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Village Hall Hours
Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Director of Administration
Robert Kosin

MEETINGS

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

The 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

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

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

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

The Communications
Commission
4th Monday of the month,
5:30 PM

Police Pension Board
7-24-06 at 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 2006

FROM THE DESK OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Fellow Residents:

Welcome to Spring!

By now most residents have their garden underway, recovering from the ravages of Winter, and cultivating plantings to be enjoyed later in the season or in subsequent years. Land use, like gardens, has its own requirements for consistent attention with an array of tools. The most familiar is zoning.

Let me start by making clear what the goal of the Village is concerning zoning:

The goal of the Village is to create the ultimate in estate and rural living, and maximize property value in part by protecting our 5-acre zoning.

Our goal and zoning strategy is clearly defined in the Village Comprehensive Plan. Our zoning and our commitment to its protection are unique.

Protection of zoning and land use management is one of the historical hallmarks of our Village, which helps to define its very unique brand. Without this protection, we would simply be another statistic on the highway to suburban sprawl. I am sure by now most, if not all of you, are aware of zoning issues we are facing here in the Village.

The Cases:

In my time on the Village Board since 2001, I have seen no less than six major zoning issues involving the threat of disconnection. These have occurred in all four counties and on all sides of the village. Some of these have been successfully resolved. Three presently dominate our agenda:

1. The "Iatarola Consortium" property, approximately 160 acres, located on the southeast corner of the village.
2. The "Fritz Duda Consortium" - *Duda I* property, approximately 384 acres, located principally north of Spring Creek Road in the northwest corner of the village.
3. The "Fritz Duda Consortium" - *Duda II* property, approximately 180 acres, located principally between Spring Creek and Lake Cook Roads in the northwest corner of the village.



I expect that the Village will prevail and defend our zoning on all three of these cases.

There are legitimate cases where a zoning component needs to be modified in order to properly balance the interests of the resident and the surrounding community. Some of you have variances on your property to build a barn or otherwise address some local need. You most likely received these through actions by the Village Zoning Board of Appeals, or as an underlying predicate during subdivision as recommended by the Village Plan Commission.

Unfortunately, there are those who seek monetary gain by unwinding or "breaking" the local zoning and community plan. This provides the new landowner with an unfair economic advantage by creating local discontinuities in land use. In other words, artificial value is created locally on the property not because of the intrinsic value of what is being built, but rather, what surrounds this newly created island. This is the problem that our Village has historically faced, and one which we will continue to face in the future.

One of the more popular tools used by corporate developers is "disconnection". This legislation, enacted some 85 years ago, was originally intended to help protect farmland from being overtaxed by growing municipalities. Unfortunately, large commercial developers are adapting this legislation in order to maximize the profit of the development plan at the expense of the local community.

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One of the interesting effects of this disconnection strategy is that the disconnection does not have to occur in order to achieve a break in zoning. Communities that wish to defend themselves against large corporate developers will need to expend significant monetary, legal, planning, engineering, and staff resources. This kind of effort can also have the effect of politically destabilizing the community. Few communities in Illinois are prepared to defend themselves on this level. Simply the threat of disconnection by the developer can, many times, achieve the desired result. In other words "give me what I want, or I will disconnect and do something really horrible that you will have no control of". I refer to this as "zoning by terrorism".

Barrington Hills is one of the few communities with the monetary, intellectual and political resources, and community resolve, who can stand toe-to-toe with the big national developers. This is why it seems few other communities along with Barrington Hills put up the big fight in order to protect their zoning. But this does not mean that many other communities in this state are not being devastated by this disconnection strategy. This is why so many municipalities have become bland expanses of suburban sprawl.

What Can You Do to Help

Most importantly,VOTE! The greatest value that our residents can bring is to be informed and to communicate their concerns and views to their elected representatives. This includes county board members, township supervisors, state representatives and senators, as well as the elected officials of neighboring municipalities. Judges in Illinois are elected. They are accountable to the voters. Be sure to consider your vote for judges when you enter the polling booth. Contact information for these people can be found directly on www.BarringtonHills-IL.gov.

Letters and phone calls to the media are also helpful. Recognize that many developers now rely on the court system to achieve their business goals. We are fortunate that as a Village we have some of the most capable, energized, and organized residents in the country. It is critical that, as a community, we actively express our views and participate in the political and public process. Some large developers depend on community apathy to achieve their business plan and profit goals. Unfortunately, once this happens, the community is left covering the costs of infrastructure, environmental damage, and property devaluation.

The Future

Some of you may be concerned that these legal cases and zoning issues may be harbingers for the demise of our unique zoning, or damage the financial condition of the Village due to

the cost of defense. This is not the case. In fact, the Village throughout its history has weathered threats to its zoning construct by those who seek to profit from the investment of the residents. We have had difficult challenges in the past, and I expect we will continue to have these in the future. We will address current cases relatively soon, while new threats will appear on the horizon. These may be in the form of traditional zoning threats such as those we face today, highways and bypasses which may attempt to cut through the village, or land acquisitions by other governmental bodies. It's important that the Village maintain its structural and financial health, and continue to employ the efforts and expertise of its residents in order to protect its valuable brand over the long term.

I continue to be impressed with the help that so many of the residents have provided me and the Village staff. I want to encourage you to take full advantage of the Village WEB site, <http://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 Commission is making extensive use of the electronic medium – WEB, E-mail, etc. While we will continue to use the paper based newsletter 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 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
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Please note: Due to space restraints this article has been edited. If you wish to read in it's entirety please go to www.BarringtonHills-IL.gov

OPEN HOUSE 2006

The Barrington Hills Police Department annual open house will be on May 21, 2006 from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. The annual open house is a fun filled day for the whole family. At the open house your family will find many attractions that include a police helicopter, search dogs, antique police vehicles, My Kid IDs and refreshments.

The annual open house has been well received by the residents and is a must-attend if you have school age children. Please come and enjoy a fun filled day.

COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Dear Friends and Neighbors.

I don't know about you but I love Spring! I would say the only thing that I don't like is that it flies in and flies out! As usual, things have been very busy in the Village. The Police Department had an awesome training course that was presented by DuPage Trail Riders, HARPS and sponsored by the Equestrian Commission. I was able to attend the sessions, and I was really impressed. The Officers were excellent students and the horses were very patient teachers. It is not easy to walk up to an animal that outweighs you by at least a thousand pounds and start moving it around and putting harnesses and other equipment on it. A huge thank you to the volunteers who handled the horses and gave lots of advice and encouragement. Congratulations to everyone involved. Well done!

Every Thursday you will find many of your neighbors and Village officials in Woodstock at the McHenry County ZBA hearing concerning the "Barrington Farms" project proposed by Fritz Duda. The Village experts began their testimony on May 4th with the Village Administrator Robert Kosin. Hopefully all will be done by June, and then the ZBA will give their recommendation to the County Board for a final vote.

The Communications Commission is making great progress with two of our major projects: helping to secure better

cellular coverage throughout the Village--not just the perimeter, and the Web site. In the next few months, you should see a new Village Homepage that is easier to navigate. We will also be unveiling a direct link to our pages with the newsletter, updates on special events and late breaking news. The Police Department will also be getting a new and improved Home Page.



Unfortunately, our Commission has had to say good bye to one of our members. Lucinda Hanover has resigned. Thank you for helping us to launch this Commission and good luck. Needless to say, we are looking for a replacement. If you have any interest at all in serving the Village, please contact me, Beth Mallen, at bhillscommunications@comcast.net.

Next year is the Village's 50th Anniversary Celebration. We are looking for interested people to help us stage this celebration! So if you are interested in helping to plan and see through to completion this once in a Village's lifetime GREAT PARTY, please, please contact me. There is lots of talent out there, so let us hear from you!

Till next time,
Beth Mallen, Chairperson
Village of Barrington Hills

AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS

The Police Department is currently researching the feasibility of deploying traffic enforcement cameras to compliment current traffic safety strategies. While the department considers traffic safety one of its highest priorities, the reality remains that enforcement is challenging in a village of nearly 30 square miles, containing over 100 miles of roadways. This technology could serve as a valuable force multiplier by dramatically expanding the department's enforcement efforts.

Presently, there are no state statutes which address the use of automated speed enforcement systems. The City of Bellwood, Illinois has deployed both fixed and mobile speed enforcement systems, but to date have only issued warnings while they wait for a legal opinion. President Abboud and Chief Murphy have met with Bellwood officials and intend to monitor their progress to assist them in determining whether to pursue a speed enforcement solution in Barrington Hills.



BARRINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPT. RECEIVES GIFT

A well needed gift arrived at the Barrington Hills Police Department. A bright new shiny aluminum 3 place ATV trailer showed up at the station. The trailer carried two new all terrain vehicles. One was a new Polaris Sportsman 500 EFI all wheel drive ATV. The second was a new Polaris 550 Ranger all wheel drive UTV. These generous gifts were donated to the Barrington Hills Police Department by a local resident, who wished to remain anonymous, to aid the police in performing police functions in the many miles of area not easily accessible by a patrol car or SUV. The versatility of these vehicles will aid the police in ways regular vehicles could never be utilized. In appreciation we extend our gratitude by mentioning this generosity in the village newsletter.

2006 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

By Chief Murphy

Executive summary:

On many occasions, I have made the assertion that the Department's men and women work diligently to provide the residents of the Village with the best of public safety services in a professional, thoughtful, and sensitive fashion. Along with the support of the Village President and Members of the Board of Trustees, the discharge of this public trust has been validated – and should be a source of pride for all.

The purposes of the survey were twofold:

- [1] To assess the level of satisfaction/dissatisfaction with the way in which the Department and its members interact with the residents; and
- [2] To seek community input into issues related to contemplated Department initiatives [i.e., Department Open House, Cell Phone usage, etc.].

To assure Village-wide distribution, copies of the survey were mailed to each residence using the Village's list. Approximately 1500 surveys were mailed; 26% were returned, providing a high rate of return that is a statistically valid basis for drawing these conclusions from the data.

First and foremost, less than 1.5% of the respondents felt that Barrington Hills was unsafe. This level speaks to the Department's law enforcement role.

In terms of "people-interaction" issues, with 62% of the respondents stating that they had had contact with officers within the past 12 months, highlights of the survey results validate the level of service being provided to Village residents by Department personnel.

[1] 98% felt that the officer was professional.

[2] 97% felt that the officer was courteous.

[3] 96% felt that the officer handled the situation appropriately.

[4] 90.9% felt that the Department is excellent or above average in its Community responsiveness.

[5] 71% felt that the Department is excellent or above average in its control of traffic problems concerns.

[6] 93% felt that the Department is excellent or above average in its treatment of people with courtesy, respect, and compassion.

[7] 92.4% felt that the Department is excellent or above average in its responsiveness to quality of life issues in the Village.

Other major concerns were speeding, tailgating, illegal passing on hills and bike riders. If you would like more details on the results, please visit our website at <http://www.barringtonhills-il.gov>

HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT

By Sgt. David Kann

The Barrington Hills Police Department has just been awarded a highway safety grant. It is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, US Department of Transportation, and will be administrated by the Illinois Department of Transportation's division of Traffic Safety. This grant was specifically developed for law enforcement agencies to address traffic safety problems at a local level. The one year grant takes effect on May 1, 2006.



The goal of the campaign is to reduce the incidents of fatalities and severe injuries resulting from impaired drivers in Barrington Hills, and to reduce risk-taking behaviors such as speeding and unrestrained motorists. Many lives can be saved through increased education and enhanced enforcement programs such as this grant provides.

The campaign began on Saturday May 5th, so we are encouraging all motorists to drive safely and remember to BUCKLE UP!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM



The Barrington Hills Neighborhood Watch Program has been a joint effort between the Barrington Hills Police Department and the community since the early eighties. The program is designed to increase community awareness, enhance individual's power of observations and encourage mutual assistance and concern among neighbors in an effort to reduce crime. Currently there are over fifty block captains in the Village. The program is designed to work in harmony with the philosophy of Neighborhood Based Policing. Neighborhood Watch encourages a strong working relationship between patrol officers and the citizens.

The Barrington Hills Police Department encourages all residents to become involved in their block captain's activities and their community. A Neighborhood watch meeting has been scheduled for May 23, 2006 at 7:30 PM at the Barrington Hills Village Hall, 112 Algonquin Road Barrington Hills, IL 60010. We need to fill some block captain vacancies so if you would like to become involved in your community please call Officer Erik Stokes at (847)-551-3006. Here are some tried and true ways to help ward off possible intruders:

- ◆ Report any suspicious people or vehicles in your neighborhood by calling 9-1-1 . Even if you think it may be nothing, have it checked out by the police. CALL 9-1-1 immediately.
- ◆ If you go out for the evening, put lights on timers, and have a radio or television on so the house or apartment appears to be occupied.
- ◆ If possible, install motion detector lighting and/or an alarm system. The exterior of your residence should be well lit.
- ◆ If you leave your home, make sure that all doors and windows are locked, even if you are going out for a short time. Be sure to use a good deadbolt type lock on doors. Make sure sliding glass doors are secured with a security bar.
- ◆ Secure your valuables, document serial numbers, and photograph jewelry.
- ◆ Let a trusted neighbor know if you are going to be away, ask them to watch your residence. Offer to provide the same service for them.

We look forward to seeing you on May 23!

BICYCLE RIDING IN BARRINGTON HILLS

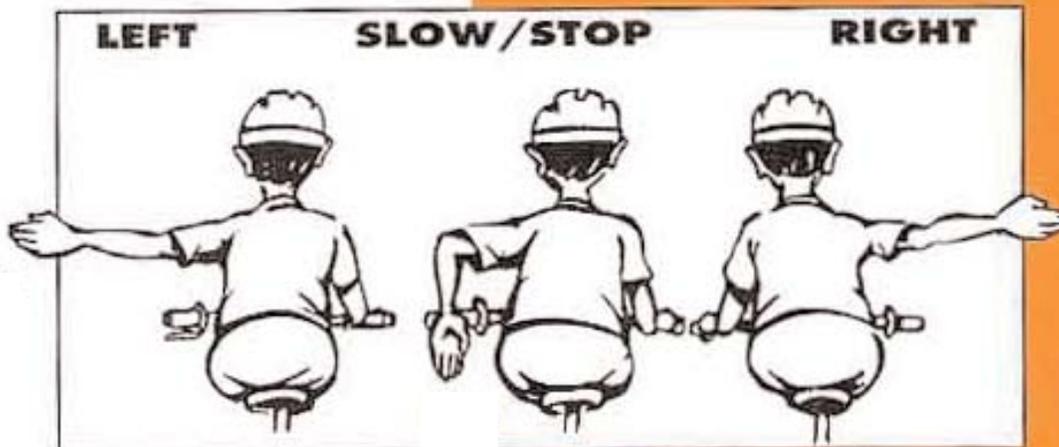
While it's easy to agree that riding a bicycle is fun, it is sometimes hard to agree that it's easy in Barrington Hills. It is important to know the Illinois Cycling Rules of the Road. Bicycling Laws can be found at <http://www.dot.state.il.us/bikemap/bikelaw.htm>

The Barrington Hills Police Department is concerned about bicycling in Barrington Hills and your safety. To remain safe on the roadways, it is important to follow the same traffic safety laws that govern motor vehicles. Know the basic lane positions, rules about turning and when to pass. Always remember to communicate your actions to motorists by using appropriate hand signals:

Before you or your child rides, it is important to consider the essential elements of bicycle safety.

- * Always wear an approved safety helmet
- * Perform a bicycle safety check
 - Front light visible for at least 500 feet?
 - Clear front reflector?
 - Red rear reflector visible from 100 to 600 feet?
 - Horn or bell that can be heard up to 100 feet?
 - Reliable, properly adjusted brakes, gears and seat?
 - Wheel-mounted side reflectors, and reflector pedals?
 - Handlebars and all accessories securely attached?
- * Know the traffic laws

You may also consider wearing a reflective vest to increase your visibility to the motoring public. If you have any questions about bicycling in Barrington Hills, please call Officer Erik Stokes at 847-551-3006.



TRUSTEE UPDATE—

**Fritz Gohl, Trustee
Public Safety**

Several Village residents residing in the boundaries of School District 300 have worked together to complete the first phase of petitions to present to Dr. Kenneth Arndt, Superintendent of District 300, and the District 300 School Board reconfirming the desire of Barrington Hills residents to switch from School District 300 to School District 220.

The first set of petitions was presented detailing all Barrington Hills District 300 residents who are registered tax payers and currently have children attending District 300 public schools, Kindergarten through 12th grades. The second set of petitions was presented detailing residents who are registered tax payers living in the boundaries of Barrington Hills and District 300, but do not have children attending District 300 public schools.

The goal was to obtain a two-thirds vote from the residents affected. In fact, the team secured signatures from 80% of affected registered voters, representing 78% of households. The petitions were presented to the District 300 School Board on 4/24. Next steps in this effort could include presenting the proposal to the Regional Superintendent, County Regional Office of Education.

**Theodore L. Horne, Trustee
Health, Environment, Buildings and Grounds**

The revision to the village logo, designed by Susan Hansen Palumbo of Oak Knoll Road, was created to present a more rounded picture of Barrington Hills, while retaining the image which is the official symbol and flag of the Village of Barrington Hills. The horse and rider obviously represent the equestrian community, while the oak tree and the cat tails represent the woodlands and the wetlands of our country village. This new identity will first be used on next year's Village vehicle stickers.

**Steve Knoop, Trustee
Planning**

In the past year, the Plan Commission has accomplished an extraordinary set of tasks which are already paying off for the Village. As you may remember, in the first 180 days this Commission redrafted and amended the Comprehensive Plan – something which had not been accomplished since 1996. This amended Plan is already paying dividends. Developers now see more clearly the viewpoint of the Village and for the most part now want to partner with the Village instead of being its adversary.

Specifically, we have sent a strong message that we have absolute resolve to maintaining our 5 acre zoning in the core of the Village. Along our borders, however, we are more open minded to reasonable commercial development and in certain cases residential zoning less than 5 acres where it meets the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan. There are many successful cases where the Village is actively working with developers in a constructive manner and achieving a win – win outcome. In one example; the Village worked with Harris Builders regarding a new sub-division at the North East corner of Palatine and Barrington roads. Instead of going through a potential volatile and expensive disconnection, Mr. Harris worked with the Village in creating a plat where his company plans on building 14 estate homes on almost 23 acres. Since this property is isolated by forest preserve in Barrington Hills and borders Inverness, the Plan Commission and Village Board had the foresight to treat this parcel different than the core. Not only were we able to more adequately plan with Mr. Harris regarding the impact on neighboring wetlands, but we were also successful at getting a border agreement with Inverness – something which had never been done before.

Second, as many of you know, the area surrounding Sears is rapidly being developed. As recently reported in the Barrington Courier, the Plan Commission hired a professional planner to assist with a plan that envisions a large upscale commercial development which could be similar to Deer Park Mall. We are currently in conversations with Hoffman Estates and several developers about this exciting conceptual plan which also has designs for riding trails leading to it!

In summary, due to this kind of foresight and innovative thinking being employed by the Planning Commission - the Village is stronger than ever in keeping its core values while also considering variations on unique parcels rather than letting others dictate or plan around us.

TRUSTEE UPDATE—

**Julie McKeivitt, Trustee
Roads and Bridges**

On May 2, 2006 the Board of Trustees met to review and recommend contract awards for the 2006/07 Roads and Bridges Construction Program. The road program objectives are to repair and maintain roadway conditions of 40 miles of Village roads to acceptable conditions, and to reduce the maintenance costs to the Village over the life of the roadways. This year we will resurface 3.68 miles of roadway in Lake, Cook, and McHenry Counties. Our allotted budget for this scope of work was \$750,000.00, and contracts were awarded totaling \$730,339.10. Roads included in the 2006/07 Construction Program are as follows:

Ridge Road: the partial reconstruction of the final 1900' North of County Line Rd. The roadway will be open to local traffic only during work, with detour signage in place encouraging usage of alternate routes. Please be aware that due to the heavy traffic flow on this road our Police Dept. will be monitoring and enforcing violators in this construction work zone.

Honeycutt Road: mill and resurface the roadway. Drainage improvements will also be included to stabilize the creek adjacent to the roadway, and improve surface drainage around the curve.

Hills and Dales Road: surface patching will be performed this year in preparation of resurfacing the road in the year 2007.

Haeger's Bend Road: patch and resurface 2600' from Chapel Rd. North to the Village limits at Algonquin River Rd.

Spring Lane and Little Bend Roads: patch and resurface 9300' of roadway.

The Board voted to award this contract to the low bidder Arrow Road Construction in the amount of \$666,161.60. Work is anticipated to begin in late May, with a scheduled contract completion date in August. Those residents affected by these roads will be receiving letters from the Village engineers Gewalt Hamilton prior to construction commencing with additional detailed information.

In addition to this work, the Board also voted to award a contract to the low bidder Alliance Contractors in the amount of \$64,177.50 for work to the Cuba Road Bridge. This work will encompass removing the existing asphalt overlay and replacing it with a concrete overlay which will be designed to eliminate the current moisture penetration to the bridge deck and beams. This work is anticipated to increase the lifespan of the bridge surface by 15-20 years. Work has already begun and will be completed in June. The construction operations will require closure of the bridge for 3-4 weeks, detour signage for alternate routes will be put into place, and work schedules will be coordinated with the Cuba Township Highway Department.

Late this summer we will go out to bid for the 2006/07 Drainage Program. This work will entail culvert, and shoulder replacement and repairs in specific areas. Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds will be used for this portion of work, so come August you will see direct improvements to our Village stemming from some of the money we are now paying at the pump!

The Board of Trustees realizes that this will be an inconvenience for some of its residents, and we appreciate your patience during the construction season. But please be aware that these improvements will increase the lifespan of these roads from 10-13 years, so what may be a short inconvenience today will be something we can all appreciate for years to come. Lastly, the safety of our residents and construction workers cannot be emphasized enough! Please be aware of the workers and obey the posted detour, and speed limit signage. In case of emergency do not hesitate to dial our Police Department via 911. If you have any questions or concerns I can be reached at 847-458-4540.

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

The new Fiscal Year 2007 began May 1, 2006. A Village resolution 06-11 authorized the engagement of Virchow Krause for the audit of Fiscal year 2006.

In the interest of finding out more information on who helps to manage the Village of Barrington Hills' finances, I invite you to read the interesting article about our Village Treasurer Joanne Sladek, featured later in this newsletter.

TRUSTEE UPDATE—

George L. Schueppert, Trustee
Building, Zoning and Insurance

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is an appointed board of seven residents who devote a great deal of time to village matters. It meets each month, mostly to address requests from Barrington Hills' residents for variations to zoning requirements or for special use permits for their property. Also under its purview is the process of amending the village's Zoning Ordinance, a comprehensive code of regulations governing land use within Barrington Hills. The board is headed by Jon Knight, Chairman and includes: Byron Johnson, Nancy Masterson, George Mullen, John Parker, Karen Rosene, and Mark Rossi.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is currently discussing a potential amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Barrington Hills which would more completely define and limit acceptable home occupations on residentially zoned land in the village. The board has created a draft amendment that has been referred to counsel for their review. It believes it will be able to adopt a recommended amendment at an upcoming meeting for referral to the village Board of Trustees. That amendment will include a prelude covering its Intent and Purpose that currently is proposed to read:

The intent of this section is to provide peace, quiet and domestic tranquility within all residential neighborhoods in the Village in order to guarantee to all residents freedom from excessive noise, excessive traffic, nuisance, fire hazard and other possible effects of business or commercial uses being conducted in residential areas. It is further the intent of this section to regulate the operation of a home occupation so that the average neighbor will be unaware of its existence. In other words, a home occupation shall be conducted in such a manner that it does not infringe upon the right of neighboring residents to enjoy the peaceful occupancy of their dwelling units or infringe upon or change the intent of the residential zone.

The ZBA will also be dealing with the following matters in the months to come:

1. Fire sprinklers in residences
2. Building code policies with respect to cranes
3. Exterior ornamental lighting
4. Construction site control v. offsite contingencies
5. Tree removal

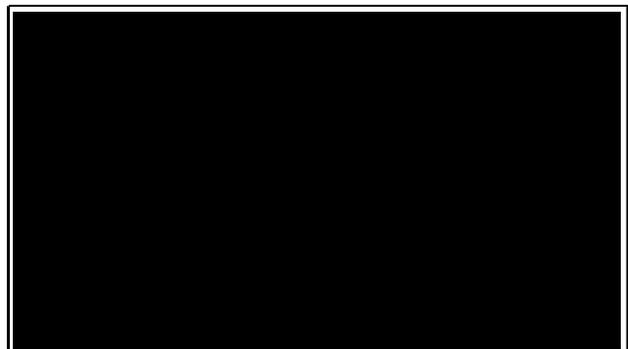
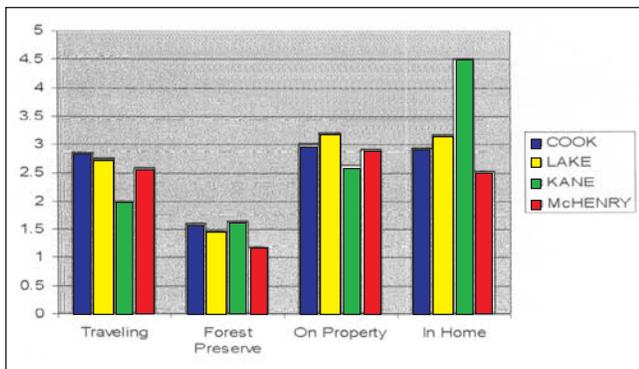
Residents who wish to comment on any of the above are invited to attend a regular meeting of the board. Dates of the ZBA's future meetings are on the village's website.

VILLAGE SURVEY (FEB. 2006) – CELLULAR RESULTS

On the issue of how well cellular operators are providing coverage within the Village, respondents perceived coverage in the Forest Preserve was POOR (Village-wide average: 1.45 on a scale of 1 to 5). Three other general areas of usage were rated by respondents as follows: (A) While Traveling - 2.73, (B) On Residents' Property - 3.01, and (C) In Home - 2.83. With the exception of the Forest Preserve, these results indicate that coverage, while generally acceptable, could still be improved. Below are the results by County.

Respondents indicated they utilized the following carriers (see chart below): Cingular/AT&T (37%), Verizon (32%), Sprint/Nextel (18%), T-Mobile (9%), and US Cellular (3%).

On the issue of hosting a cell tower on their property, most respondents were not interested (Rating: 1.46). This will complicate efforts by cellular operators to improve coverage within the Village and associated Forest Preserve.



POLICE RECEIVE EQUESTRIAN TRAINING

On Saturday, April 22, 2006, Officers from the Barrington Hills Police Department participated in an Equestrian Based Training Course. This course was presented by volunteers from the DuPage County Trail Riders Association, The Hooved Animal Rescue and Protection Society (HARPS) and The Barrington Hills Equestrian Committee. Residents from the community also volunteered their time to come out and work with the Officers. Officers received both classroom and hands on training while working with the volunteer instructors.

The Officers were introduced to horses of all sizes. There were ponies as well as thoroughbreds, and even included a rather large Belgium. The activities included learning how to approach, pressure points to comfort the animal and putting on and taking off a halter. The officers also had to learn how to lead their horses properly and eventually performed figure eights. Since it is not uncommon for officers to respond to loose horse calls, this training was invaluable to them and the horse community.

All Barrington Hills Police vehicles are equipped with harnesses, leads and other equestrian equipment which can assist an officer when responding to an equestrian based call for service. During the training session different types of trailers were on hand so the officers could become familiar with the operation.

The Police Department is currently working with the Village's Equestrian Committee in updating protocols for officers when responding to equestrian based calls for service. Having updated information and protocols is a necessity and will ensure the safety of our responding officers and the animals involved.



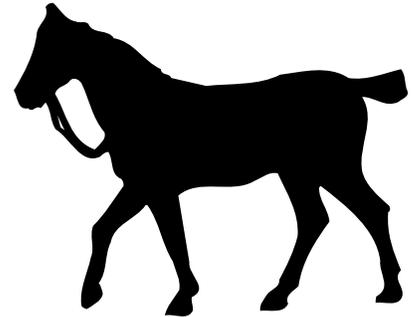
If anyone has any questions or is looking for further information about the DuPage County Trail Riders Association or HARPS, please feel free to contact Sgt. Ron Riedel at the Barrington Hills Police Department, 847-551-3006. More information on HARPS can be found online at www.harpsonline.org or e-mail info@harpsonline.org.



EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION

The Equestrian Commission has been working with Emily McHugh, Vice President of the Riding Club, and Todd Gordon, Village Engineer, to place more horse crossing signs on designated village roads. The projected time frame to have all these signs put up is sometime this summer. Todd, Emily and the Commission will be working with IDOT in the coming months to facilitate more crossing signs on state and county roads.

The first Responders Seminar for our police and fire personnel was held on Saturday, April 22nd at the Riding Center. This seminar was to educate our first responders about how to deal with a variety of potential horse-related incidents to insure the safety of the horses as well as our citizens.



NEW COMMISSION

For the first time in its history the village has a Development Commission. Our Mission Statement, although concise, covers a wide variety of responsibilities and is indicative of the positive, pro-active attitude of our village president and trustees.

Development Commission Mission Statement:

To assist all landowners within the planning jurisdiction of the Village of Barrington Hills with their individual land-use plans to ensure consistency with the Comprehensive Plan (of the) Village of Barrington Hills.

Why do we need a Development Commission? The Development Commission's primary goal is to assist landowners with 20 acres or more with their individual plan for the future use of their property. Our objective is to preserve and protect the character and life-style our village offers and to assist in the creation of development options for landowners on our perimeters who are subject to pressure from developers to de-annex from Barrington Hills.

Does this mean you are promoting development of what is now open space? No. Many landowners prefer that their land remain open space for future generations. The Development Commission can assist in accomplishing that goal. On the other hand, should a landowner wish to downsize his or her property, we have the wherewithal to help with land planning that is consistent with the village's Comprehensive Plan. Our assistance is designed to help prepare landowners with efficient and productive presentations prior to an appearance before the Plan Commission.

What prompted the formation of this new Development Commission? A new attitude toward future development both within and without our village, with emphasis on periphery properties subject to annexation overtures from a multitude of outside forces. In addition, our current Village Board feels it important for the village to work with all landowners in the spirit of cooperation, and to overcome the perception among many residents that the village has rigid rules and regulations.

Representative of a cross section of Barrington Hills residents, the Development Commission is comprised of some very talented, dedicated individuals with diverse backgrounds all with a common goal, to preserve our open-space environment we are all so fortunate to be able to enjoy.

Your Development Commission members are:

David Buckley, Sr., Chairman
Betsy Bramsen
Bill Mattran

Eve Perry, Secretary
Chuck Prettyman
Greg Samata

This Commission is overseen by Trustee Steve Knoop and meets on the first Monday of every month in the Village Hall. Our meetings are open to the public and your attendance is welcome.

Respectfully,
David Buckley, Sr.

SOMEONE TO MEET...

Joanne Sladek, who has served as Treasurer of the Village of Barrington Hills since 1992, knows the "Hills" and many of its residents very well.

Several years ago Joanne, after attaining 2 degrees at 2 different schools, felt compelled to stop at St. Mark's church one day and was interviewed and hired on the spot to become the Director of the Day School. While building enrollment Joanne developed life-long relationships with the students and their parents. She worked with a business manager to direct the financial aspects of the organization for twenty years.

After consulting for other day schools in the area she was offered and accepted the job of Treasurer of the Village of Barrington Hills (VBH). The Finance Chair of VBH knew of her experience managing the finances of a successful Day School and building its enrollment from 50 students to more than 250. What better referrals could Joanne have than the residents of Barrington Hills themselves?

Joanne works as Treasurer because she likes to make sure that the residents of Barrington Hills are served fully and fairly for their taxes. The quality of life of the Hills, as Joanne describes it "a springboard for exceptional students and exceptional residents," is an important factor in her sense of service and commitment.

Joanne serves the Village in many ways:

- She receives and deposits all revenue to a dozen accounts on behalf of the Village, disburses monies as directed by the Village Board. She also works with the E911 Board and the Police Pension Board in the same capacity. In addition, there are special funds (Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Drug-Gang Fund) to manage, as well as the Village's investment portfolio.
- Joanne is also responsible for payroll and administering all the insurance benefits for our employees (medical, life, disability, and optional plans). She is the administrator of the Illinois Municipal Retirement plan for non-sworn employees and an optional 457 retirement plan for all personnel.
- In addition, she prepares the Annual Budget, Annual Appropriations Ordinance, Annual Tax Levy, Annual Treasurer's Report, Annual Certification of Revenues, and works closely with the VBH auditor on the Annual Financial Report. Some of these important documents require publication in the newspaper; most need to be filed with the four county clerks and treasurers after passage by the Village Board.



- Joanne prepares many reports each month for the Board of Trustees to aid them in monitoring revenues and expenses and in their decision-making about budgeting and investing. Three years ago village finances had deteriorated to an alarming level. The village board, upon the recommendation of Finance Chair Walter E. Smithe, took on the difficult task of rebuilding the village's reserves.
- This began with the passage of the 2003 Tax Levy in December 2003. It was the first time in 20 years that an increase surpassed the usual 2 to 6%. It was the only time she received queries from residents, and quite naturally they were asking for explanations for their tax bill increases. Mr. Smithe's 2004 Summer Newsletter article included Joanne's summary of fiscal year 2005 revenues and expenses to further define the Village's needs to residents.

Joanne feels a strong commitment to the residents of Barrington Hills as a steward of their property taxes. She always keeps in mind that the taxpayers 77% contribution -by way of property taxes- to the village's funding is the foundation for a conservative and watchful approach to Village finances.





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IT TAKES A PARTNERSHIP

Flint Creek Watershed Partnership is comprised of watershed stakeholders dedicated to the preservation, protection and improvement of the Flint Creek sub-watershed of the Fox River. Our mission is to realize a long-term vision for a healthy watershed and educated citizens. Our goal is to educate while building partnerships for projects to improve water quality, reduce flooding, and preserve and restore wetlands, prairies, and other natural features for future generations.

The partnership received start up funding for 2005-2006 from Barrington Area Development Council and Citizens for Conservation; Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) recently awarded it a Management Assistance grant for 2006-2007. Our first project is to update the 1994 Watershed Management Plan to current standards for federal grant eligibility. Grants help defray the cost of projects as diverse as stream bank restoration along the creek as well as detention and wetland upgrades throughout the watershed. The first step of the project is a stream inventory this coming summer by SMC interns. They will survey both Cook and Lake County portions of the creek starting at the mouth in Lake Barrington where Flint Creek enters the Fox River and working upstream toward the source of the north branch of the creek in Lake Zurich and the main stem sources in Barrington and Inverness. The inventory will take about five weeks during the summer. We will notify homeowners when we have definite dates.

Current partners include BADC, CFC, Barrington Area Council of Governments, Barrington Hills Conservation Trust and village and township governments. The partnership meets at 10 a.m. the 4th Monday of each month at different locations in the watershed. Any landowner on the creek or in the watershed is welcome to attend. Please contact the watershed coordinator, Patsy Mortimer, at 847-381-8663, pmortimer@earthlink.net if you have any questions.