Dear Resident:

The Board and I thank you for your continued support in reelecting us as your representatives. We look forward to your input to help keep South Barrington the great Village that it is. Open communication with Village residents is very important. One way to stay in touch is through our Friday email newsletter which contains information about what is happening in the Village as well as events in our shopping center. You can subscribe to our e-news on our website homepage.

Vacant property in South Barrington has become a very hot segment of the real estate market. I have been fielding many developer inquiries this past year. One developer in particular has been working on a proposal for the Allstate property across from Goebbert’s since late fall. We expect it to be on the agenda for review by the Plan Commission within a month. Recently, we hired a Village Planner to comment on the various proposed projects and to work on our Comprehensive Plan, which is due for a thorough update. As the Comprehensive Plan is being developed, the public will be invited to attend Village meetings and weigh in on how they view the future of the Village. Updates on this and the Allstate property development will be published in our Friday e-news as well as on our website.

We continue to promote positive green initiatives in South Barrington, through a variety of recycling options: wheeled recycling totes for glass, plastic and paper, free electronic recycling, and the “red bag” collection for rags, clothing, accessories and small appliances. Red bag donations are either repurposed into new products or are reused in the USA or in countries where people are living in poverty. Conveniently, all of these recycling programs are collected at your curb on our Monday trash day. We also offer Styrofoam, cork, and fluorescent light bulb recycling at the Village Hall.

We are not fully utilizing our recycling options as shown in data for South Barrington. Our garbage tonnage collected for landfill deposit is increasing and our recycling numbers are decreasing. Residents have noticed furniture and other items at the curb for trash collection. Several charities have pickup service for furniture and other household goods. Some of these options are listed on our Village website and in this newsletter (see charity donation table on page 2). I encourage you to consider donating your unwanted items. Staff is available to help you with your recycling and donation questions, so feel free to call the Village Hall if you would like assistance.

“Mayor’s Message” continued on page 2
You may have heard that an allocation of income tax that comes to us through the State is under attack. The Village of South Barrington has joined 275 municipalities throughout the area in urging Springfield to restore these local revenue payments. The Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) is generated from income taxes paid by local residents and businesses and collected by the State before a small portion gets redistributed back to municipalities. In South Barrington, the LGDF accounts for 8 percent of our annual operating budget. The State promised 10 percent of total income tax collections to municipalities on a per capita basis through the fund in lieu of a local income tax, but in recent years, the State has reduced the LGDF share from 10 to 6.06 percent.

Springfield is considering taking additional money from LGDF this year, which would challenge local governments further in balancing their own budgets and maintaining essential services. Under the current proposal, South Barrington would lose enough funding for a full-time employee. We encourage you to contact your State Senators, Dan McConchie and Ann Gillespie, as well as State Representatives Martin McLaughlin and Thomas Morrison (see contact info below left) to let them know that you: 1) are concerned about further LGDF cuts; and 2) support restoring LGDF payments to the full 10 percent level that had been promised.

As I begin my next 4-year term as your Mayor, I look forward to connecting with each of you. Please reach out to me with any questions or issues you may have in reading this newsletter or throughout the year.

Have a great summer!

Paula McCombie

Contact Your State Legislatures

Senator Dan McConchie
Ph. 224-662-4544
Email: dan@danmcconchie.com

Senator Ann Gillespie
Ph. 847-749-1880
Website: senatoranngiespie.org

Representative Martin McLaughlin
Ph. 224-634-8300
Email: mclaughlin@ilhousegop.org

Representative Thomas Morrison
Ph. 847-202-6584
Email: repmorrison54@gmail.com

Charity Donation Pickup
Contact any of the organizations below to schedule your donation pickup. Some of these organizations conveniently schedule this through their website or you can call their phone numbers listed below.

AMVETS National Service Foundation
Website: ilamvets.org
Ph. 800-732-1708

Chicago Furniture Bank
Website: chicagofurniturebank.org/donate
Ph. 312-752-0211

Salvation Army
Website: satruck.org/donate/choose
Ph. 800-728-7825

Habitat for Humanity
Website: habitat.org
Ph. 847-742-9905

The Arc
Website: nfo@thearcofil.org
Ph. 815-464-1832

Goodwill
Website: goodwill.org/locator
Ph. 847-550-0769

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You might have noticed something new by Barbara Rose Elementary School at the intersection of Bartlett and Penny Roads. We have seen an increasing number of crashes at that intersection, many of them due to motorists disobeying the stop signs. After researching solar-powered flashing lights in neighboring communities, we believed they would be beneficial for use here on some stop signs to reduce traffic crashes.

In talks with the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, we were able to obtain some of these lights. They were installed on top of the stop signs at Bartlett and Penny Roads and are operating very well. Our goal is to make the stop signs more visible, increase safety, and reduce the number of traffic crashes. Thank you to Cook County Department of Transportation for their assistance with obtaining these lights.

“Chief of Police” continued on page 3
Help Us Welcome to the Village!

Officer Matthew Fauth is the newest officer to join the South Barrington Police Department after Mayor McCombie administered the oath of office at the Village Board meeting on March 11. Officer Fauth grew up in the northwest suburbs and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Concordia University in River Forest. He is currently attending the 14-week Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage. After completing the academy, Officer Fauth will return to the South Barrington Police Department to undergo three to four months of intensive training with experienced officers to learn how to apply his education and academy training to policing in South Barrington. Welcome Officer Fauth!

Samantha Rivera joined the South Barrington Police Department on May 10 as our newest full-time Records Clerk. Samantha graduated from Elgin High School and earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice at National Louis University. She worked briefly for the City of Evanston before spending the last several years at a global shipping company. Welcome Samantha!

Sarah Peters is one of the South Barrington Police Department’s new full-time Record Clerks. Sarah joined the department on April 5. Sarah has an Associates Degree in social work from the College of DuPage and previously worked as a part-time Records Clerk for the Glen Ellyn Police Department. She also worked as a veterinary technician at a suburban animal hospital. Welcome Sarah!

CodeRed Emergency Notifications

Please be aware that the Village has an emergency notification system in place to relay urgent communications with residents directly.

If there is a known crime, car theft, needed emergency notification or an incident taking place in our community, the Village will send out an alert through this system to advise residents. This alert is received by phone and email. If you do not pick up the phone, a voicemail will be left with the emergency message.

It is important that residents sign up for this service. This is another tool the Village uses to keep you safe and informed. Call the Village at 847-381-7510 or visit our website and click on CodeRed to sign up.

Remember to take valuables out of your car, lock your car doors and home doors, and use your alarm if you have one. Please continue to be alert, take the recommended precautions, and call 9-1-1 right away if you see or hear anything that seems suspicious to you. By working together, we can help keep South Barrington a safe community!

Holiday Reminder: Village Hall Will Be Closed the Following Dates

May 31 - July 5 - September 6

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THE BUDGET GAMBIT  
by Michelle Bodie, Finance Director/Village Treasurer

For the past 11 years, the Village of South Barrington has approved a balanced budget for general operations. Recently, the new fiscal year began on May 1, 2021 under a balanced budget once again. Just as a “gambit” can be an opening move in the game of chess, the budget is the beginning strategy in the municipal finance cycle. A budget is required by state statutes to be enacted within the 1st quarter of the fiscal year.

A key forecast in the budget preparation is the revenue projection. Most of the Village’s revenue sources have been unpredictable over the last year making this calculation more challenging. Each Village department prepares a budget of their individual expense accounts. The Board Committees examine the department budget requests in detail before they are compiled in a document for Finance Committee review. Department objectives are weighed against the total financial resources expected. The Mayor approves the final recommended budget document prior to submission to the Board at the May meeting. The budget becomes a key benchmark in the monthly financial statements to monitor ongoing performance.

In South Barrington, budgeting is less complicated because we do not have to plan for bonded debt payments of principal and interest. Other than pension fund liabilities, the Village has no long-term debt. We have been committed to funding above the state’s minimum required contribution to reduce our pension fund liabilities. Currently, our estimated funding percentage is 75% with total pension assets in excess of $19 million.

An independent audit is conducted to determine the material accuracy of the Village’s financial records at the close of each fiscal year. The audit is scheduled for the last week in June. The professionals, after auditing our books in previous years, have given the Village an unqualified opinion on our financial statement presentation. This is the highest evaluation they can make and signifies a “clean audit”. The annual budget and audited financial statements are posted on the Village website under the “Transparency of Information” heading for public viewing after acceptance by the Board. Should you have any questions, please contact Mayor McCombie or myself, Michelle Bodie, Finance Director.
Building & Engineering Department

Hot Building Trends

It is a sizzling housing market if you are looking to buy, build, or sell a house in South Barrington right now. Multiple realtors have made comments that the existing housing inventory is “flying off the shelves”. We have experienced a surge of new house permits over the past eight months as well as a lot of remodeling activity.

There have been significant price increases for building materials lately, from lumber, shingles and siding, to copper, concrete and nails. So the big question is with materials prices increasing from 100% to 200% over the past year, will we see this hot market start to cool off?

Phosphorous Fertilizer Not Allowed

The Village code has banned the use of phosphorus in fertilizers. Please make sure your landscaper is aware of this requirement. Phosphorous and the use of other nutrients that runoff into the lakes and ponds cause algae growth which is detrimental to the health of the lakes and that of fish life.

To protect the health of our lakes and ponds, please keep grass clippings, leaves and any fertilizer away from edges of the water. Another method used to protect bodies of water is to leave the grass a little taller along the edge of the water to act as a filter for unwanted contaminants.

BANNED Driveway Sealants

Coal tar base sealants and asphalt driveway sealants, containing high Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), are banned in the Village. High PAH products are sometimes a component of sealants used in driveways, parking lots, and playgrounds. PAHs are classified as carcinogens by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and have toxic compounds which have been linked to an increased cancer risk. As the sealant ages, it can be carried into your house through the dust they leave.

Per Village Code, coal asphalt based products with low PAHs are an approved alternative. For your safety, the Village requires all products and contractors to be licensed. To view a list of licensed contractors with the Village, please visit “Coal Tar Ban” under the Sustainability web page on our website.

Ground Solar Systems Not Permitted

South Barrington is a designated SolSmart Gold community. The Village encourages and supports the installation of roof top solar systems only. We have more than 25 such systems installed in South Barrington with over 1,000 solar panels in place.

Per Village Code, we do not allow ground mounted solar systems to be installed in the village. Contractors selling ground mounted solar system arrays in South Barrington, will be denied a permit by the Village. If you have any questions regarding installing a solar system at your home, please call the Building Department at 847-381-7510.

Got A Village Permit?

Please call the Village before starting any project to find out about required permits. This is for your safety and also to make sure your contractor is performing services required by Village Code. Projects without the required permit will receive a stop work order until the necessary permit is applied for and issued. Common items that require permits are:

- Interior remodel
- Planting or removal of trees in right-of-way
- Re-roofing
- Driveway repair and culvert replacement
- Septic changes
- Deck or patio installation
- Swimming pool or spa
- Use of the Conservancy with 15 or more people

State law requires anyone who is digging to call the Joint Utility Locating Information or Excavators (JULIE). Regardless of the project size or depth, you must call JULIE and wait two business days for JULIE to mark your digging location. Call 8-1-1 or visit illinois1call.com to place a locate request. Both the call and JULIE’s services are free to residents.

Mike Moreland, Building Officer

Natalie Karney, P.E., Village Engineer

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Village Celebrates Arbor Day

It was a windy but beautiful start of spring on Saturday, May 1 as Village residents joined Mayor Paula McCombie, Village Trustees, Conservancy Commission members, and Village staff to celebrate Arbor Day. Mayor McCombie recited the Arbor Day Proclamation and read the poem “Friendly Tree, This Is Your Day” by Annette Wynne. Diane Bodkin, Chair of the Conservancy Commission, gave a brief presentation on the history of Arbor Day and assisted our Mayor with the ceremonial planting of the new Conservancy tree, a Black Tupelo!

Navraaz Basati, Conservancy Commissioner, took visitors on an informative walking tour of the Conservancy trees. Corrine Chrystall, Conservancy Commissioner, created a decorative bistro area for attendees to enjoy Village refreshments of coffee and cookies. Residents gathered after the tour to meet and talk to Village officials and staff while enjoying the peaceful ambience of our South Barrington Conservancy.

Teasel, the Dark (In)Vader by Diane Bodkin, Conservancy Commission Chair

Have you noticed the ‘forest’ of dark spear-looking stalks all along the roadsides? These are teasels, plants brought to our country from Europe years ago to be used in dried flower arrangements. But as you can guess, some seeds slipped out and landed everywhere.

Each spring, they start out as an attractive green candelabra of light pink flowers around intriguing, geometric cones that quickly turn into brown seed heads each capable of dropping thousands of seeds without remorse. They quietly invade large areas powered only by seeds, and by summer, they are the classic ‘forest’ you see along the road.

If you find a broad leaf floret in your yard or area near you, herbicide it severely in this stage. This cunning plant does give us a year’s warning, not showing a stalk until the second year. If you miss this moment, you do have one more chance to catch them while they are flowering and cut them down right then. If timed right, they will not send up a new stalk in that season. Be careful to wear thick gloves as the spines on the stalks can break off into painful splinters in your fingers. No matter how inviting, don’t try to save them for a dried flower arrangement! If we all stay alert and observant, we might have a chance to win this battle, but the experts say we will need to continue this campaign for five more years!
Covered Bridge Repairs

Repair work was done to Covered Bridge in order to replace all anchor brackets on the bridge. The existing brackets had been in place for more than 40 years and were showing signs of corrosion. The new brackets that were put in are fabricated from a special CorTen steel that seals itself as it weathers. Over time, it will look as if it is rusting but in fact it is self-protecting from the weather. There will be additional repairs done around Covered Bridge in the near future as we restore one of South Barrington’s unique landmarks.

Village Sustainability

Don’t Forget To Recycle Your Corks

Village Hall accepts wine corks and other cork material for recycling. Bring in real or synthetic cork to the Village Hall during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A receptacle for your cork material is located in the vestibule of the main entrance of Village Hall marked “Cork Only”. Volunteers pick up the donated cork materials and ship the items to outside industries that turn the materials into other products like yoga mats, floor coverings, shoe soles, and more.

Let’s Keep Styrofoam Out of Landfills

Village Hall accepts Styrofoam materials such as Packing Peanuts and other packing materials including Bubble Wrap for recycling. Styrofoam can be any color or size and does not need to have a recycling marking to be accepted. Collection carts (marked “Styrofoam Only”) are located at the northwest corner in the furthest parking lot behind Village Hall on Tennis Club Lane.

Please bag all Styrofoam materials to assist volunteers with the pickup of these items. If you have very large pieces of Styrofoam, you can drop these items off at Chicago Logistic Services, 1333 Davis, Elgin, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thanks for helping keep Styrofoam out of our landfills!

Private Well Water Testing Scheduled for May 25

BACOG will host a Level 1 Private Residential Well Water Testing on Tuesday, May 25 for residents on a private well. If you are on municipal water, your water is maintained and routinely tested according to IEPA guidelines. For those on a private well, it is recommended to test your water annually. Level 1 testing looks for contamination including Coliform Bacteria, E. Coli, and Nitrates. Water bottle sample testing kits will be available May 17 through May 21, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m. to noon. Kits cost $16. You should draw your water sample on the same day you drop it off for testing, May 25. Deliver your water sample to the Jewel Tea Pavilion in Citizen’s Park in Barrington between 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25. Volunteers will be on hand to collect your sample at this socially distanced drive-thru event! A report on your sample test results will be emailed to you.

Village Document Destruction

The Village of South Barrington and Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) will host an easy drive-up and drop-off shred event on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

Village curbside textile recycling is provided by Simple Recycling. They will pick up old and used clothing, rags, small appliances, etc. Place your items in the red/orange bags and set it out at the curb on Mondays near your garbage carts. New bags will be left for future use. If you need additional bags now, call Simple Recycling at 866-835-5068 or stop by the Village.

Photo of Covered Bridge courtesy of Trustee Dr. Anthony Stagno
Meet the Village Board

Get to know your Village Board by attending the Board meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall located at 30 S. Barrington Road.

Board meeting agendas are posted on the Village website at southbarrington.org at least 48 hours in advance and can be found under Agendas & Minutes. Topics for discussion or items being considered for approval are listed on the board agenda.

Your Village Board is made up of an elected Mayor and six elected Trustees. Mayor McCombie and the Village Trustees are residents of South Barrington. Their time as unpaid elected officials is focused on running the Village effectively, efficiently, and with fiduciary responsibility.

If you are interested in meeting your Mayor and Trustees or would like to learn more about municipal government and the functions of the Village of South Barrington, we encourage you to join us for our Board meetings each month.