

## Directory

### Village of Barrington Hills

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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

##### 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

4th Monday of the month,  
7:30 PM

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



January 2006

## FROM THE DESK OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

**F**ellow Residents:

Welcome to the New Year.

This issue of the News from Village Hall will focus on the Barrington Hills Police Department. Security of the Village and its residents is the first priority. Without this security, residents will not invest in property, and all of the land planning and other governance efforts will be for naught.

The BHPD (Barrington Hills Police Department), under the leadership of Chief Michael Murphy is considered one of the finest and most advanced in the country. Our Police Department is founded on the highest standards of professionalism and performance. We have the only department in the area that is fully integrated, including fully Phase 2 Compliant 911, and full accreditation.

I urge you to read through this issue of the news letter to become more familiar with the operations of our Police Department. This component of the Village consumes the largest portion of financial resources, and is our largest employer with 19 sworn officers. You may be surprised to learn about the breadth and depth of the training and services our Department provides.

In other news, the Village has made a lot of progress in 2005. I want to thank and commend the Village Trustees, our Village employees, and all of the Barrington Hills (BH) residents that provided their time and effort this past year. In summary:

- The new Trustees and a new President took office.
- Chief Michael Murphy took office after the passing of Chief Frederick Clauser.
- We established new committees and made nominations to existing ones. More than 50 BH residents now participate in formal Village government operations, with a number more providing ad hoc assistance.
- A new Comprehensive Plan was developed and approved. This new plan included equestrian activities and trail system components.



- Two major land plans - one residential, the other business - were developed and approved.
- Significant progress was made on the major legal challenges to the Village's Zoning and Land Plan, including major changes to our legal counsel and expertise.
- New relationships were made with McHenry, Cook, Lake, and Kane Counties, and the surrounding municipalities.
- Detailed reviews of the Village Budget and the Pension Plan funding were initiated to ensure the long term financial health of the Village.
- Major road projects including Meadow Hill, Cuba, Honeycutt, and Helm Roads were completed.
- A new snow plowing agreement was reached with Cuba Township saving the Village tens of thousands of dollars annually, while providing stable and predictable cash outlays.
- The building office operations and building permit processes were overhauled and re-staffed.
- The 2006 tax levy was approved with an overall increase limited to compensate for inflation. This is notable considering costs for fuel, asphalt, legal fees, and upgrading Village equipment.

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- Work to help School District 300 understand the issues of community, and consolidate the District 300 areas into District 220.

As we start the new year, the Village is financially sound with increasing cash reserves. But for 2006, we face a number of challenges.

- Enabling ground and surface water protection legislation at the local and state levels.
- Upgrades to police equipment, expansion of capabilities, and building of relationships with other entities.
- Repairs, upgrades and improvements to the Village hall.
- Successful defense of the Village in the Duda and Iatarola cases, which will consume significant resources, but will provide the standard for long term protection of the Village.
- New intergovernmental agreements with Hoffman Estates, Inverness, East Dundee, and Fox River Grove.
- Upgrades to our financial accounting system and auditor.
- New development plans for various areas of the Village to enhance our long term protection of residential open space.
- New intergovernmental agreements with Cook County and the Cook County Forest Preserve to expand the Village borders and enhance the Forest Preserve inventory in Barrington Hills.
- Upgrades to our Village Code to enhance open space residential living, health and safety, equestrian activities, and trail development.
- Continued work on consolidating the School District 300 areas into District 220.
- Address affordable housing challenges to local planning; regulations that attempt to usurp the authority of the local community.
- Address a variety of environmental and transportation issues including, trash, wildlife inventory assessment, and traffic management.

As you can see, we still face great challenges. The good news

is that we are making progress and that we are all working together as a community. We are working on these issues on a number of levels including legislative, regulatory, and political. I believe we will successfully resolve these issues and the Village will be able to sustain its zoning and open space planning over the very long term, providing the finest and most unique living environment in the country. 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: [www.BarringtonHills-IL.gov](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 new Communications Committee will be making extensive use of the electronic media. While we will continue to use the paper based news letter for some time, I encourage you to sign up on the Village website 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  
President, Village of Barrington Hills  
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Bob@RGALabs.com

## COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

**H**appy 2006! The last few months of 2005 were extremely busy at Village Hall. The Planning Commission after working many long hours fine tuned a Comprehensive Plan for the Village. The Board had given them 180 days to complete this task and they were able to accomplish it in 173 days, but who is counting? The entire Plan Commission; Bob Kosin, Director of Administration for Barrington Hills; and Trustees Knoop and Schuppert deserve a huge THANK YOU and a well done.

In late November, Police Chief Clauser lost his battle with cancer. For those of you who had never met the Chief, he was a tireless worker and a huge supporter of the Village and its residents. He will be missed. Our new Police Chief, Mike Murphy, has been with the Department for 20 years and I know I look forward to getting to know him.

On December 14th, the first Holiday Open House was held at Village Hall. Considering the awful weather, we had a great turnout! The Madrigal Singers from Barrington High were fantastic. If you get the chance to hear these talented musicians don't pass the opportunity up. Lucinda Hanover

and Maureen Prettyman did a great job of organizing the event. Katrina Lundmark, as always, did a superb job of transforming the Mac Arthur Room into a lovely venue. Thank you ladies.

Vicki Kelly and Dan Mjolsness have started to update our web site with the goal of making it more user friendly. Barbara Kemp and Village resident Kevin Colosia have started looking into the cell phone coverage issue. Both of these projects are huge undertakings and will be slow to finish, so please be patient with us.

That is it from the Communications Committee. Again, if you would like to help with any of our projects or receive your newsletter by email, drop us a line at [bhillscommunication@comcast.net](mailto:bhillscommunication@comcast.net).

Best wishes,  
Beth Mallen, Chairperson



## Chief Clauser Memorium

**B**arrington Hills lost more than just an employee with the untimely passing of Police Chief Frederick J. Clauser last fall. His colleagues described him not just as their boss or co-worker, but rather as a brother, a mentor and a friend.

“He was a great friend, a counselor and a consummate professional,” Village President Bob Abboud said. “He was a true believer in the family at home and the family at work.”

Chief Clauser died at his home in Lake Zurich on November 17 of cancer. He was 54. Hundreds of mourners, including uniformed police officers from departments around the suburbs, paid their respects to the chief at a memorial on November 23 at Willow Creek Church.

A 32-year veteran of law enforcement, Chief Clauser began his career in 1973 at the Wilmette Police Department and rose to Deputy Chief there before leaving to become the Lake Zurich Police Chief. He served as police chief in Lake Zurich for 5 years before joining the Barrington Hills Police Department in 1999. Chief Clauser was also involved in many law enforcement organizations through the years, including the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the International Chiefs of Police and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Planning. Through his involvement with CALEA, Chief Clauser helped create the regulations under which departments around the county receive accreditation.

“Fred Clauser was passionate about policing. He leaves law enforcement better, stronger and prouder than he found it,” said current Wilmette Police Chief George Carpenter, who went through basic training and began at the Wilmette police department within a month Chief Clauser. “Fred literally had a hand in writing the book on law enforcement.”

While serving in Barrington Hills, Chief Clauser helped the department gain national accreditation, revamp its entire communication and 911 system and improve departmental procedures and training.

“He knew the law and he was a great leader, but he was also very innovative and educated in the ways that police departments communicate with each other,” said George A. Moser, the chairman of 911 in Barrington Hills and director of emergency services. “He kept the department at the leading edge of all technology.”

Outside of work, Chief Clauser brought the same passion to his family and his other activities that he had for police work. He was a competitive athlete, enjoying games of softball, football and broomball as well as golf. Friends spoke of his devotion to his wife Marion, and four children, and told of his joy in family activities such as scouting, pinewood derby racing, coaching baseball and daddy-daughter dances.

“Fred always had time for everybody, especially his family,” said Chief Carpenter. “He was a man of passionate views, strongly held, forcefully offered and vigorously defended. He did not tiptoe through his public life, he strode through it confidently.”

Special Contribution by:  
Linda Fox  
Barrington Hills resident





## TO SERVE AND PROTECT

*"This community is unique," Chief Clauser said. "One of the most valued commodities of the residents is their privacy. The residents are not exclusive. Rather, I would suggest that they are reclusive, and they have created a lifestyle that it is my job to protect."*

**The late Chief Fredrick J. Clauser"**

In order to protect and serve our unique community, the Barrington Hills Police Department strives to combine technological sophistication with a small town feel that emphasizes service to the residents.

Established in 1960, the police department replaced the village marshal, who was responsible for enforcing laws after the village was founded in 1957. The department currently employs 19 sworn officers and 8 civilian employees including records clerks and dispatchers. And with the untimely death, from cancer, of Police Chief Frederick J. Clauser in November, the department now welcomes its ninth chief, Police Chief Mike Murphy.

Many advances were made by the department after Chief Clauser was hired in 1999. For the past six years, he sought to improve the professionalism of the department, and to increase the department's use of technology.

"When I got here, we began to develop the organization to maximize the return to the residents," said Chief Clauser, during a village committee meeting just prior to his death.

These efforts included an update of the procedure manual, the creation of a training structure for employees, and the update of detention facilities to the latest standards. Ultimately, these improvements led to the national accreditation of the department in 2004, the first in McHenry County to achieve this status.

One of Chief Clauser's most significant achievements was to rebuild the department's communication center, moving the department forward in its use of technology. Still, the department continues to field 911 calls in-house rather than using a regional call center so that dispatchers are familiar with the streets, police officers and residents.

With an annual budget of a little over \$2.3 million, the department employs cutting edge technology throughout its operations. Each patrol car is equipped with computers linking it with the dispatch center. The department has also updated its 911 capabilities so that police officers can track an emergency call from a cell phone to within a few hundred feet of the call. However, department personnel do not allow these important technological advances to overshadow their efforts to maintain close ties with residents via an annual open house and community services such as car seat checks, the Housewatch program and security alarm consultations.

The size and unique nature of the Barrington Hills community also provide some special challenges and a wide variety of calls for the officers. For example, all officers are trained in equine rescue and are equipped with halters and feed to help lure and corral loose horses even though the village itself has never had a mounted patrol. "It can be quite intimidating," said Lt. Rich Semelsberger, who estimates that the department gets "loose horse" calls about once a month.

Over the years, officers have also responded to two plane crashes in the village. Notably, in one of the crashes, an officer pulled the pilot to safety and received a special commendation from the department. The department has

also provided security for four major motion pictures and a number of commercial and print ads filmed in the village, as well as for many weddings and other special events. For example, the department helped with Walter Payton's memorial service, which was held at a church in town, earning it a commendation from the NFL.

One of the department's main priorities is traffic safety. With more than 100 miles of roads, including five state highways, to patrol, keeping the roads safe is a constant challenge. The number of cars passing through the village is enormous compared to our small population. For example, over 30,000 cars pass through the intersection of Routes 62 and 59 each day. The village also deals with traffic problems caused by the abundance of wildlife. Of the 483 accidents reported in 2004, 86 of them involved animals such as deer. To improve traffic safety, the department focuses on prevention and education. Officers rotate among various sites around the village to ticket and slow down cars, and the village also uses radar signs to slow traffic. The department also works to educate residents about the proper use of child safety seats by appointment as well as annually at the St. Mark's preschool.

These efforts at enhancing traffic safety in the village have won the department national recognition. Every year since 1999, the Barrington Hills Police Department has placed in the top three departments of its size in either the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge or the National Chiefs Challenge for Traffic Safety, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration. In 2004, the department placed first in the challenge and won a trailer, which will be used to further enhance traffic safety by allowing officers to haul special equipment to car seat and roadside safety checks and severe accident situations.

Although the village has a very low crime rate, it has been the scene of several high profile crimes. In order to prepare for crimes of this magnitude, the department has joined several cooperative organizations that help police to pool resources. One of these is the Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT), which brings detectives from several area police departments together to assist in extraordinary crimes that may occur within those jurisdictions. The other is the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS), which gives the village access to a SWAT team specifically trained and equipped to handle special situations such as a hostage situation, protest, or mob situation. Barrington Hills is also part of the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force.

For more information on the Barrington Hills police department, visit their web site at [www.ci.barrington-hills.il.us](http://www.ci.barrington-hills.il.us). The department is also asking any residents with photos, newspaper articles or other information to contact Lt. Semelsberger, who is working on gathering more historical information on the department.

Special contribution by  
Linda Fox  
Barrington Hills Resident

## POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVICES

### Housewatch Program

If you are going out of town, notify the police department either by stopping in to fill out a House Watch form or calling to have one faxed to you. Once you have completed the sheet, return it to the department and you will receive a reference number. An officer will visit your home as often as possible while you are away. While on rounds, officers will check your doors and windows and make sure that your home is secure. Last year, officers performed 10,904 house watch checks.

"It gives you some peace of mind, when you go on vacation, that you have someone to watch over your house for you," Lt. Semelsberger said.

### Security System Consultation

The police department has done extensive research on home security systems and can help residents determine the optimal configuration for their home. The department recommends security systems be connected directly to the police station, rather than to the security system central station, for the quickest response time. For information on direct connection, call JoAnne Gumprecht at 847-551-3006. In addition, the department can provide residents with information on how to prevent thieves from disabling their security system by cutting the phone line. Finally, an officer can survey your house or home plans to improve safety.

Call Sgt. David Kahn at 847-551-3006 for more information on this.

### Pet Finder

The department works hard to reunite lost pets with their owners. All pet information the department receives is entered into a database that police assistants refer to if an animal is found. They also have a chip reader to help identify the owners of pets who have had chip identification implanted. If an animal's owner cannot be located, the pet is transported to Golf Rose Kennel in Schaumburg for safe keeping.

### Car Seat Check

The village will inspect your child's car seat to make sure that it is up to code and that you have it properly installed. Call the department at 847-551-3006 to make an appointment.

### Community Watch

The police department organizes a community watch program, but for privacy reasons does not give out the names of neighborhood captains. If you are interested in the community watch program, you can call the department for the date of the next meeting.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Promotions in the Department:

**Sergeant Curt Underwood** was promoted to Lieutenant effective January 1, 2006

**Sergeant Riedel** will become the new Detective Sergeant effective January 1, 2006

**Officer Todd Borck** was promoted to Sergeant effective January 1, 2006

CONGRATULATIONS!

### Police Department Awards:

**Officer Alicia Guzman** – Departmental Commendation for arrest of Reckless Homicide suspect [September 18, 2005]

**Detective Dominick Caputo** – Departmental Commendation for his expertise and professionalism in the preparation and coordination of Chief Clouser's funeral service procession

**Officer Todd Borck** – Life Saving Award – discovered a crashed vehicle while on patrol and rendered aid to the driver for his injuries, unfortunately the driver died later from these injuries.

**Sergeant Curt Underwood** – Departmental Commendation for his gallant and selfless effort to revive an 80 year old resident, performing CPR with the use of the AED while responding paramedics performed advanced medical treatment.

**Officer Jeremy Hensler** – Departmental Commendation for his contribution and assistance as the seventh member of the Barrington Police color guard. His role reflected a positive image of the Barrington Hills Police Department during the service for Chief Clouser.

**Sergeant Dave Kann** – Meritorious Conduct award for receiving 1st place in the Chief's Challenge 2005

**Lieutenant Joe Colditz** – Meritorious Conduct Award for receiving 1st place in the Chief's Challenge 2005.

### Department Receives Donation:

A Barrington Hills resident who wishes to remain anonymous donated a Raytheon INFRARED NIGHTSIGHT, PalmIR 250 Digital Camera. The item is valued at over \$12,000.00. This thermal imaging system can be used at night or in low light situations to locate anything from a lost child in the woods, a loose animal, an individual inside or outside of a home or follow a fleeing suspect who doesn't even know we can see the heated trail he leaves behind.

## MEET YOUR NEW POLICE CHIEF

On November 21, 2005 Lieutenant Michael Murphy was sworn in as Chief of Police, replacing the late Chief Clauser. He is currently in his 28th year of dedicated Police Service, the past 20 years being with the Village of Barrington Hills Police Department. Chief Murphy has been promoted through the ranks from Patrol Officer to Sergeant to Lieutenant and now to Chief of Police. His nomination was passed by the Board of Trustees with a unanimous vote. As President Abboud remarked at the swearing in ceremony, "the Village was fortunate enough to be able to fill the vacant Police Chief position from within our own Police Department."

Chief Murphy earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Western Illinois University, and is a graduate of Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety, School of Staff and Command where he served as President of his class. He has held various specialty assignments through his tenure which included:

- Truck Enforcement Officer
- Detective
- Detective Commander
- Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) Coordinator, Juvenile Division Supervisor
- Acting Chief of Police during the absences of Chief Clauser

Chief Murphy was charged with overseeing the Accreditation Team, which led to the successful National Accreditation of the Department. He is the recipient of numerous complimentary letters, department commendations and awards, some of which include the following:

- Northwestern University Center for Public Safety Award for Criminal Forensics Investigative Techniques
- Lake County Major Crime Task Force Award for work towards solving Marvin and Kay Lichtman Murders, 1996
- Department Commendation for recovering \$500,000 worth of jewels, March 1999
- Commendation for the successful conviction of a Child Sex Offender, December 2000
- Recognition for earning National Accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), March 2004
- Meritorious Service Award
- Supervisory Achievement Award
- Outstanding Community Service Award

Chief Murphy is married to wife Patty, and is the father of four children. His two oldest sons are both Police Officers. With all of their father's commendations and awards, how could they not want to follow in his footsteps?

When asked what he envisions for the Police Department, Chief Murphy responded "I want to continue to move forward in providing the Officers with the most technologically advanced equipment and resources to better serve the people of Barrington Hills."



Chief Murphy with Village President Bob Abboud



Swearing in Ceremony

Chief Murphy's style of leadership can change based on the circumstances at hand but he leans towards a democratic style. "I tend to involve my employees in decision making. I delegate authority, encourage participation in deciding work methods and goals and I use feedback as an opportunity to coach my employees...I find that the quality of work and employee satisfaction increase in this environment."

The most important thing for the residents to know is that we provide a full range of law enforcement services. We are a 9-1-1 Answering Point—fielding traditional/wireline, wireless/cellular, and internet/VOIP Emergency 9-1-1 CALLS. Training is a priority and is managed in a way that is sensitive to the needs of the Department, the residents and the career development of the individual members."

**Congratulations Chief Murphy!**

## TRUSTEE UPDATE—

### Fritz Gohl, Trustee Public Safety

**K**endra Trauth, a Barrington Hills resident who resides in the boundaries of School District 300, has begun the first phase of petitions to present to Dr. Kenneth Arndt, Superintendent of District 300, reconfirming the desire of the Barrington Hills residents to switch from School District 300 to School District 220. The first petition will be presented to those Barrington Hills residents who currently have children attending Kindergarten through 12th grades. The second petition will be presented for signature to those residents who are registered tax payers who live in the boundaries of District 300, residing in Barrington Hills.

A two-thirds vote from the legal voters affected in the district needs to be met for District 300's Board of Education to consider this request. Next steps would include presenting the proposal to Dr. Clem Mejia, Regional Superintendent, Kane County Regional Office of Education, and if no action is taken, going to court.

We are looking at solutions to keep in stride with what technology's cutting edge has to offer the Barrington Hills police force. Virtual Partner is a suite of software applications from Advanced Public Safety designed to increase officer safety and productivity. Voice activated commands prompt for vehicle, driver and special alert information. A QuickTicket™ system enables law enforcement officers to complete traffic citations in under 30 seconds by swiping the strip on the back of the driver's license to create an electronic traffic citation that will print automatically. The software application then goes on to create a file that is easily uploaded into the necessary records system.

Virtual Partner benefits include:

- enabling officers to focus on the road and not their computer screens
- reducing time spent with traffic violators
- eliminating data entry errors
- interfacing with all local and state law enforcement agency databases, as well as the fire department databases
- possibly helping to keep insurance costs down due to officer's time reduction on the highway interfacing with traffic violators

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

**W**e are currently assessing and planning for the future capabilities of Village Hall. This includes the short term goals of new furniture and carpeting, as well as some long term changes that look at bringing our audiovisual capabilities into the 21st century. With this in mind, we are working with Donald Hackl the creative heir of renowned Chicago architect Edward Dart (who designed the current Village Hall) on a strategic plan for the future of the Village Hall, which may include remodeling or additional space. Routine maintenance, including a fresh coat of paint in the Macarthur meeting room, keeps Village Hall an effective place to work and meet.

The Village of Barrington Hills is currently working with The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) Ground Water Resource Committee and Flint Creek Watershed Management Committee. This last is a joint effort between Citizens for Conservation and BACOG on how to manage Flint Creek watershed. The watershed covers approximately 28 square miles of Lake and Cook Counties in northeastern Illinois. It includes several high-quality wetlands and lakes, as well as Flint Creek. The creek was listed in the Illinois Water Quality Report (1994–1995) as being impaired, due to nonpoint source pollution from land development, channelization, and urban runoff. Problems in the watershed included shoreline erosion, streambank erosion, and debris blocking areas of the stream. In 2006, Lake County will be assessing the entire course of Flint Creek and producing a report. It is planned for the Village of Barrington Hills to become a full partner in the Flint Creek project.

Barrington Hills resident and professional artist Susan Hanson is working on redesigning the current Village logo to one that reflects the pastoral qualities of Barrington Hills. Due to the cost of a complete logo change-over, we may start the change with the Village Automobile Stickers only. More to come on this in 2006.

### Steve Knoop, Trustee Planning

## VILLAGE APPROVES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – A Living Document for the 21st Century

**T**he Village of Barrington Hills Trustees approved the revised Comprehensive Plan on November 21, 2005. This approval was the culmination of intensive efforts starting in July 2005, resulting in a living document geared to take the Village into the 21st Century.

“The revised plan upholds the village's large-lot zoning, which Knoop said is critical to the future of all Barrington Area Council of Government communities....Density beyond the village's average five-acre residential lots could harm not only Barrington Hills in terms of water and power shortages, but disrupt surrounding municipalities and District 220 by producing more drivers and school-age children beyond our infrastructure capacity and desired environment.” [1]

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The Planning Commission, chaired by Ken Bosworth, and supported by Trustee Steve Knoop devoted many extra evenings to the document. The Barrington Area Council of Governments, other organizations and individuals contributed comments which resulted in a document that represents the best interests of the community, surrounding villages and towns. The final version of the plan included comments received at the Public Hearing. The project was completed in 173 days and under budget. Certificates of appreciation were prepared for presentation to each member of the Commission:

Kenneth W. Bosworth, *Chairman*  
James J. O'Donnell, *Vice Chairman*  
Lou Ann Majewski, *Secretary*

Members:  
Peter A. Grande  
Patrick J. Hennelly  
Joseph S. Messer

Thomas Roeser  
Michael Schmechtig  
David M. Stieper

## Plan Excerpt: Vision

This comprehensive plan continues the long established practice of building on the past, recognizing that present property owners must work to assure that they leave a stronger community and a healthy environment to their heirs. The vision that guides the preparation of this plan recognizes that:

Barrington Hills is a community of residents acting as stewards for a quiet, secure, and natural environment, unique within the metropolitan area, which supports the long term, sustainable use of property for equestrian-oriented, open countryside living.

One characteristic which distinguishes Barrington Hills from other members of the BACOG is its equestrian tradition and the interrelationship with the natural environment in which the keeping of horses and the maintenance of the equestrian community requires the large-lots and interwoven trail system which, in turn, supports the long term sustainability of the sensitive natural environment. Without the gentle use, the natural environment could not be maintained; without the natural environment, the use cannot be maintained. Though many current property owners do not keep horses, they are attracted to the community, in large part, due to this symbiotic natural/equestrian environment.

The Planning Commission work sets the stage for enhanced Zoning ordinances; it prepares the Village to handle challenges from developers and others that may conflict with the Vision. This plan is forward looking and encompasses critical concerns for the ecology, the environment and natural resources. Copies are available at the Village Hall and the draft plan is available online at the Village Website.

[1] Pioneer Press Article "Land plan preserves zoning, reduces impact on neighbors", Pioneer Press, Cristel Mohrman, November 10, 2005

## Julie McKeivitt, Trustee Roads and Bridges

At the November Board meeting, the Village engineers, Gewalt Hamilton, presented the Village of Barrington Hills a Pavement Condition Study and Improvement Recommendations report. A Pavement Condition Study was first conducted in November 1994. The Village asked Gewalt Hamilton to conduct a new study of pavement conditions after the experience of the past 11 years of annual resurfacing and miscellaneous activities. Each roadway section was judged on its structural condition, and assigned a Pavement Condition Rating (PCR) number. The results of the 2005 road inventory showed that most of the Village's roadways are in "Fair to Good" or "Good to Very Good" categories. The results demonstrate the effects of the 11 year road program from 1995 to 2005, which significantly improved the condition of the Village infrastructure. The Pavement Condition report prepared in 1994 reported an average PCR of 41.1, with a range of 15.3 to 92.1. The current average PCR of all Village roadways is 87.7, with a range of 59.1 to 100. That means currently our worst road in the Village is better than the average condition of the Village roads back in 1994! From this report we, as a Village, are better prepared to plan for future road construction seasons in 2006-2015.

### Here's a sneak peak into what 2006 will bring for improvements:

- Honeycutt Rd.
- Spring Lane
- Little Bend Rd.
  - Ridge Rd.
- Haegers Bend Rd.
- Hills & Dales Rd.

I rely on residents to let me know the condition of their neighborhood road. I welcome any suggestions, improvements and emergency condition reports. Please call Village Hall or email me at [jmckeivitt@willrentinc.com](mailto:jmckeivitt@willrentinc.com). Have a safe 2006!

# TRUSTEE UPDATE—

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

Under the new leadership of Jonathan Knight, the Zoning Board of Appeals is well underway with a thorough effort to clarify the Village's Zoning Regulations in matters related to Permitted Uses of residential property within the Village. Following public hearings and subsequent meetings with the Village's Equestrian Commission, the ZBA is working on draft language which would permit the boarding of horses for a fee on residential property under certain circumstances. At the same time, the Board is underway with a process of considering what other home occupation uses should be permitted on residential property in the Village and hopes to reach a consensus for recommendation of an amendment to the Village's Zoning Regulations this coming Spring.

The ZBA is also considering the matter of mature landscaping, particularly as it relates to large trees. Residents in the Village have come forward asking the Board of Trustees and the ZBA to consider ordinances or regulations which would preclude the elimination of mature trees unless required for the permitted construction of a building or access to the same.

A recent approval by the ZBA of a request for one-acre zoning on a 22 acre parcel of residential land at the northeast corner of Palatine Road and Barrington Road was made in the context of surrounding land uses and also in keeping with the desire, as expressed in the Village's new Comprehensive Plan, to protect the Village boundaries by making zoning and planning decisions in the context of bordering land usage. The approval will keep the property in the Village and the process has led to an effort to reach a border agreement with the Village of Inverness, another desired outcome.

A time-consuming detailed review of the Village's many insurance policies continues, with special emphasis at the present time on the protection afforded to the Village under its various liability policies. The process will continue through the renewal of the policies this current policy year.

Also underway is an examination of healthcare alternatives for the Village's staff. The possibility of a large group plan for the BACOG area did not materialize after it became known that even with the combined staff numbers of the BACOG community (other than the Village of Barrington) there was an insufficient number of employees to qualify for a group plan. The Board will be working with staff to examine various plan structures that could provide a cost effective plan for the Village's employees and continue to provide an appropriate level of healthcare for our staff.

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

January 1st is a day that most of us celebrate the New Year. In the world of finance, this isn't always the case. Village of Barrington Hills begins their Financial New Year on May 1st. The world of Finance, although seeming to be cut and dried, requires close monitoring. In the upcoming months Trustee Smithe plans to tackle a few To-Do's:

- Review top municipal audit firms to determine if a change to a new firm is advisable at this time
- Analyze and propose changes to the village benefit plan. The village benefit plan has become out of step with what neighboring villages and businesses are offering to their employees. Working with our staff, we will develop a plan that meets their needs while keeping in line with current trends, hopefully savings our residents money.
- Determine the actuarial soundness of the Police Pension Plan and advise the board accordingly
- Continue to maintain sound, stable village finances

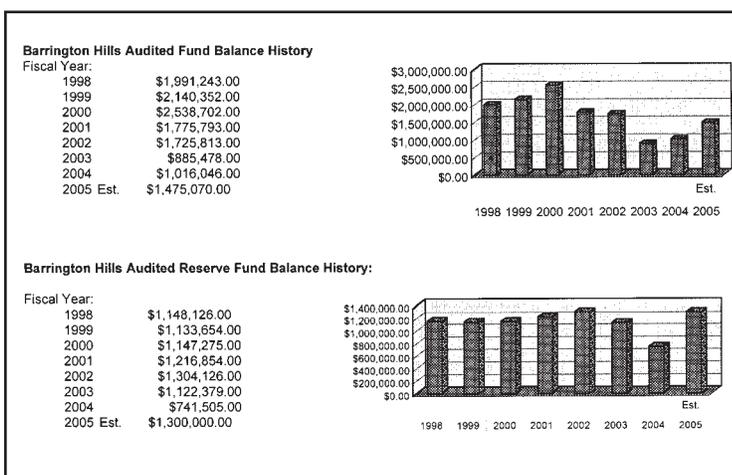
The Village of Barrington Hills continues to move towards a solid financial footing. A summary of the Village Budget for Fiscal Year Ending April 2005 is depicted in the graphs below.

Here is summary of our Village Budget for the fiscal year ending April 2005:

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Source:</u>	<u>Budget Amount:</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Property Tax	Cook 68%	\$3,795,931.00	
	Kane 2%	\$104,349.00	
	Lake 16%	\$929,335.00	
	McHenry 14%	<u>\$808,326.00</u>	
Total Property Tax		\$5,637,941.00	77%
Motor Fuel Tax	State of Illinois	\$114,900.00	2%
Sales Tax	State of Illinois	\$95,000.00	1%
Income Tax	State of Illinois	\$254,000.00	3%
Utility Taxes	Com Ed, Nicor, Telecommunications	\$500,000.00	7%
All Other Revenue		<u>\$749,486.00</u>	10%
<b>Total Anticipated Revenue:</b>		<b>\$7,351,327.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

<u>Description:</u>	<u>Budget Amount:</u>	<u>Percentage:</u>
Legal Expenses	\$673,500.00	11%
Police Services	\$2,334,350.00	37%
Road Expenses	\$1,036,000.00	16%
Insurance Expenses	\$842,925.00	13%
Debt Service	\$258,905.00	4%
Admin & All Others	<u>\$1,221,828.00</u>	19%
<b>Total Anticipated Expenses:</b>	<b>\$6,367,308.00</b>	<b>100%</b>



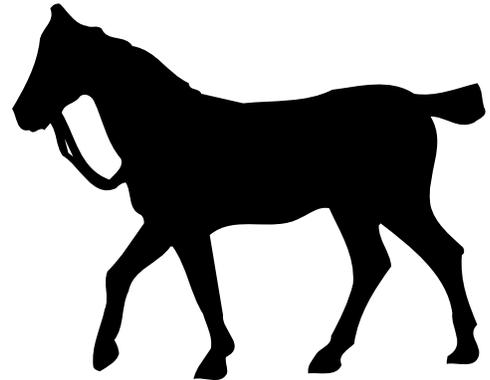
## EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE

The Equestrian Commission is in the process of developing a training course for the Barrington Hills Police Department on how to deal with various emergency situations they may encounter with horses. In conjunction with this training course the Commission is also creating a protocol for the department that will give an overview on general horsemanship as well as explain what to do in various situations that the department's officers may confront with horses and riders. The Commission is working with Sergeant Ron Riedel on this program and wishes to thank Eve Perry for making this suggestion.

The training course will be held in the early spring and be divided into sessions so that as many officers as possible can attend. The training will cover topics such as how to approach lost horses, use of a halter and lead rope, different types of trailers and loading situations, dealing with injured horses and riders.

The protocols will give the department a list of citizens and vets to contact in emergency situations, a safe haven where lost horses can be placed and emergency contacts within the equestrian community as well as an If/Then procedural list.

The BHPD already keeps lead ropes, halters and grain in all of its cruisers. This program will help train the officers in safe, effective horse management.



## VILLAGE FLAG

With its visibility, the question may be posed as What is the "Story" of the Village Flag for which the following is presented....

The flag was created nearly twenty years ago in response to the French exchange program at Countryside School. Each year the visiting students from a French school would be presented a Village Flag to take home to their town.

The Flag was presented to Don Sadzech, for his services as the Village's Construction Manager on the addition to the Village Hall and Fire Station. It was displayed at wakes for the Trustees who died in office: Alex MacArthur, Bud Klein and Frank Goodman. Likewise, displayed for the Village employees: Bill Alberts, Tom Easley and Fred Clauser.



The emblem is a "V" flight of five geese, attributed to represent the four counties lead by the Village. Giant Canadian Geese, which nest in the Village, are an internationally protected species of the responsibility of the US Department of Interior (DOI)--Federal Migratory Bird Act of 1918. The profile of geese in flight is the logo of the Fish and Wildlife Service, DOI--which partnered with the Village in locating its Chicago regional office in Barrington.

Barrington Hills is printed in a circle as a symbol of unity. The two colors, yellow and blue, are those most common to the open sky above the Village, with the flight of geese in a shadow. By design the flag has the same face, front and back, which enables it to be seen when posted from any direction regardless of the wind.

Admittedly, it is quite a history but than again so is the Village.

Sincerely,  
Bob Kosin  
Director of Administration  
Village of Barrington Hills



# Village of Barrington Hills Hosts Holiday Open House

On Dec. 14th, the Communications Committee hosted a Holiday Open House for people of the village to meet and informally talk with their elected officials. Even on a snowy evening, around 75 people attended the event. President Abboud and all the trustees were present and many of the village committee members as well. Several police officers attended along with the new Police Chief Murphy. The Barrington High School Madrigal Singers entertained us with delightful holiday music.

One of the commitments President Abboud made during his campaign was to increase communication and resident participation. This is one way of providing an opportunity to bring the village government together with the people of Barrington Hills.



*Madrigal Singers from Barrington High School*



*Open House Guests*



*Barrington Hill's President, Trustees and Administrator at Open House*





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Have you walked into Village Hall and ever wondered why the walls are missing art work that reflect the essence of the Village? Well we have!

So. . . here is our answer to white walls:

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS YOUNG AND OLD!

Photographers, Painters, Sketch Artists, Sculptors and Quilters: We would like to hang your art work throughout the building! All pieces will be on loan to the Village and each artist will receive credit for their work. If you are interested, please contact Bob Kosin at Village Hall 847-551-3000.