



News from Village Hall



June 2009

FROM THE DESK OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Fellow Residents:

The Village has survived another election and the new board has been seated. This election was spirited and my thanks go out to all of you who participated, independent of your choices. Participation is the key to continued success in the future and the protection of our environment.

The Trustees: The new board has been sworn in consisting of: President Robert Abboud, Trustee & President Pro Tem Fritz Gohl, and Trustees Water Smithe, Steve Knoop, Beth Mallen, Elaine Ramesh, and Peter Wessel. Now it is time for us to work together recognizing the interests of the community.

Committee Assignments: After each election cycle, the President makes the committee assignments to the Trustees. You can find the complete list of committee assignments at www.vbcomm.info/news/committees.php. During the next several months, I will be making the personnel appointments to the individual committees, involving some 45 appointments. It is important that we consider many aspects when making these appointments, including experience, commitment to the Village, and helping to bring the community together from this last election cycle. If you have an interest in serving on a

committee, or simply an interest in participating in supporting the Village, please contact me directly. We are always in need of new faces and new ideas.

Current Financial Condition: The Village is financially strong having just under \$2M in cash reserves. Our near term challenges are managing our medical insurance costs, addressing the impact of the market crash on our pension assets, and managing the refurbishment of our road system given the harsh freeze thaw cycles of the last two winters. If you have any expertise in these areas, I would be interested in hearing from you.

Our Way Forward: The goals for the next 24 months involve three major elements:

1. Improving and better establishing our community brand
2. Major update of our Village Code
3. Continuous improvement of our roads and infrastructure

The Village brand is an important element in the protection of our environment and to improve property values. We want the market to recognize us as a unique entity in the housing market. Our brand should be recognized for its equestrian and open space and



safe living; a place to raise a family and to retire to. It should encapsulate the construct of our comprehensive plan, and be recognized as having high value both by the marketplace and the court system. It should be a brand that is recognized not only regionally but also nationally.

As I have written in previous newsletters, the Village code is in need of updating. It will be critical that these code updates continue to support our open space and equestrian activities, including the boarding of horses, and protect individual property rights while minimizing the impacts of one resident upon another. Your feedback to me on these issues is helpful and I encourage your input, in particular your perspectives on commercial boarding operations.

With regard to our road system, the winters of the last two years have

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Welcome to the Barrington Hills Community News and Information Website

Barrington Hills is an equestrian community approximately 40 miles northwest of Chicago, Illinois straddling across parts of four counties - Cook, Lake, McHenry and Kane. The estimated population in 2003 was 4,176. The village has roots from early settlers in the 1830s and formal incorporation took place in 1957. Residential properties are a minimum of 5 acre zoning with agricultural and horse farms welcome within the community.

For more Village news everyday of the week, don't forget to visit the Communications Committee's website www.VBComm.info.

Features include:

- Community Calendar
- New Resident Information
- Village Photo Gallery
- Links to Police Department Site and Community Organizations

Check it out today!

presented substantial challenges. The many freeze thaw cycles have created a large number of surface defects and potholes. Fortunately, our road design over the last eight years has helped ensure the protection of the roadbeds. However, the surface layer has been exposed to the ravages of freeze/thaw, salt, water, and heavy vehicles such as construction vehicles and garbage trucks. We will be working to implement new strategies and technology in order to make the necessary repairs and continue to remain within budget. I encourage you to continue to communicate directly with me and the Trustees. We need your feedback and ideas. I invite

you to attend our regular Board and committee meetings and get involved. 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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9TH ANNUAL BARRINGTON COUNTRY GARDEN & ANTIQUE FAIRE JUNE 19TH & 20TH, 2009



Photo courtesy of Laura Ekstrom

Treat yourself to a day in the country viewing the gorgeous grounds of three private Barrington Hills estates. Find yourself surrounded by horse pastures, tall Oak trees, winding creeks, country charm and expansive scenery that Barrington Hills is famous for. Become inspired by the garden artistry, unique design features, innovative workshops, and creative party settings, while enjoying a seemingly endless array of antique and boutique shopping. All of this and more await you at the ninth annual Barrington Country Garden & Antique Faire, Friday June 19th and Saturday June 20th.

Specially selected antique and boutique vendors will be featured in a French Market setting on the main estate along with unique decorative garden items and furnishings, and Avant Garden, an upscale flea market overflowing with one-of-a-kind finds.

Specially priced Faire tickets are \$40 thru June 14th and \$50 June 15th and after are good for both days. Faire hours are 10:00 AM to 4 PM. Free Parking & Shuttle will depart every 15 minutes from the following locations: Friday: from Barrington High School, 1616 W. Main St., and 800 Hart Road (across the street). Saturday: from 800 Hart Road only.

Faire proceeds benefit **Hands of Hope, a Barrington-based non-profit organization**, dedicated to the critical needs of women and children around the world. According to Hands of Hope President/Founder Vicky Wauterlek "As a result of the eight previous Barrington Country Garden and Antique Faires, Hands of Hope has raised over \$2.5 million dollars, which has gone directly to sustainable programs that help alleviate poverty in Africa. For more information, call 847-622-5201 or visit the website at www.handsofhopeonline.org. Tickets may be ordered on-line in advance.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOSPITAL PRESENTS 35TH ANNUAL ART IN THE BARN

The Auxiliary of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital recently announced the dates for their popular juried art exhibition and sale. This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 26th & Sunday, September 27th on the hospital grounds at 450 West Highway 22 in Barrington. In addition to 175 artists in all media, there will be entertainment, food concessions, children's art and pony rides. Admission is just \$5.00 — and free to children 12 and under. All net proceeds are to benefit Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.



OUR EQUESTRIAN VILLAGE CELEBRATES SUMMER!

The Riding Club of Barrington Hills is hosting an "Introduction to Riding in Barrington Hills," clinic on Saturday, July 25th (tentative). The clinic will provide information on riding and training opportunities in Barrington Hills, basic mounted and unmounted instruction, and a trail ride with cocktail reception afterward. Horses, continental breakfast and lunch included. The clinic will run from 9 to 4:30. Contact Jessica Underwood at (224) 627-3730 to register.

The Fox River Valley Hunt is back! Experience the

tradition with their full calendar of summer events:

- Sunday afternoon, June 28th, hounds will parade at Barrington Horse Trials during show jumping
- Sunday July 12th, hound exercise at Woodland (Roberts estate) followed by **Puppy Show**
- Sunday July 19th, hound exercise at Woodland followed by **hunting clinic at Cresswood Farms**
- Sunday August 2nd, **Hunter Pace in Spring Creek Forest Preserve**

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- Sunday August 16th, hound exercise at Woodland with Spring Creek Bassets afterward
- September 7th labor day, hound exercise at Woodland, pig roast afterward

More fun to follow with hunting in the fall! To get involved, call Patti Meroni at 847-651-1235 or email her at meronilaw@ameritech.net.

The horse show season is also gearing up in Barrington Hills, with the successful completion of the Fox River Valley Pony Club Mini Event in May and preparations underway for the Pony Club's Horse Trials in June. Riders from around the region and beyond will be coming to the Barrington Countryside Park District the weekend of June 26 - 28 for the show.

Barrington Hills residents are encouraged to join us for this wonderful event, either by competing your horse, volunteering to help or coming out to enjoy the fantastic riding and beautiful countryside with friends and neighbors. Check out the horse trials web site at www.frvpchorsetrials.org for information on how to get involved. There are so many ways to help – we are looking for cross country jump judges, dressage scribes, a warm up ring steward, show jump crew members and of course sponsors!

Proceeds from the event benefit the educational program of the Pony Club, as well as the purchase and maintenance of the show jumping and cross country jumps and courses at the Riding Center. The cross country course, which has been described as a "jewel in the crown of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County", has been entirely upgraded and maintained through the efforts of the Pony Club and its members. Although the Horse Trials occur over one weekend a year, the rest of the year trail riders, hikers and conservationists enjoy the natural paths the horses gallop across on cross country day. Help us make this great tradition an ongoing success.



Ethan Meister on Coco, taken by Linda Fox

SIGN OF THE TIMES

During the spring and summer months, large numbers of bicyclists ride throughout the Village of Barrington Hills. A 2008 Police Department survey indicated that bicyclists were a major concern for members of the community. Large groups of bicyclists frequently occupy entire lanes on roadways and impede the normal flow of traffic.

In the interest of public safety for all bicyclists and motorists, the Village recently adopted two new ordinances that pertain to bicycles and their safe operation on roadways. The first is the mandate of single file bicycle riding. This ordinance states that persons riding bicycles upon a *Village maintained roadway* are prohibited from riding side by side and shall only ride single file. Signs have recently been posted on applicable roadways.

The second ordinance is negligent operation of bicycles which states that it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle upon *any public roadway (Village/County/State)* in a manner which is negligent or creates a risk of bodily injury or damage to or loss of property.

These new ordinances aim to ensure that both bicyclists and motor vehicles can share the roadway in a safe and responsible manner. Any requests for additional information on these ordinances may be directed to Officer Sabas Parada at (847) 551-3006.



LONGMEADOW PARKWAY

The addition of a four-lane minor arterial road and river crossing that begins at Route 62 in Barrington Hills is being evaluated by Kane County. The Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor is proposed as a four-lane Fox River bridge crossing and four-lane minor arterial roadway with a landscaped median, approximately 5.6 miles in length, to address traffic congestion and transportation needs in northern Kane County. The proposed road passes through portions of the Villages of Algonquin, Carpentersville and Barrington Hills, as well as unincorporated areas of Kane County. The western terminus is on Huntley Road west of Randall Road, approximately 1,300 feet northwest of the Huntley/Boyer intersection. After crossing the river, the corridor parallels existing Bolz Road, to the eastern project terminus at Illinois Route 62 in Barrington Hills.

In the coming months, there will be a meeting of the Kane County Board to further examine the issue. The Kane County Division of Transportation anticipates that they will be called upon to reinstate Phase I engineering, which will outline the right-of-way needed, roadway design requirements, preliminary design of the bridge over the Fox River, subsoil investigations, and drainage and hydraulic requirements. It is expected that the County will receive design approval for the Phase I Engineering from the Illinois Department of Transportation in 2009. The County has been acquiring right-of-way since 2004, and will continue acquiring critical parcels until the available funding is exhausted. If funding were available, it is estimated that the corridor could be open to traffic in approximately 4-5 years. For further information regarding the Longmeadow Parkway you may contact Mr. Steve Coffinbargar, Project Manager, Kane County Division of Transportation, Ph: 630-584-1170, Fax: 630-584-5265, planningstaff@co.kane.il.us

TRUSTEE UPDATE—

**Fritz Gohl, Trustee
Public Safety**



The Village continues to ramp up the Neighborhood Watch Program. I wish to thank Office Sabas Parada for putting together two great workshops for the program. I would also like to express my gratitude to the 18 residents who took part in the classes. These watch captains are very important to our Village's Police Department as extra ears and eyes on the road and in the community. Remember, our police officers cannot be everywhere at once, and they rely on the captains reporting back to the department and calling 911. We still have some holes in parts of the Village where we do not have watch captains. Please call Officer Parada or Sgt. David Kann at 847-551-3006 if you would like to help. Remember, this Village belongs to the residents, not to the people who drive through it. Thanks for your work to keep us all safe!

The Barrington Hills Police Department is also pleased to announce the creation of a web page dedicated to the Neighborhood Watch Program at www.VBHComm.info/police/index.php. In the "Things to Know" box at the bottom of the page is a link to the Neighborhood Watch page. The page contains a synopsis of topics covered at the most recent program meetings, as well as links to any articles or materials that were distributed. Residents who are unable to attend Neighborhood Watch meetings will now be able to benefit from the information discussed at the meetings. Finally, the annual Police Open House will again be held in September. Please look for further information in the next newsletter or at www.VBHComm.info.

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



Barrington Hills officials are asking residents to briefly set aside their reclusiveness and open their doors wide for the US Census. The US Census Bureau is already gearing up for the 2010 Census, and Barrington Hills has signed on to help obtain as accurate a count of residents as possible.

Census data is used to help determine state legislative districts, to apportion seats for the House of Representatives, and to distribute more than \$300 billion annually in federal, state, local, and tribal funds. This includes funding for roads, transportation, schools, as well as many other programs. In 2000, it appeared that the Village lost significant numbers of residents as compared to 1990. Village officials believe this was the result of the inability of census employees to reach all residents for the count. So in order to obtain our share of funding and representation, the village is asking all residents to assist and reply to all Census requests.

Census information is not shared with ANY other government agency, including the courts, the FBI or the White House. Census workers must pass a background check, and are subject to a \$250,000 fine and a 5 year prison term for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household.

One of the first tasks of the census takers is to verify addresses. Census canvassers will be in the field from approximately April to mid July, 2009, 7 days a week from 8:30 a.m. until dusk. Canvassers are asked to knock on doors as a courtesy to let residents know who they are, to show their ID badges and to explain their objective.

For more information on the census, you can go to the census web site at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>.

Please make this a talking point at all of your meetings and with neighbors and friends within the village. We want all residents to stand up and be counted so the village does not lose valuable federal funding. Gated homes and remote farms can be hard to reach, so the census needs our help!

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**Census
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**Beth Mallen, Trustee
Beautification Committee**

Volunteers Pick Up Over 10 Tons of Trash! Written by P. Denise Israel

The sun shined gently and a cool breeze provided inspiration to the volunteers who participated in the May 2nd roadside trash clean up organized by the village's Beautification Committee. Volunteers came from inside and outside Barrington Hills, and included members of the Riding Club of Barrington Hills, the Presbyterian Church of Barrington, the Barrington Area Conservation Trust, scouts from Boy Scout Troop 152, and Harper College Business Honor Society members, to name a few.

This group picked up 150 orange bags of trash plus assorted piles of tires, tail pipes, hubcaps, etc. All this debris weighed approximately 10 tons. What an impressive volunteer effort!

Participants gathered at the Presbyterian Church after working to share tales of the treasures found. Refreshments were provided by the Committee, and the Barrington Jimmy Johns restaurant delivered an unexpected donation of sandwiches for the crews.

A special thank you goes to all residents who took the time to remove any debris from their own properties, or those who helped their neighbors.

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We are planning another event in October to clean up along other roadways. More information will be posted on the Communications Committee website www.VBHComm.info

We also encourage neighborhoods to organize their own pick up events throughout the year. We have orange safety vests and heavy duty orange trash bags available to interested groups of residents. The trash you collect can be discarded with your regular weekly garbage (subject to your particular waste disposal company's policies).

Photo courtesy of Deb Stone

**Peter C. Wessel, Trustee
Road and Bridges**



Written by Elaine M. Ramesh

Spring is a time of high activity for the Roads and Bridges Committee. Following are some details of our plans.

Projects begun last year which need to be completed this year are scheduled to resume early in June. These include: patching the shoulders of Oak Knoll Road, culvert repairs on Three Lakes Road, culvert repairs on Helm Road and bridge maintenance on Cuba Road. Currently, NICOR is relocating a gas main on Merri-Oaks Road before the ongoing drainage improvement project along that road can be completed. We anticipate that the remainder of the drainage improvements along River Road will be completed in July. The bidding process is underway for the resurfacing of Rock Ridge Road, Surrey Court, Surrey Lane and Wagon Wheel Lane. We anticipate that the work will start in early July at latest.

Other miscellaneous drainage projects are to be bid out in late July, for work to begin in September. We have a short list of projects, but how many of them we can address will depend upon funds available after other projects for this year have been completed. Precedence must be given to the most serious situations, i.e. where water overtops the road.

Our major drainage project for 2010 will be improvements along Three Lakes Road.

Elaine M. Ramesh has turned over responsibility of the Roads and Bridges Committee to Trustee Peter Wessel. Please direct future Roads and Bridges related inquiries to his attention.



**Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee
Building and Zoning**



Written by Jonathan J. Knight, Chairman ZBA

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) wishes to thank outgoing Trustee George Schueppert for his tenure as liaison of the Building and Zoning Committee and to welcome Trustees Elaine Ramesh, incoming Chairman of the Building and Zoning Committee and her Co-Chair, Peter Wessel. Welcome also to Joe Messer, who is moving over from the Plan Commission and will be replacing Mark Rossi as a member of the ZBA. Many thanks to Mark for his contributions. He is stepping down due to scheduling conflicts.

Issues currently before the ZBA include proposed text amendments to the Zoning Code concerning Agricultural Use of Land, maintaining the right of property owners to Board Horses, and consideration to allow Animal Rescue Facilities as a permitted use under the Special Use Provisions of the Zoning Code in R-1 Zoned properties. Discussion of a lighting ordinance in the Code will be upcoming.

At the May 13th meeting, the ZBA recommended a multitude of changes to the Code that were considered as "house-keeping" for lack of a better title (crossing of Ts and dotting of Is). The amendments to the language of the Code did not cause changes in any uses, but merely ensured consistency and relevancy to all language in the Code.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15th, and as always the ZBA meetings are open to the public and your attendance is welcome. Information on the ZBA and the Agendas are published on the Village web page.

**Steve Knoop, Trustee
Planning**

The Village of Barrington Hills has received a great deal of press attention this year for its recent Dark Sky Proclamation, and for its activities promoting 2009 as the International Year of Astronomy (IYA2009). Here are just a few of the events that have been held and media mentions we've received.

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TRUSTEE UPDATE—cont.

- On March 5th, Barrington Hills had an IYA2009 display at the Citizens for Conservation (CFC) Annual Meeting, highlighting its partnership with CFC and providing information about astronomical events. Handouts showing examples of good vs. bad outdoor lighting fixtures were provided and staff worked to educate participants about IYA and light pollution.
- During the international observance of Earth Hour on March 28th, Sarah Kenney, Planning and Zoning Coordinator, was interviewed on WGN Radio concerning about our participation in IYA and our pursuit of becoming a dark sky community by looking into more zoning parameters to minimize unnecessary outdoor vanity lighting and to maintain our unique rural character within a metropolitan area as stated in our Comprehensive Plan.
- The Village Hall played host to two astronomy viewing events on April 3rd and 4th in observance of "100 Hours of Astronomy". Members of the Northwest Suburban Astronomers Club came out to share views of the night sky through their equipment with village residents. The rings of Saturn were actually observed!!
- Inspired by a Dark Sky proclamation first adopted by Barrington Hills, and then Homer Glen, Mount Prospect and Peoria, a Norridge high school student gave a presentation to Norridge's village board meeting in April about the dangers of light pollution and promoting the use of appropriate light fixtures. As a result, Norridge has passed a Dark Sky Proclamation.
- Our Village's efforts were recently featured in the Daily Herald in an article touting the advantages of properly selected light sources which direct light on the ground, rather than wastefully illuminating the skies. Trustee Steve Knoop was quoted commenting on the recent surge in interest in preserving the night skies, "We've created quite an international stir as to how proactive we've been so far - a lot of it is education about what lights are doing to our environment..." The article also detailed the positive aspects of reducing light pollution, including health benefits to wildlife, and energy savings when switching from poor and unnecessary lighting to full cut-off fixtures and lower wattage CFL bulbs. The full text of the article can be found on the Communications Committee website www.VBHComm.info.



Historic Telescope On Display At Village Hall
photo credit - S. Kenney

The Village is pleased by all the accolades we have been receiving to support our semi-rural community in the midst of a growing metropolis, and is excited to be acknowledged as a regional leader in the Dark Sky movement.

Community Corner



FRIENDS OF HOME OF THE SPARROW

Thanks to all who attended the April 22nd Friends of Home of the Sparrow luncheon "Under the Tuscan Sun". A good day was enjoyed by all! Please make plans to attend the next event: The 3rd annual WOMEN fore WOMEN Golf Outing Monday, September 21, being held again at Makray Memorial Golf Club,

1010 S. NW Hwy in Barrington. Details are still being planned and will be posted at www.VBHComm.info as soon as they are available. The event isn't just for golfers -- non-golfers may attend the luncheon/auction portion. Call Marie at 847-304-0252 for prices and reservations.

H-O-S is also accepting donations of unwanted clothing and household items at their SPARROW resale shops. The two closest are: in Cary at 380 N. NW Hwy, 847-639-4082; or Palatine at 275 E. NW Hwy 847-705-6852. Donations accepted Wednesday-Saturday, 10AM-5PM. Call to arrange pick-up for larger items.



NEWS FROM THE BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

➤ BACOG's legislative proposal, HB967, that would require notice to municipalities and townships of foreclosures is progressing in the General Assembly. The bill will help local governments learn of properties vacated and abandoned through foreclosures through the notification process. Local governments can then provide extra protections in the form of assistance to owners, police patrols to prevent vandalism, or mowing of weeds and placement of liens, for example -- all of which protect the property's value and the neighborhood's stability and property values as well.

➤ Officials traveled to Springfield for three days of advocacy for BACOG area needs. Our officials met with Speaker Michael Madigan, talked with members of the House and Senate about HB967 and other bills, participated in a press conference on the CN Railroad, hosted a reception for legislators to discuss the BACOG 2009 Legislative Platform, and met with IDOT for a stimulus bill update.

➤ The BACOG office is exploring issues relating to phosphorus in lawn fertilizers and the connection to the poor health of numerous surface water bodies in the region, as part of our work with the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership. BACOG and FCWP are working with Lake County Lakes Division on this project.

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CITIZENS FOR CONSERVATION

Citizens for Conservation (CFC) recently announced their summer schedule of children's classes "Adventures in Nature". Class themes include sky, trees, birds, and islands and will be held on designated Saturday mornings in June, July and August. Classes are geared for children K & older; adults are welcome and encouraged to come. The cost for each class is \$3 for CFC members and \$5 for non-members. No fees for adults. ALL STUDENTS MUST REGISTER AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO CLASS. Please call CFC (847) 382- SAVE (7283) with questions. The full schedule and class details are available at the Village of Barrington Hills Community Information website www.VBHComm.info.



2009 BARRINGTON CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE SET FOR JULY 12TH AT MAKRAY

Event to support Barrington Area Conservation Trust and Hospice of Northeastern Illinois

Tickets are now on sale for the 2009 Barrington Concours d'Elegance charity benefit, *Legends & Legacies: Celebrating a Century on Wheels*, which will be held Sunday, July 12. This year's scaled-back event is a one-day Road Rally through the Barrington countryside, followed by an elegant cocktail buffet benefit on the lawn at Makray Memorial Golf Club. At Makray, 20 to 25 of the area's most stunning Concours vehicles will be on display, along with antique bicycles and Victorian-era carriages.

No tickets will be sold at the door for this year's charity benefit; all tickets must be purchased in advance at www.barringtonconcours.org. There are three ticket options: The Road Rally and Dinner Charity Benefit Package is \$175 per person and includes one vehicle entry in the Road Rally and one admittance to the dinner, where the Concours vehicles will be shown (also includes silent auction, elegant buffet, and open bar at Makray). Tickets for the *dinner only* are \$150 per person (no access to Road Rally). Tickets for the *Road Rally only* are \$50 per vehicle (no access to view Concours vehicles; this ticket admits as many people to the Rally as your vehicle will hold).

For more information or to purchase tickets, please go to www.barringtonconcours.org or call 847-381-4291. Additional information will be available at the Communications Committee website www.VBHComm.info.



The 2008 Concours Best in Show: 1935 Mercedes 540K Cabriolet owned by the Cantore Family. Shown left to right: Event Co-Chair Dee Beaubien, Formula 1 Commentator David Hobbs, and Event Co-Chair Mary Bradford-White. Photograph by Bob Milkovich.

IDOT

The Village of Barrington Hills is working closely with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to reduce the number of accidents and fatalities on the stretch of Route 62 that runs through the Village. This unusual partnership was initiated by IDOT due to concerns about the number of fatal accidents along this stretch of road. After analysis revealed that the accidents were fairly evenly spread out, with no accident "hot spots", IDOT agreed to install rumble strips along both outer edges of the road, as well along the center line. The center line will also be larger and more boldly painted. In addition, a lower speed limit of 45 miles per hour was discussed for a possible two year test period. As always, the Village and police department are committed to traffic safety on Algonquin Road and throughout the Village.



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Residents rave about CTY Notification System

"Thank you for the very helpful phone alert system. Excellent program." "Phone / e-mail alert system is simply excellent."
 "Communication System a winner!" " High marks on the telephone messaging system – an outstanding idea."

This is just a small sampling of the overwhelmingly positive feedback the Barrington Hills Police Department has received about the **Connect-CTY** service which issues timely alerts about urgent situations within the Village. In the last two years, CTY has been used to notify residents about residential burglaries, traffic accidents, road closures and weather-related emergencies resulting from severe rains, flooding or ice storms.

It's simple to sign up -- just go to the main Village website www.BarringtonHills-IL.gov and click on the orange CTY logo on the right side of the page. You can choose to receive notifications at up to three different phone numbers, two e-mail addresses or even by SMS text message. Registration is simple and free, and all your contact information is kept strictly private. Take a minute to sign up, or to update your contact information already in the database. Such a simple step for added security and peace of mind.



Directory

<p>Village of Barrington Hills 112 Algonquin Road Barrington Hills, IL 60010-5199 Web address with e-mail www.barringtonhills-il.gov www.vbhcomm.info Phone 847-551-3000 Village Hall Hours Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. Director of Administration Robert Kosin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MEETINGS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Village Board 4th Monday of the month, 6:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Equestrian Commission 1st Monday of the month, 7:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E-911 ETSB 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plan Commission 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zoning Board of Appeals 3rd Monday of the month, 7:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All meetings are held in the Alexander MacArthur Room of the Barrington Hills Village Hall. <i>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.</i></p>	<p>Board of Trustees</p> <p>Robert G. Abboud <i>President</i></p> <p>Fritz Gohl <i>Pro-Tem</i></p> <p>Walter E. Smithe <i>Trustee</i></p> <p>Steve Knoop <i>Trustee</i></p> <p>Beth Mallen <i>Trustee</i></p> <p>Elaine Ramesh <i>Trustee</i></p> <p>Peter C. Wessel <i>Trustee</i></p>
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