24 years.

The Village wants to encourage residents to plant trees which serve to help mitigate the impacts of climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide, increasing property values, reduce energy cost, and improve mental and physical health to the Village residents.

If you want to nominate your tree for this recognition or if you know of a tree in the community that you feel has significant beauty, has a historical significance or a story of interest, or is of exceptional size, form, or rarity we encourage you to nominate the tree. Please note the deadline for nominating a tree is November 1, 2024.

The 2023 winning tree will be announced and recognized at the Village Board Meeting on April 15, 2024 during the Arbor Day celebration.

Program guidelines and nomination application can be found at www.northbarrington.org/departments/forestry-department

# **Cost Share Tree Planting Program**

The Village Board approved a cost share program to encourage residents to plant trees. 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. Program guidelines and application can be found at www.northbarrington.org/departments/forestry-department

# **Spring Drainage Issues**

With spring rain comes flooding problems. Please help the storm water drainage along the Village roads by checking your driveway culvert. If you see obstructions in your driveway culvert or other major storm pipes under the road, please try to clear away the debris. Please call the Village at 847-381-6000 with questions.

# 2024 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

#### **Summary of Burning Regulations**

TYPE OF BURNING	MONTH	DAYS	HOURS
LEAF BURNING	April 1 – May 31 Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Thursday and Sunday (excluding national holidays)	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
LANDSCAPE WASTE	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	Sunday thru Saturday (7 days a week – excluding national holidays)	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### Please follow safety regulations when burning.

- All fires shall be continuously attended by an adult of eighteen (18) years of age. No fire shall be allowed that is reasonably determined to pose danger to the safety of any building, structure, or nearby trees.
- There shall be a readily available source of sufficient water to extinguish the fire.
- All burning is prohibited when wind exceeds ten (10) miles per hour.
- **NO** fire shall be set or permitted within twenty-five feet (25') of any building or structure.
- ANY FIRE EMERGENCY DIAL 911

# Street Side E-Scrap Collection

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -Street-Side E-scrap collection will be May 21, 2024, and September 24, 2024. These dates are on your regular refuse collection day. The following rules apply.

- Limit to 1 TV or monitor per customer and up to five (5) additional items.
- Electronics must be placed outside the night before.
   LRS will come early and only do a one-time pass. If you miss the date, LRS will accept a drop off at their Wauconda office, 1350 N. Old Rand.
- Place electronics by the recycle bin, DO NOT place the item inside the recycle bin. If you have small electronics (such as wires) place them in a box by the garbage/recycle bins.
- **NO** kitchen appliances will be accepted (i.e., mixers, hand-held blenders, etc.).

The Village offers recycling for **Small Electronics**, **Shoes**, and **Holiday Lights**. The bins are located 24/7 in the north parking lot of the Village Hall in front of the garage.

**Textile Recycling** - The Village of Tower Lakes, and Ela 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**.

# **Cuba Township Shredding** and Electronic Recycle Event

Cuba Township will have a paper shredding truck and an electronic recycle truck on site from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. (or until the trucks are filled) on **Saturday, April 13th, 2024**, at 28160 West Cuba Road, Barrington, IL 60010. Electronics accepted are computers and peripherals, office and telecom equipment, mobile devices, data center equipment and cable equipment.

#### Parks and Recreation Commission Updates

The Parks and Recreation Commission has begun the process of developing a 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan. Your feedback is very important for the future plans for our parks and recreational areas for the Village. We are asking residents for their input with a survey. To participate in the short survey, scan the QR code to the right or go to https://forms.office.com/r/20KQkvSQtd. Your



feedback is important to the future park and recreation plans of the Village. Survey closes on April 19, 2024.

#### **Summer Concert Series**

WHERE: Eton Park

WHEN: Second Saturday of the month from 6:00 pm

to 8:00 p.m.

June 8, July 13, August 10, and September 14 (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).

# 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 Presort Standard U.S. POSTAGE PAID Barrington, IL Permit No. 111

#### **Board of Trustees**

**Village President** 

Eleanor Sweet McDonnell Finance, Emergency Mgt.

**Trustee Kevin Horcher** Zoning Board of Appeals

**Trustee Robin Kelleher**Parks & Recreation

**Trustee Vaness Kerrigan**Public Safety

Trustee Neil Morrow
Plan Commission

**Trustee Martin Pais**Roads, Utilities & Stormwater Mgt.

**Trustee Mark Vandenbergh**Environmental & Health & SWALCO

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

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