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Village Hall Hours
Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Director of Administration
Robert Kosin
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MEETINGS

Village Board
4th Monday of the month,
6:30 PM

Equestrian Commission
1st Monday of the month,
7:00 PM

Development Commission
1st Monday of the month,
5:00 PM

E-911 ETSB
2nd Monday of the month,
6:30 PM

Plan Commission
2nd Monday of the month,
7:30 PM

Zoning Board of Appeals
3rd Monday of the month,
7:30 PM

Board of Health
3rd Wednesday of the
month, 7:30 PM

**Communications
Commission**
3rd Monday of the month,
5:30 PM

Police Pension Board
4th Monday of the month,
9:00 AM

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.

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News from Village Hall



May 2007

FROM THE DESK OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Fellow Residents:

Spring of 2007 brings the beginning of our 50th year anniversary. The Village was founded on July 5th, 1957, formally incorporating settlements which began in the early 1800's. Our celebration this year will comprise a number of major events designed to reflect on where we have been and where are headed into the future. The events are all listed in the 'Community News' section at www.BarringtonHills-IL.gov. I encourage the readers to attend.

In many ways, Barrington Hills and its Barrington area partners stand as an example of first-class sustainable community planning and land use practices. Our Village's future is dedicated in part to helping the larger region plan and create communities that are more than just mile after mile of strip malls, gas stations, and fast food. This is why our Village officers and staff participate so heavily in organizations such as the many councils of government including BACOG, county governments and their planning departments, regional planning organizations such as CMAP, and federal entities including the US Fish and Wildlife. We also participate in a wide variety of legislative efforts designed to continue to provide land use protection and mitigate the powerful and well financed inter-state developer lobbies.

Barrington Hills cannot stand alone. We must work regionally to help address issues such as water, transportation, housing, and economic vitality. Our local community is dependant upon the health of the regional community.

Fortunately, our resident population, and our surrounding Barrington communities, understand these environmental and planning issues. We have an incredibly capable and active community that has demonstrated how well it can work together. I continue to be amazed at the level of volunteer effort and dedication of our residents. It is why I absolutely believe that our Village character will be fully intact another 50 years from today.

It is easy to fall into the trap of asking 'What will the community do for me?' We live in a political climate that is focused on personal and corporate gain. But I submit the real question is 'What can we do for the community?' Our local history has shown that the individual residents benefit most when we work together as a community. It is worth remembering that sprawl and loss of open space is more than a local issue. People are often surprised to find that a land use issue that was once on the other side of the town suddenly has arrived at their doorstep.

So what can you do to help the community? Get involved. Call and write your elected representatives in the Village, in the county, at the state capital. The Internet makes it easy to contact them and communicate your perspectives on the future of our community. Find out what they are working on and if they support your principles. If they don't, you get to make a change at the next election.

Investigate who we are electing as judges. Many of the land use issues are being decided in part in the courts today. Developers have millions of dollars to fund local judicial campaigns. Many of these elections go unnoticed, driven principally by inter-state real estate and attorney interests. These judges work for you. Consider your vote regarding those judges who have decided against our community.

I want to encourage you to take full advantage of the Village WEB site, www.BarringtonHills-IL.gov. Here you will find all the Village communication, meeting schedules, a fully searchable version of the Village Code, and all the latest happenings within the Village.

Our Communications Committee is making extensive use of the electronic medium – WEB, E-mail, Blog, etc. While we will continue to use the paper based news letter for some time, I encourage you to sign up on the Village WEB site for receiving your news letter by E-mail or WEB as this saves the Village thousands of dollars in processing costs. Most important in

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our communication efforts is providing effective channels for 2-way communication so our residents can participate and be involved in the governing of the Village.

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,
Robert G. Abboud
President, Village of Barrington Hills
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Cell: 847-921-1932
Bob@RGALabs.com

COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Dear friends and neighbors,

Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter our stubborn winter has finally gone to wherever it goes! It's time for us to enjoy spring and summer.

The 50th celebration is about to get underway. May 20th will be the annual Police Open House. Plan to attend this and the many other events that are happening over the next 6 months. Patty Meroni has devoted a huge amount of time and energy to this project . . . there are still openings for volunteers so contact Patty. More information is included in this newsletter. Hope to see everyone!

The ZBA has sent the cell tower application onto the Board of Trustees. It is very possible that the Board will call a special meeting to hear this particular item. Watch for news of upcoming meetings on vbhcomm.info. Also if you click on the Cell Tower link you should find all the pertinent information.

Even though there has not been much news lately about Barrington Farms (Fritz Duda Corp) it has not yet been settled. Again we will make every effort through the mail and vbhcomm.info site to alert you to all activities.

This will be my last article as Chairperson of the

Communication Committee. I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished in two years. You are now receiving newsletters in a timely manner. Hopefully you are using the vbhcomm website to keep up to date on all issues facing the Village.

I truly believe that keeping the residents informed on all aspects of what is happening helps us to work as a unit.

Nikki Panos has been selected as the new chairperson and resumes are being reviewed for a member to replace me. Please continue to support these people. They have been great to work with and for.

I would like to say good-bye and thank-you to Trustee Ted Horne. Ted has been active in this community for over thirty years. Most people don't even stay with a paying "employer" that long. Thank you for all your work, don't be a stranger.

Now for the last time,
Regards and best wishes,
Beth Mallen, Chairperson
Communications Committee



NEW POLLING PLACES

As of the April 17th election, the polling place for Algonquin Township Precincts 16, 33, and 45 was changed permanently from the Algonquin Road School in Fox River Grove to the Fox River Grove Middle School at 401 Orchard Street. Many voters were unhappy with the new location because it is farther away and much less convenient to access (voters must cross busy Route 14/Northwest Highway). The decision to change the polling place was made by Fox River Grove School District #3 Superintendent Dr. Jacqueline Krause earlier this year, citing safety concerns for the children who attend the grade school. If you are dissatisfied with the newly assigned venue, Republican Precinct Committeewoman LouAnne Majewski advised voters to

send email messages expressing your desire to return to the original polling place to school leadership and to the McHenry County clerk. If enough people lodge their objections, the School District may reverse their decision on our voting location.

Dr. Krause
krausej@dist3.org Board of Education
boe@dist3.org
McHenry County Clerk Katherine C. Schultz
countyclerk@co.mchenry.il.us

If you have any questions, please contact LouAnne Majewski at (847) 658-8380, or lampunky@sbcglobal.net

Barrington Hills



Police Department

Come out and show your support and appreciation for the Barrington Hills Force.

5th Annual OPEN HOUSE

Rain or Shine!

**Sunday May 20, 2007
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Please join us for an afternoon of fun, food and giveaways!

Illinois Regional Air Support Helicopter

Child Identification Kits

Illinois State Police DUI Simulator

TOPPS K9 Demonstrations



112 Algonquin Road
(847) 551-3006



TECHNOLOGY CORNER

KEVIN COLOSIA, TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

On March 12, the Zoning Board voted 4-3 to recommend denial of the Special Use Permit Application for a cell tower at the Riding Center. The Application will now go before the full Village Board for a final decision at a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday May 16 at 7:30 PM at COUNTRYSIDE SCHOOL. Anyone interested in additional information can find it at the Village Community News website: www.vbhcomm.info, then click on Cell Tower.

On April 9, the Technology Committee held a Special Meeting to review technical comments received from the industry on the draft PCS Tower Ordinance.

Recommendations from the Technology Committee will be provided to the Zoning Board in May, and there the public hearing and approval process will continue. The current draft Ordinance with comments is posted on the Village website at: <http://www.ci.barrington-hills.il.us/>, then click on

the News and Information link.

On February 16, representatives of the Village met with AT&T regarding their planned Project LightSpeed (also marketed as U-verse / HomeZone), a new data and video service offering that uses existing phone lines to the home (copper drops). However, some additions to the AT&T backbone network will be necessary, so later this year AT&T service vehicles may be seen installing additional equipment near some Village roads. We have no date yet from AT & T when the new service will be available within our Village.

Be aware that due to distance limitations, not all Village residences will have access to the highest speeds of data service. AT&T's website will provide an indication of what capabilities are available for individual phone numbers.



EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION

The Equestrian Commission is in the process of creating a template for developers which explains the procedure for determining if trails are required on pending subdivisions and the options available to developers relative to these trails.

No new subdivision applications were presented this quarter for trail consideration.

Dan Lundmark
Equestrian Commission Chairman



Barrington Hills 50th Anniversary Events

On July 5, 2007, Barrington Hills celebrates its 50th Anniversary as an incorporated village with a year long series of events scheduled. All residents are invited to participate – whether as spectators, participants or volunteers, or all three, as the village celebrates its unique lifestyle in an increasingly developed area.



May 20 Annual Barrington Hills Open House
Village Hall & Barrington Hills Police Department

June 9 Barn Tour – 4 P.M. – leave from parking lot at 1000 Hart Road

Join us for an evening of fun, refreshments, and equestrian demonstrations at the hugely popular Barrington Hills Barn Tour, the first since the Barrington Horse Show 1995 Tour. Visit some of the areas most amazing barns featuring beautiful indoor arenas for dressage and jumping, viewing rooms, and astounding barn facilities.

June 30 Civil War Encampment Celebration – 9 A.M. – 5 P.M.
Barrington Hills Village Hall Grounds 112 Algonquin Road

Union Camp Opens
Medical Tent Opens
Military Drills at 10:30 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.
Lunch Available – 11 A.M. – 3 P.M.
2:30 P.M. Dedication of Village Hall
3 P.M. Lincoln/Douglas Speeches

August 13 Family Day Outing at Barrington Hills Country Club
BHCC opens at 11 A.M. for lunch, driving range, shotgun starts at 1 P.M. – swimming, snack bar and pool facilities, plus tennis
Cocktails and dinner at **6 P.M.**

September 8 Kalaway Landowners Polo Match sponsored by the Riding Club of Barrington Hills and the Barrington Hills Polo Club
12 Noon – Oakwood Farm, Deepwood Road (just west of Bateman Road)

September 14-16 Concourse d'Elegance
Makray Memorial Golf Club

The three-day Barrington Concours d' Elegance *Legends and Legacies* will feature 100 of the world's finest and most rare historic, classic, sports, and performance racing cars. *Legends and Legacies* will be held on the grounds of the spectacular Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington. A welcome dinner on Friday evening for exhibitors and honored guests kicks off the festivities. Saturday's events include a morning road rally and a lovely dinner celebration featuring fabulous food, wine and entertainment. The weekend will culminate with a spectacular display of legendary automobiles on the golf course grounds.

Legends and Legacies is a result of the collaborative vision of the event's three hosts and beneficiaries, Barrington Hills Conservation Trust, Hospice of Northeastern Illinois and Cowboy Dreams, who believe in the strength of partnership and who work diligently to preserve and promote some of the most important legacies of the Barrington area: compassion, conservation, and community involvement. All proceeds of the benefit will be divided evenly between these three nonprofit organizations. For information and tickets call 847-381-4291 or visit the website at: www.infobarringtonconcours.org.

Barrington Hills 50th Anniversary Events cont.

September 29 Countryside School Reunion 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Visit old friends and teachers and reminisce over lunch at Countryside School

For more information and tickets, call the Barrington Hills Village Hall at (847) 551-3000, or visit their website at www.barringtonhills-il.gov or www.vbhcomm.info. Tickets can also be purchased at Ambrosia Patisserie, Barrington Chamber of Commerce, Barrington Flower Shop, Meeske's Meats, Pasquesi Home and Garden and the Village Hall.

November 17 Barrington Hills Gala Celebration
SanFilippo Estate

Our tribute to Barrington Hills, its history, founders and the many residents who have strived over the past 50 years to preserve our open space, 5 acre zoning, rural atmosphere and the many other factors that have made Barrington Hills a special place to live, especially as we go into the 21st Century.

BARRINGTON HILLS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

PRESENTS

A CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT

Saturday, June 30 at the

BARRINGTON HILLS VILLAGE HALL
112 Algonquin Road

9 A.M. – 5 P.M.

UNION CAMP OPENS

MEDICAL TENT OPENS

MILITARY DRILLS AT 10:30 A.M. AND 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH AVAILABLE 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

2:30 P.M. DEDICATION OF VILLAGE HALL

3:00 P.M. LINCOLN/DOUGLAS SPEECHES

ADULTS - \$5.00 • CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE (With Adult)

For Information and Tickets call: 847-551-3000

Or Contact: www.VBHCOMM.INFO

Purchase Tickets at:

**Ambrosia Patisserie, Barrington Chamber of Commerce, Barrington Flower Shop,
Meeske's Meats, Pasquesi Home & Garden, and the Village Hall**

TRUSTEE UPDATE—

Fritz Gohl, Trustee
Public Safety



Mark your calendars to attend the July 4th parade! We approached about 20 local residents who agreed to participate in the annual Barrington Center July 4th parade. Our fellow residents will be marching in military federal union uniforms, and will be honoring and representing the 9th Illinois Cavalry Company C from the Barrington Area that was mustered in 1861. We're also hoping to have a civil war re-enactment unit, along with their three piece artillery unit, join our parade as well. Be sure to come out and show your support!

Barrington Hills residents currently not part of District 220 will be presenting to the School Board of District 300 reasons why the district lines should be reconsidered to have their residences part of District 220, and not District 300. Please call the Village Hall at 847-551-3000 for the date of this meeting.

Theodore L. Horne, Former Senior Trustee
Health, Environment, Buildings and Grounds



This will be my final column for the Barrington Hills Newsletter. After 22 years on the Village Board, I am retiring from this volunteer service.

HEALTH: The Board of Health, after long consideration, has recommended a "Clean Indoor Air" Ordinance that would prohibit smoking in all places of employment or public gathering in the Village of Barrington Hills.

ENVIRONMENT: Whether or not you believe the experts who say global warming is real or those who say it's being overstated, we all should take care of our environment by the responsible disposal of freon-based appliances. A company in Harvard specializes in just such disposal. Enviro-Safe Appliance Recycling, Inc claims to be "the only appliance removal service to guarantee that your freon-based appliance will be disposed of per EPA guidelines." Enviro-Safe also offers safe disposal of all type of appliances, such as car and truck batteries, tires, and general hauling materials. Their phone number is: 815-943-4938.

The Flint Creek Watershed Partnership is working with an environmental planner on strategies and tactics for the restoration and maintenance of Flint Creek. Applied Ecological Services, FCWP's consultant for the plan, will summarize results from last year's stream inventory and months of data gathering about resources and characteristics of the watershed. If you live on or near Flint Creek, you are especially invited to attend any meeting of the Partnership. For future times of meetings, please contact either the current Village Board chairperson of Health, Environment, Buildings and Grounds or the coordinator of the Partnership, Patsy Mortimer at pmortimer@earthlink.net.

The Village Board is considering a Village-wide contract for garbage service. If you have an opinion on this, please contact the current Village Board chairperson for Health, Environment, Buildings and Grounds or Bob Kosin at 847-551-3004.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: The canopy over the south side of the Village Hall will be finished this year. This project has been staged over three years and will offer protection for the Police Department sally port. Plans for the renovation of the MacArthur Meeting Room are taking shape. They include new custom built tables for the Board, a reconfigured seating arrangement, new audience chairs, new flat panel monitor screens in each corner of the room, and new lighting. (Having worked on this project for the past two years, I will be sorry not to be able to reap the benefits!)

Outdoors, The Village of Barrington Hills has been awarded a one-day clean-up of the landscaping on Village Hall grounds by the Brickman Group, at no cost to the Village. This is part of Brickman's "Giving Back To The Community" program, and we are pleased to be a beneficiary of their generosity.

So long ... and good luck to my successor. Ted

TRUSTEE UPDATE—

Steve Knoop, Trustee
Planning and Development Commissions



Plan Commission Considers Wamberg Property **by Ken Bosworth, Planning Commission Chairman**

The Plan Commission has been quiet lately and due to a lack of petitions, the January, February and March meetings were cancelled. The only current application pending before the Commission is the application for the owner of the Wamberg property located on the east side of New Hart Road and north of Lake Cook Road. The Wamberg property originally consisted of some seventy acres of land that made up the Uarco property, which was located in both Barrington and Barrington Hills. Approximately three years ago, Barrington and Barrington Hills completed an exchange of land for a realignment of municipal boundaries. As a result of the exchange, all of the property which would more properly be used for residential purpose along Old Hart Road would remain in Barrington Hills as ultimately four five acre lots. The commercial property would be split into three sites, one consisting of approximately 18 acres in Barrington along Lake Cook Road and the second consisting of 11.25 acres to be located in Barrington Hills along New Hart Road. The third site, which included a major portion of Flint Creek, was placed in a 13 acre conservancy area. The original development plans were for the southern commercial piece in Barrington to be developed first and then the commercial piece to the northeast located in Barrington Hills would follow, as the market dictates. A joint venture agreement has been created with Great Lakes Principals for the development of both commercial sites and has submitted to the Plan Commission of Barrington Hills an application to begin the development of the 11.25 acre site in Barrington Hills. The developer is currently proposing to build 14 one-story prairie style office buildings on the site. At the April meeting of the Plan Commission, the developer made a presentation for the development of the site. In attendance at the meeting were representatives of the Village of Barrington who expressed concern as to the location of the exit from this site and its potential to be connected to the other commercial building to the north in Barrington also along New Hart Road and its relationship to the Field of Dreams entrance.

The Plan Commission is extremely concerned about the traffic congestion already in this area at rush hour times and the safety to the high school students. The Plan Commission after listening to the petitioner's presentation directed the Village attorney, Village engineer and other Village staff members to review in detail all of the petitioner's applications and to make recommendations at the May meeting. In addition, the Village of Barrington will be working with the petitioner on the 11.25 acres site and its access to Lake Cook Road.

As this is one of the only commercial developments in the Village, we welcome the input of all Village residents as to the development of this site and its consideration of impact on traffic.

Julie McKeivitt, Trustee
Roads and Bridges



We all know the familiar saying "If it's not snow season it's construction season"? Well, here we go again! The construction season for our Village in 2007 will include resurfacing to the following roads: Merri Oaks, Hickory Lane, Hills and Dales, Longmeadow Dr., Longmeadow Ct., and Rolling Hills Dr. Drainage and culvert work will continue throughout the Village with a large culvert at Algonquin River Rd. being replaced, along with smaller miscellaneous projects. The bid packages were available in April, the Board will approve a contract in May, and work should begin in June. The Cook County Highway Department will also be resurfacing Bateman Rd. this year some time in August or September. They plan to incorporate "green" technology in this project by utilizing recycled tires in the paving process. We met with the Cook County Highway Department to discuss not only this project, but also their plans for resurfacing Penny Rd. in 2008. At that meeting we raised the concerns of our residents who live on County roads about the speed limits, no passing zones, and traffic counts. We have shared with them the public comments we received at our September 2006 public hearings regarding speed limits on Village roads, and hope that they will take our residents comments seriously. I welcome any questions or concerns you may have and can be reached at 847-458-4540 or juliemckevitt@hughes.net.

Walter E. Smithe, III, Trustee
Finance



As of the end of December 2006 we have completed a "stub" year of only eight months duration so that in the future the village fiscal year coincides with the calendar year. Our auditors, Virchow, Krause and Company, LLP, have been busy completing their analysis of the short year and we expect their report soon. This report will be available at the village hall for inspection. After the next set of financial statements for this short year is available, subsequent fiscal years will coincide with the calendar year. You will notice that as we adapt to GASB 34 provisions our financial statements are becoming more user friendly, with straightforward language, graphs and less of the jargon that made past statements difficult to understand.

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 or Rosemary Ryba, Village Treasurer 847-551-3002 treasurer@barringtonhills-il.gov

TRUSTEE UPDATE—

**George L. Schueppert, Trustee
Building, Zoning and Insurance**



Over the past quarter, the major issue before the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) was a request for a special use permit to allow the erection of a tower for cellular telephone use on the Barrington Countryside Park District Property on Bateman Road in the southwestern portion of the village. The ZBA, after holding four public meetings on the matter voted to not recommend approval of the application. It will now move to the Village Board for consideration and action on the request.

The ZBA also recently held a special meeting at which it discussed and prioritized the various matters before it for consideration. A brief summary of the resulting status of those matters is outlined below, in descending order of priority.

◆ **Landscape (Forestation) ordinance**

The ZBA heard from experts and community representatives with a special interest in forestation matters at its regularly scheduled meeting in April. They had previously held a public hearing on a possible ordinance, and will be proceeding toward sending the Village Board recommended language to include in the Village's Ordinances.

◆ **Lighting, exterior residential**

VBH staff is gathering information on possible language to amend our current ordinance on exterior lighting. A model ordinance for municipalities is being crafted by an organization called Dark Skies, and this language will be referred to the ZBA as soon as it becomes available. In the meantime, the ZBA has asked for some specific examples of excessive exterior lighting in the village.

◆ **Floor area ratio**

Should there be an increase the Floor Area Ratio per residential lot? And should there be a percentage of FAR set aside on each residential lot for accessory structures? The ZBA views these two questions as being some of the most important items on its list of matters under consideration, and has asked for a presentation by the village's engineers on the subject, including grade and back-fill issues. It expects to hold a public hearing on this matter later this spring.

◆ **"Spec home" limitations**

This is another new issue to come before the ZBA and it has asked staff for some examples of concern on this matter. Several residents in the village have expressed concern to the Village Board about the increasing number of "spec" homes in the village.

◆ **Permitted noise levels**

An expert on noise levels will be asked to educate the ZBA on this issue. The Board has asked for examples of resident complaints in addition to the recent concern over noise created by an aeration fountain in a pond.

◆ **Cell towers (PCS) ordinance**

This is seen as a major matter for the ZBA. They await information from the Technology Committee, and have asked for other sample ordinance language to consider in the context of the draft ordinance prepared by Village Counsel. The Board feels it is several months away from a public hearing on this issue.

◆ **Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions vis a vis fencing**

This issue is felt to potentially be a part of the subject of "set-asides" for accessory structures under the FAR. The ZBA has suggested that it wishes to mitigate the limitations on future land owners from covenants under private arrangements such as homeowners associations.

◆ **Residential sprinkler systems**

The Zoning Board has benefited from presentations by the Fire District and will be addressing the possible creation of requirements for sprinklers in all new or substantially remodeled homes in the village. Should the ZBA feel the subject merits consideration as a modification to our ordinances, it will hold a public hearing on the matter.

◆ **Historic preservation/tear-downs**

Village staff has been asked to prepare a discussion paper on this, with reference to how the matter is treated by other similarly situated villages in our area.

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW...

Neal Waltmire, the Planning and Zoning Coordinator for Barrington Hills, loves the scenic views in town (his favorite is the intersection of Braeburn and Spring Creek). But he also enjoys changing residents' views about their village government. "I enjoy dispelling myths about local government such as that it is slow, inefficient, and uncaring. Every once in a while someone goes out of their way to thank you for something that you did that positively impacted them and that's always a good feeling."

As his title suggests, Neal assists all petitioners going through the Zoning Board of Appeals process, making sure that all legal requirements are met and that the application is sufficiently complete. Additionally, he explains the zoning code to surveyors, realtors, contractors, residents, and appointed and elected officials. When a problem arises, Neal investigates zoning complaints and determines whether compliance has been met. He also generates postal addresses for new subdivisions and residences and processes addressing change requests (unique circumstances such as the relocation of a driveway).



In addition to planning and zoning, he is involved in many other areas of village administration. He is responsible for assisting board members of the Communication Committee, the Board of Health, the Development Commission, the Equestrian Commission, the Legal Committee, and the Technology Committee, as well as residents who have business with these committees. He gathers, analyzes and distributes background material necessary for these bodies to make decisions. He also takes minutes, drafts agendas, makes copies, and writes documents explaining the rationale behind the body's decision.

Born in Iowa, Neal has lived most of his life in Illinois. He currently lives in Wheaton with his two brothers. In his free time, you might find him playing his guitar at an open mike night, or cheering on the Chicago Cubs from the bleachers.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

On October 23, 2006 the Village Board recognized several long standing block captains in the Village of Barrington Hills Neighborhood Watch Program. The block captains were recognized for over ten years of service and dedication to the residents of Barrington Hills. The efforts of the block captains are one of the main reasons why we enjoy such a tranquil and safe community.

Mayor Abboud, Chief Murphy and the members of the Barrington Hills Police Department would like to thank all the members of the Neighborhood Watch Program for their service and dedication.

The following members were also recognized but are not pictured: Jim Holden, James Hastings, Lorraine Briggs, Dale Jufferbruch, Janet Agnoletti, Alan Hoffman, Wayne Schild, Ted & Shelly Singer, James Kempe and Village Trustee Theodore Horne.

The Village of Barrington Hills Police Department is committed to the Neighborhood Watch Program. If you would like to volunteer for the program as a neighborhood watch block captain please contact Officer Erik Stokes at (847) 551-3006.



Mayor Abboud & David Hollein



Mayor Abboud & Ron Bransky



Mayor Abboud & Joseph & Lois Shartiag



Mayor Abboud & Harold "Butch" Borgmann

POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION



Pictured Left to Right:
CALEA Executive Director
Sylvester Daughtry,
Barrington Hills President
Robert Abboud,
Investigations Sergeant
Ron Riedel, Community Service
Officer Bill Walsh - the
Department's Accreditation Manager,
Chief Michael Murphy and
CALEA Chairman James O'Dell.

On March 17, 2007 the Police Department received its second accreditation award, from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®). President Abboud joined Chief Murphy and members from the police department in Greensboro, North Carolina to accept the award.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations:

- ◆ International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP);
- ◆ National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE);
- ◆ National Sheriffs' Association (NSA); and the
- ◆ Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).

The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by: maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence. Specifically, CALEA's goals are to strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities by:

- ◆ Formalizing essential management procedures;
- ◆ Establishing fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices;
- ◆ Improving service delivery;
- ◆ Solidifying interagency cooperation and coordination; and
- ◆ Increaseing community and staff confidence in the agency.

The CALEA Accreditation Process is a proven modern management model; once implemented, it presents the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), on a continuing basis, with a blueprint that promotes the efficient use of resources and improves service delivery - regardless of the size, geographic location, or functional responsibilities of the agency.

Barrington Hills Police Department was the first Law Enforcement agency within McHenry County to achieve national accreditation, and the first police department within the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) to achieve this prestigious award. Accreditation is voluntary, and department's must be continually in compliance with law enforcement standards. Departments achieving accreditation must be assessed every three years, and provide annual reports every year attesting to their continued compliance.



"Sean Hurley and Abby Huff enjoyed lunch at Chessie's with Barrington Hills Police Chief Michael Murphy and then toured the Police Department. The Barrington Hills Police Department donated this fun outing to Countryside School for their Silent Auction to support the school's PTO."

Police: Slow Down and Buckle Up, Truck Drivers

About 5,000 commercial vehicles a day traverse Route 62 and Route 59 in Barrington Hills, with 3,000 more commercial vehicles passing through the Village on Lake Cook and Route 68.



A national study finds that only 48 percent of commercial drivers wear seat belts, said Sgt. David M. Kann of the Barrington Hills Police Department. Barrington Hills Police, however, are working to get more of the thousands of unbuckled truck drivers to start wearing seat belts through an \$11,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Officer Gary Hammelmann of the Barrington Hills Police Department has already started to talk with and inform commercial drivers about the importance of "Buckling UP" and speed enforcement has started on area roadways, said Sgt. David M. Kann.

Bicycle Enforcement

In honor of National Bike Month this May, the Village of Barrington Hills plans to increase education and enforcement of bike laws. The Village and Police Department are making special efforts so bicyclists and motorists may share the Village streets and highways more safely.

The Police Department will be conducting a bike rodeo on May 21, 2007 in conjunction with the Boy Scouts. In addition, officers will pass out bicycle information cards and put together a bicycle safety enforcement campaign. Information on biking laws and safety can be found at the League of Illinois Bicyclists web site www.bikelib.org or at the Secretary of State's web site www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

The police department is asking anyone with a contact at a large biking group to give the group's club name and contact to the department so they may inform the group about the importance of obeying all the traffic laws in the Village. Please contact Sergeant David M. Kann (847)-551-3006 with this information.

In addition, please contact Sgt. Kann for additional information about the bike rodeo.





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Reminder:



Vehicle stickers can now be purchased at the Village Hall. Stickers must be displayed on vehicles as of May 1. Until July 1, they are \$10; after that the price rises to \$20.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY LICENSE PLATES CANCELLED

Due to changes in Secretary of State requirements, the Village has cancelled the 50th Anniversary License Plate program. Refunds will be mailed to those residents who have already paid for their plates. We apologize for any inconvenience!



BARRINGTON HILLS 50TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO APPAREL

Show your pride in Barrington Hills by wearing our new logo apparel.

Clothing with the Barrington Hills village logo will be available from Land's End Business Outfitters at 1-800-338-2000 after June 1st. You can also find them online at <http://www.landsend.com/businessoutfitters>.

Please reference company #4190011 and logo #0719774 W when placing your order. Any item in their business catalog can be ordered with our logo on it, with a large variety of color choices. A fee of \$8.10 will be added to the cost of the item for the logo. Residents will be billed individually for their items, which will ship directly to their home.