



# News from Village Hall



February 2008



## FROM THE DESK OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

**F**ellow Residents:

Welcome to the New Year. Like all of us, the Village is working on its New Year's resolutions. As we enter into the year of our 51st birthday, we are looking ahead to both short and long term planning. We had a great 50th year celebration and my thanks to all those who worked so hard to make it all happen. I want to also thank all the residents who attended and enjoyed the events.

This month I want to update you on the various land use issues going on around the Village.

**THE DUDA I / II ZONING AND DISCONNECTION** issues are moving forward to a successful conclusion after some 10 years of effort. It is my

expectation that this year we will consummate an agreement between the developer, McHenry County, and Algonquin to resolve this problem. The vast majority of the land, some 510 acres, will hopefully return to the Village. This agreement will protect the investment each of us has made in our property and the brand of the Village.

The **CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILROAD** is intending to purchase the EJ&E which passes through several Barrington area communities including Barrington Hills, and stretches from Waukegan to the Gary, IN area. CN's plan is to change the use of this rail line from a few small trains per day traveling local, to up to 22 freight trains, each being more than 8,500 ft long, as part of a limited access railway to travel from Western Canada to Mississippi. This will result in a very significant impact to the Village character and property value in a way that we have never experienced. In addition, there are serious safety and traffic concerns with this plan.

This acquisition is regulated by the

federal Surface Transportation Board (STB), who is now conducting an environmental impact assessment. The communities that make up BACOG, the Barrington Area Council of Governments, have formed a coalition (website [www.fightrailcongestion.com](http://www.fightrailcongestion.com)) to interact with the STB and provide comments and objections to the proposed acquisition and usage plan.

Barrington Hills is also working separately to file its own objections. I plan on raising the issues relating to the fact that CN is a foreign corporation which is impeding the future economic growth prospects of the communities all along the EJ&J rail line. In addition, the acquisition will increase shipping costs to regional businesses and reduce the competitiveness of the area against the global markets. This is not good for our economic health. Economic issues are within the bounds of the STB and other federal departments in which to adjudicate a ruling.

I have asked our Village Board to release \$50k for this effort with a project total

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## TRUSTEE TRANSITIONS

In early January, Trustee Julie McKeivitt resigned her position after relocating outside Barrington Hills. Julie was first elected to the Board of Trustees in 2003 and was a fixture in the equestrian community for many years. Always accessible and responsive to our residents, Julie's contributions will be greatly missed! Her extensive business experience in the construction equipment industry made her an invaluable coordinator of the Village's Roads & Bridges Program, as well as snowplowing services. Trustee Fritz Gohl has taken over these duties and is the new "road czar" of the Village.

After the Village Attorney's legal review of the process, the Trustees unanimously voted at the January Village Board meeting to appoint Elaine Ramesh to fill this vacancy. Ramesh will serve as Trustee until the spring of 2009, when the seat will be up for election to fill the remaining 2 years of the term. The seat will then resume its normal 4-year election cycle in 2011.

Elaine is no stranger to many of us in the community. A resident of the Village for six years, she has served as Village Clerk since 2005. Professionally, she is a patent attorney for an international pharmaceutical company, holding doctorate degrees in organic chemistry and law. She has also been active in the Riding Club in many capacities, most notably as a member of its Board of Directors for five years. Ramesh lives in the northwest corner of the Village with her husband Mani. When her schedule permits, she enjoys trail riding and showing her horses on the IHJA "A" circuit. Elaine is very committed to helping to preserve the rural and equestrian nature of our Village. Residents may contact her at [Starcrest33@aol.com](mailto:Starcrest33@aol.com).



expenditure of some \$300k - \$500k. While this is not an insignificant expense, the Village is financially sound and can absorb this fiscal impact and still continue to address all of its normal functions as well as continue to prosecute land use issues. The goal is to halt the acquisition and put in place mitigation elements to ensure a future acquisition does not further threaten our community.

**COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS IN LARGE BARNs** have recently become an issue within the Village. The Village supports equestrian activities and recently updated its code to allow small scale boarding on residential properties consistent with our Home Occupation code with the intent to maintain a rural residential character. However, several properties have attempted to operate commercial scale equestrian operations on properties not zoned for this activity. The Village has enforced this area of zoning code in the past and will continue to do so in the future. The effort ensures the protection of surrounding properties, protects health and safety, and prevents traffic congestion. We are continuing to review the Village Code in order to ensure that all land owners are treated fairly and that the code requirements and restrictions are clear.

The **SCHOOL DISTRICT 220 / 300** boundary issues are continuing to move forward. I am hopeful that we are moving towards a solution that brings the community together. While there are many barriers still to be addressed, I am very pleased with the effort and that District 300 President Joe Stevens and District 220 President Brian Battle have put forth in working to help resolve this issue. I am also very thankful to the Barrington Hills residents who have worked tirelessly to develop the creative solutions necessary to achieve a unified community.

**IN POLICE NEWS**, the Lichtman murder case has come to a successful conclusion. In early 1996, Ferenczi Lajos, alias Peter Hommerson, brutally murdered Barrington Hills residents Marv and Kay Lichtman, and then burned their home to the ground in an attempt to erase critical evidence. Very shortly after committing the crime, Mr. Hommerson fled the country. Barrington Hills police, working with the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force, followed up on leads throughout the world over the course of some nine and a half years. Multiple airings of the case on "America's Most Wanted" helped to continue to bring in new leads. In August of 2005, we caught up with Mr.

Hommerson in Mexico and subsequently had him deported to the USA as an illegal alien in Mexico. This past week, Mr. Hommerson was convicted on 4 counts of 1st degree murder, and will be sentenced next month on February 20th. The Village will work indefinitely with the State of Illinois to ensure that Mr. Hommerson never sees the light of day. Our thanks goes to the BH Police Department and Lake County for their tireless dedication to bring justice to this case.

On a related subject, the 1972 homicide of a Barrington Hills family by four members of the De Mau Mau Gang is still being monitored by the Village. Two of the four murderers are still alive and incarcerated at the Illinois State Penitentiary in Dixon Illinois. The BH Chief of Police and the Village President will continue each year appearing at the parole hearings to ensure that these convicted murderers are never released on parole.

**REGARDING COMCAST**, some of you may be experiencing difficulty with getting cable service or are being charged unusually high installation fees. We are actively working with Comcast to make sure all residents have access at reasonable pricing. If you feel you are being improperly charged or denied service, please contact your Village Director Bob Kosin at 847-551-3004. He will be collecting this information so that we can better manage our municipal services contract with Comcast.

I encourage you to continue to communicate directly with me and the Trustees. I invite you to attend our regular Board and committee meetings and get involved. We have made it easier to speak and interact at the Village Board meeting by moving Public Comment to the top of the agenda. There are still slots available on several committees and I am always looking for more volunteers. We need your feedback and ideas. I can be reached directly either by e-mail or phone and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,  
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## MOVING ON

We are sad to report that Neal Waltmire, who served as Planning and Zoning Coordinator for the Village since 2005, left his position in December to work as a field organizer for the campaign staff of a national presidential candidate. He assisted zoning applicants in navigating the Zoning Board of Appeals process, documented code violations and prepared documents for legal enforcement cases and was a major catalyst in a project to integrate 1,500 village addresses into interactive digital maps. We wish Neal the best of luck in his new endeavor!



**Slow down on the following county roads, where speed limits have been reduced:**

Donlea Road	40 mph to <b>35 mph</b>
Bateman Road	45 mph to <b>35 mph</b>
Otis Road	40 mph to <b>35 mph</b>
Brinker Road	40 mph to <b>35 mph</b>
Penny Road (east of Healy)	45 mph to <b>40 mph</b>
Penny Road (west of Healy)	<b>35 mph</b>

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

At the recent Village of Barrington Hills 50th Anniversary Gala, Citizens for Conservation and the Village of Barrington Hills honored Peggy Richards for her extraordinary generosity and exemplary stewardship in donating to CFC the 42.5 acres in Barrington Hills that is now Grigsby Prairie, named for Mrs. Richards' father. This renowned restoration of an Illinois tall grass prairie was accomplished by CFC volunteers working at Grigsby since 1986. It is an educational resource for hundreds of school children and is now a nesting site for meadowlarks, bobolinks, grasshopper sparrows, sedge wrens, king birds, savanna sparrows, red-headed woodpeckers and bluebirds. Grigsby Prairie has also become a rich source of seed of native plants that is shared with other restoration projects in the Barrington area.



*(L to R) Sam Oliver of Citizens for Conservation, Peggy Richards and Jo Seagren, presenting plaque on behalf of the village. (Photo courtesy of Laura Ekstrom)*

## *Barrington Hills 2007 Anniversary Celebration in Retrospect*

Fifty years after incorporating within Kane, Lake, Cook and McHenry counties, the Village of Barrington Hills celebrated that event with a year of planned events to stir the imagination and rekindle the spirit of it's founders. Tom White and George Van Hagen III, founders and current residents of Barrington Hills, were characterized in a play written and directed by Bill Hannay in one of the many events and activities orchestrated by Patty Meroni.

Following the mantra of "Make No Small Plans" our Village President and Trustees engaged Patty Meroni to plan a year full of activities that included a Police Department Open House and Pig Roast, an Elegant Barrington Hills Barn Tour for residents, a Civil War Encampment at the Village Hall including Lincoln Douglas Speeches and a dedication of the Village Flag. Planning and execution are Patty's forte`.

After the successful Civil War event, Patty was doing well. What could be more apropos than a Countryside School Reunion? A reception tent with food and beverages at the Kalaway Polo Match seemed like a great idea. Thanks to Patty it was very well attended.

Planning requires imagination, execution requires hard work, success requires all the above as well as cooperation and support. Patty instills confidence when she approaches neighbors and friends because she has a long record of accomplishments.

Jasper and Marian Sanfilippo donated their estate and museum, Penny Horne designed and donated the beautiful centerpieces, and Bill Hannay wrote a play depicting the founding of Barrington Hills portrayed by the Barrington Hills Players.

Coming together the citizens of Barrington Hills followed the direction of Patty Meroni in celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thanks to you all!

# TRUSTEE UPDATE—

**Fritz Gohl, Trustee  
Public Safety**



“Police Chief Michael Murphy sends this reminder – all Barrington Hills homes should have a fire grid sign posted at their driveway entrance, similar to the one shown here. These signs are provided by the five Fire Protection Districts which serve the Village and are the primary means of locating your home in emergency situations. Residents should keep these signs clear of snow and any landscape materials, and should check that the lettering can be clearly read. Please report any missing or damaged signs to Joanne Gumprecht (jgumprecht@vbhpd.net) in the Police Department and she will help arrange for a replacement.”

**Beth Mallen, Trustee  
Buildings and Grounds**



The Building and Grounds department has been extremely busy in the last few months. We have just finished a rather large re-configuring of the lock-up area of the Police Department. The changes were necessary due to many state and federal laws that the Village must adhere to in order for the Village to house prisoners. We are now in total compliance – maybe even a little ahead of the game. Hopefully this year we will finally have the finances to redo the Public meeting areas of the Village Hall. New carpeting, paint, furniture and just basic decorating need to be accomplished. Please if you have questions or comments feel free to contact me at 847-458-7628 or bmallentrustee@comcast.net.

**Steve Knoop, Trustee  
Planning and Development Commissions**



## Updates on the CN, Inter-agency efforts and Landscape Lights!

Although subdivision proposals have fallen off, the Village has been quite active in regional planning initiatives. Recently, I represented the Village in meetings with the McHenry Conservation District (Forest Preserves), Citizens for Conservation (CFC), and The Barrington Hills Conservation Trust as well as a number of planning meetings with McHenry County Chairman Ken Koehler. In particular, we invited CFC to present on behalf of both of us a cash donation toward the re-forestation of the Coral Woods. Our sincere initiative to work more closely with the Conservation District on other inter-agency co-operative efforts has also led to the Village participating in the placing of a “treasure” in the District’s geo-caching trail. Details of the District’s programs can be found at [www.mcdistrict.org](http://www.mcdistrict.org)

Separately, the Plan Commission has been quite active lately in keeping the Village’s Comprehensive Plan up to date. The Commission is working hard to underscore the possible environmental damage and inherent conflict of the Village’s values that would be violated by the proposed CN acquisition of the EJ&E. Needless to say, a community dependent on well water and its fragile aquifers could suffer catastrophic consequences and loss in addition to the many critical safety concerns surrounding the proposed increase of freight traffic brought on by the foreign multinational corporation Canadian National.

Finally, a word about landscape lights. Our Comprehensive Plan specifically talks about our Community Character (pp19) and how “the Village supports a safe, secure, and functional nighttime environment free from clutter, light trespass, and light pollution...”. Please do not succumb to lighting landscape contractors’ pitches to pollute our sky. We are fortunate to have one of the best police departments in the country and I don’t think the squirrels and birds are crying out for help to see in the dark. Excessive landscape lights (especially those in trees) are pollution and not in the Character of our community.



**Walter E. Smithe, III, Trustee  
Finance**



The finance committee is pleased to announce something that any visitor to village hall has probably noticed. Village Treasurer Rosemary Ryba is expecting with a due date during the first week of May. Mrs. Ryba intends to return after maternity leave and resume her full responsibilities. We are currently working on the plan to cover the treasurer’s duties while she is on maternity leave. Approved at the December meeting of the Board of Trustees was what I believe to be the 52<sup>nd</sup> balanced budget of the Village of Barrington Hills. The village is facing extraordinary inflationary pressure in several key areas, particularly wages and expenses with some mitigation from health insurance costs due to the new plan negotiated by Trustee Schueppert. The Trustee’s and village staff worked together to cut costs where possible while maintaining President Abboud and the full Board’s commitment to an accredited best in class police force, a consistent long term approach to road and bridge maintenance, working to defending the village zoning and land use policies, fully funding the police pension plan and continuous improvement in village services. All of the above translates into an increase in the tax levy of just under four percent. Your Trustees pay our taxes also and you can be assured we are careful that the money is well spent.

Mrs. Ryba and I remain at your service should you have any questions or comments about village finances. Walter E. Smithe, Trustee 847-382-8867 [iii@smithe.com](mailto:iii@smithe.com) or Rosemary Ryba, Village Treasurer 847-551-3002 [treasurer@barringtonhills-il.gov](mailto:treasurer@barringtonhills-il.gov)

# TRUSTEE UPDATE—

George L. Schueppert, Trustee  
Zoning and Insurance



## BOARDING BARNS REVISITED

Questions have been raised, and some complaints have been received from residents, about the use of residential property in Barrington Hills for commercial purposes. In particular, concerns have recently been expressed about the presence of large buildings used for the stabling of horses for a fee. The Village's ordinances covering such matters are, essentially, threefold;

- A. Under Section 5-5-2 of the Village Zoning Code, the following uses, and only the following uses, are permitted within an R-1 zoning district: (1) single-family detached dwellings; (2) agricultural; (3) signs as regulated by Section 5-5-11 of the Village Zoning Code; and (4) "accessory uses." An accessory use is typically a detached building, such as a shed or a stable, that is intended for the use of the resident and is defined as being subordinate to and serving a principal use, subordinate in area to the principal building and contributing to the comfort, convenience or necessity of the occupants of the principal building.
- B. The Village permits "home occupations" to be carried out on an R-1 property provided the following regulations are observed under Section 5-3-4: REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USES - Subsection D:

Home Occupation: The intent of this subsection is to provide peace, quiet and domestic tranquility within all residential neighborhoods within the village and in order to guarantee to all residents freedom from nuisances, fire hazards, excessive noise, light and traffic, and other possible effects of business or commercial uses being conducted in residential districts. It is further the intent of this subsection to regulate the operation of a home occupation so that the general public will be unaware of its existence. A home occupation shall be conducted in a manner which does not give an outward appearance nor manifest characteristics of a business which would infringe upon the right of neighboring residents to enjoy the peaceful occupancy of their dwelling units or infringe upon or change the intent or character of the residential district.

1. Authorization: Subject to the limitations of this subsection, any home occupation that is customarily incidental to the principal use of a building as a dwelling shall be permitted in any residential zoning district.

2. Definition: A "home occupation" is any lawful business, profession, occupation or trade conducted from a principal building or an accessory building in a residential district that:

- a. Is conducted for gain or support by a full time occupant of a dwelling unit; and
- b. Is incidental and secondary to the principal use of such dwelling unit for residential occupancy purposes; and
- c. Does not change the essential residential character of such dwelling unit or the surrounding neighborhood.

- C. In response to the specific requests of the equestrian community in the Village, the Board, in 2005, passed an amendment to the Zoning Regulations that permits the boarding of horses for a fee. The purpose of the amendment was, as outlined at the public hearings at the time, to permit residents who have their own horses on premises to board others in order to assist in cost alleviation. The Board's direction to the ZBA at the time was that the language needed to be specific enough to provide ample clarity to all that the community was not opening our doors to the "business of horse boarding." The Board acknowledged that VBH has a substantial equestrian presence and that presence is a benefit to most of the residents, however the Village should not permit an activity that inadvertently could result in a negative impact on others in the village. To emphasize the special nature of the boarding of horses, its use was included as a permitted home occupation under Section 5-3-4: REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USES - Subsection D:

Boarding And Training Of Horses: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this subsection (D), the boarding of horses in a stable and the training of horses and their riders shall be a permitted home occupation; provided that no persons engaged to facilitate such boarding, other than the immediate family residing on the premises, shall be permitted to carry out their functions except between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. and eight o'clock (8:00) P.M. or sunset, whichever is later, and further provided that no vehicles or machinery, other than that belonging to the immediate family residing on the premises shall be permitted to be operated on the premises except during the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. and eight o'clock (8:00) P.M. or sunset, whichever is later. (Ord. 06-12, 6-26-2006)

The intent of this language was not to denigrate the overall spirit of the home occupation ordinance, but to supplement it by making the language specific as it related to this activity. It was clearly intended that the boarding of horses was to be conducted in such a manner so as not to violate the provision in the ordinance that "It is further the intent of this subsection to regulate the operation of a home occupation so that the general public will be unaware of its existence. A home occupation shall be conducted in a manner which does not give an outward appearance nor manifest characteristics of a business which would infringe upon the right of neighboring residents to enjoy the peaceful occupancy of their dwelling units or infringe upon or change the intent or character of the residential district."

Over our fifty-year history, Barrington Hills has relied, with minimum regulation and ordinances, upon the neighborliness of our residents to maintain the ambiance and tranquility of our community. We have, however, of necessity, created zoning and other regulations that govern some of our behavior, primarily to provide discipline to limit our impact upon our neighbors right to peaceful enjoyment of their home and property. It is incumbent upon all of us in the Village to be aware of our ordinances in order to adhere to the obligations we have to our fellow residents and the Village as a whole.

## Community Corner



Photo by Citizens for Conservation

**Citizens for Conservation (CFC)** is a Barrington-based volunteer organization dedicated to "saving living space for living things" through protection, restoration and stewardship of land, conservation of natural resources, and education in the Barrington area. Upcoming CFC programs include:

**Discovery Classes for Children Ages 2 to 6 – CFC Headquarters, Route 22, Lake Barrington**

**Monthly on Tuesdays from 10-11am -- (check website for exact dates)**

**February 23, 2008, 10am -- Rain Garden Presentation – Vehe Farm, Deer Park**

Roger Bannerman of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will present a program which will teach you how to alleviate flooding and water pollution, and add a beautiful feature in your yard by installing a rain garden.

**March 29, 2008, 9:30 am – Native Plants in the Home Landscape – Barrington Area Library**

The CFC adult education committee demonstrates how you can use more native plants around your home and in your gardens.

Check [www.vbhcomm.info](http://www.vbhcomm.info) or [www.citizensforconservation.org](http://www.citizensforconservation.org) for more program information and events or call the **CFC office** to register at **(847) 382-7283**.

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**Friends of the Home of the Sparrow (FOHS)** of Barrington was formed in 1992 as a committee to give monetary contributions, advocacy and volunteers to Home of the Sparrow, a northwest suburban organization which provides transitional housing, counseling and jobs-skills training to women in personal crisis and to allow them a second chance for a better life.

**April 10, 2008 -- FOHS Spring Luncheon – Wynstone Country Club**

The annual spring luncheon is open to current members and newcomers alike to learn about the important work their organization performs for women (and their children) to help them become independent and self-sufficient again. Look for updated luncheon details at [www.vbhcomm.info](http://www.vbhcomm.info) or call Jan at **FHOS at (847) 277-0407**.



*Barrington Hills residents Bea Ellis, Vicky Smith, Laaree Personette & Mary Kay Gott participated in FHOS "Women Fore Women" Golf Outing September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Makray Golf Club.*

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**The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG)** strives to promote the special needs of the Barrington area and support its regional planning and growth. BACOG works closely with legislators and lobbies on proposed laws that affect our communities. BACOG also enlists support from other Councils of Governments in the metropolitan area for Legislative Platform items, such as the property disconnection reform initiative anticipated for 2008

**February 16, 2008** BACOG is co-sponsoring a Legislative Breakfast with the Lake County Municipal League, where both organizations will present their 2008 Legislative Platforms. This is an opportunity for BACOG members to discuss issues with our state legislators and with officials from all of Lake County. For time & location, visit [www.bacog.org](http://www.bacog.org) or contact Janet Agnoletti, Executive Director, at (847) 381-7871.

## CELEBRATE

### BARRINGTON JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

Need to break out of those winter blues? Join the Barrington Junior Women's Club at their Masquerade Ball on Friday February 22, 2008 at Entourage Restaurant in Schaumburg. "Unmask The Night" is the Junior's fund-raiser benefiting Barrington area charities and organizations. Black tie optional and masks are encouraged. In addition to cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing, live and silent auctions will be held. Tickets are \$150 per person. For reservations, or more details please call (847) 622-3838.



### COUNTRYSIDE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

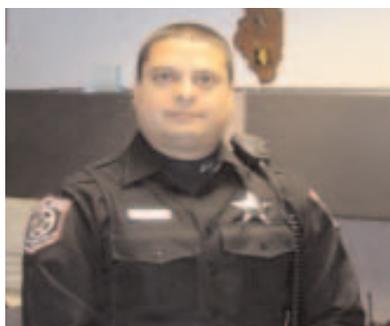


Friends of Countryside, families and Alumni please join us for **An Enchanted Evening**

*Annual fundraiser & Dinner presented by Countryside PTO*

Friday, February 29, 2008 in the Victorian Palace at the Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Hills

Tickets are \$85.00. Call the school at (847) 381-1162 for details.



**Officer Sabas Parada**

As of January 2008, Officer Sabas Parada will be directing the Barrington Hills Neighborhood Watch Program. Officer Parada began his law enforcement career with the Rockford Park District Police Department where he served for eight years. During his tenure with the Rockford Park District Police, Officer Parada was involved in bike patrol, investigations and undercover duties as well as regular patrol duties. In July of 2006, Officer Parada was hired by the Barrington Hills Police Department and is currently assigned to the patrol division. Officer Parada looks forward to working with members of the community to create a strong Neighborhood Watch program that assists in keeping Barrington Hills safe and secure. Officer Parada can be reached at (847)-551-3006 and at [SParada@VBHPD.Net](mailto:SParada@VBHPD.Net).

## CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILROAD MEETING

Many residents attended meetings held January 8, 2008 regarding the pending Canadian National Railroad (CN) purchase of the EJ&E Rail Line due to timely notifications by the Village and other BACOG Communities. The purpose of the meetings was to educate residents, to encourage them to communicate with representatives of CN and to provide written comments to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) through its Environmental Task Force members who were present.

Barrington Hills Village leaders are working to make everyone aware of the STB's pending decision for use and expansion of the EJ&E Rail Lines to bypass Chicago, allowing use of the 120 mile track from Gary, Indiana to Kenosha, Wisconsin for CN's business. Existing and new rail traffic that goes through Chicago today could be diverted to the suburbs of Chicago going directly through Barrington and Barrington Hills and many other communities along the way. No other area is as directly impacted as the Barrington area with more crossings and miles of direct impact.

The EJ&E tracks currently have an average of two to five trains daily. CN proposes to increase the number of trains to 20-22 trains each day. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic could be delayed without the addition of tunnels or bridges. However, CN officials at the meeting said they will add trains mostly at night, and the time for trains to cross the tracks will be minimal. They plan to add tracks and improve the rail base to allow them to increase the speeds the trains can run. Other concerns expressed at the meeting include the close proximity of the tracks to schools, the ability of fire and ambulance vehicles to reach service areas on the other side of the tracks, and environmental impacts.

Maps of CN's plans were available and can be accessed online.



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## TARGET SHOOTING

The Barrington Hills Board of Trustees voted in December to tighten the restrictions on target shooting in the Village. The ordinance was amended to require that targets be placed at least one hundred feet from adjoining property or any equestrian trail. Permit holders must own or control a parcel of land zoned R-1 and must have evidence of a minimum of \$100,000 in liability insurance in the case of an accident. The discharge of firearms with a permit is subject to a zero alcohol tolerance policy, and is also now limited to certain times of day, day of the week and season to minimize the effect on neighboring residents. Additionally, no child under the age of 18 is allowed to fire a weapon without the presence of an adult over the age of 18. The permit fee was also raised for a new permit from \$50 to \$100 and for a renewal from \$25 to \$50. These restrictions are intended to improve safety and reduce the impact of this allowed use on other residents.

### Directory

<p><b>Village of Barrington Hills</b>          112 Algonquin Road          Barrington Hills, IL 60010-5199  <b>Web address with e-mail</b>  <a href="http://www.barringtonhills-il.gov">www.barringtonhills-il.gov</a>  <a href="http://www.vbhcomm.info">www.vbhcomm.info</a>  <b>Phone</b>          847-551-3000  <b>Village Hall Hours</b>          Monday-Friday          9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.  <b>Director of Administration</b>          Robert Kosin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEETINGS</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Village Board</b>            4th Monday of the month, 6:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Equestrian Commission</b>            1st Monday of the month, 7:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Development Commission</b>            1st Monday of the month, 5:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>E-911 ETSB</b>            2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Plan Commission</b>            2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 PM</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>            3rd Monday of the month, 7:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Board of Health</b>            3rd Wednesday of the month,            7:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communications Commission</b>            3rd Monday of the month, 5:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Police Pension Board</b>            4th Monday of the month, 9:00 AM</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p style="font-size: small;">All meetings are held in the Alexander MacArthur Room of the Barrington Hills Village Hall.          Should you wish to comment at any of these meetings, your advance notice, by telephoning the office of the Village Clerk at 847-551-3000, is appreciated.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Village Board</b>            4th Monday of the month, 6:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Equestrian Commission</b>            1st Monday of the month, 7:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Development Commission</b>            1st Monday of the month, 5:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>E-911 ETSB</b>            2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Plan Commission</b>            2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>            3rd Monday of the month, 7:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Board of Health</b>            3rd Wednesday of the month,            7:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communications Commission</b>            3rd Monday of the month, 5:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Police Pension Board</b>            4th Monday of the month, 9:00 AM</p>
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