



**Village of Barrington Hills
112 Algonquin Road
Barrington Hills, Illinois 60010-5199**

To: The Residents of Barrington Hills

From: Robert Abboud – Village President

“Barrington Farms” Zoning Issue Update – Thank You

Fellow Residents:

First, I wanted to thank the many residents who have worked tirelessly on the issues associated with the so called “Barrington Farms” high density housing development (neither Barrington nor Farm), proposed by the Texas developer, Fritz Duda. I continue to be amazed at the very high level of effort and self organization that you all have demonstrated. Your support of the Village and your input to McHenry County will make a difference in the outcome of this case. I cannot thank you all enough.

The issue is whether to recommend rezoning 368 acres from A-1 (40 acre agriculture), to PD-R with 371 moderately priced homes, configured in a high density arrangement. The project will utilize spray sewage release technology over much of the remaining acreage. This project is on the so-called Duda I parcel in the NW section of the Village which I described in my last news letter. This property was previously disconnected from the Village and is now covered by the Village’s planning jurisdiction.

As many of you know, the Village opposes this development because it will significantly raise your property taxes, damage BH property values, and alter our community’s life style forever. The project will also substantially increase traffic congestion. More importantly, evidence was provided showing that this project will present a threat to public health and ground water integrity. The Village’s Board of Health has passed a resolution stating the health risks posed by this development. You can view my presentation to the ZBA in the “News” section of the Barrington Hills WEB site at: <http://www.barringtonhills-il.gov/news.htm>.

The Village Board is putting so much of its time in this effort, in part, because this project’s construct could pave the way for many future developments deep inside the Village. Of course, any threat to any property in Barrington Hills, no matter the location, is addressed with the same vigor and determination.

On Tuesday, July 25, at 9:30 AM, the McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals will issue their recommendation on the proposed project. While I would like to see the ZBA make a negative recommendation on this project, I recognize the underlying systemic problems within the McHenry County Planning Department. There is not expected to be any public comment at this meeting. However, many residents are expected to attend as a show of support for the community. I am sure this will have an effect on the County Board members who will vote later in August.

On Tuesday, August 1, at 9:00 AM a number of residents are planning to address the County Board with their thoughts on the proposed development. This will most likely be the last opportunity for public comment prior to the County Board’s vote expected on August 15th. I will not be speaking at this meeting, but I will attend. I have already made much public comment to the County Board. I am now working on the members individually.

On Tuesday, August 15, at 7:00 PM the County Board is expected to vote on the Texas developer’s proposal. This vote will be critical to our future and the future of municipalities in all of McHenry County. Algonquin, Carpentersville, and BACOG all have resolutions opposing this development. While I am expecting the Board to support Barrington Hills, I am taking nothing for granted.

All of these meetings are located at 667 Ware Road, 2nd floor, County Board Conference Room, Woodstock IL 60098. This is the building just north of the County Court House.

You can find the County Board contact information at <http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/common/CountyBrd/default.asp>. For many of you, these are your representatives and they work for you. For those of you not in McHenry County, their decisions will directly affect your property taxes and property values. None of you should feel encumbered about contacting them individually and providing them with your perspective.



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Again, I want to thank all of you who are participating and who have assisted the Village in so many ways. With the residents, our Village Board, our experts, and our neighboring communities all working together, we will be successful at protecting the very unique environment of Barrington Hills for many years to come. I have full confidence that our defenses against this development threat, and those we will face in the future, will be successful.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have further questions or suggestions.

Best Regards,

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