

Village of Port Barrington Newsletter

Village Hall Hours:

Monday- Friday: 9AM-4:30PM
Closed for the lunch hour, Noon-1PM

Building Department Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:

8AM – 2PM Or by appointment

Inspections by appointment with
48- hour notice. 847-639-0498



2026 Annual Events!

Please check website calendar for updates or changes

- ◆ February 28 - Sat, 11AM
Hometown Stroll & Dine at
Hermann's Rest-a-While
- ◆ April 4- Sat, 11AM
Spring Egg Hunt
- ◆ Mid-April Saturday Date: TBD
Touch-a-Truck: Broken Oar
Parking Lot
- ◆ April 24 - Friday
Arbor Day Celebration
- ◆ May 3-9,
International Compost
Awareness Week! Compost
Give-Away starts May 9th!
- ◆ May 8th & 9th - Fri & Sat, 8-3
Village Garage Sales
- ◆ May 16- Saturday, 8AM
Village Clean Up with FREE
paper shredding & Compost
Give-away (pending supply)
Adopt-a-Highway 8AM
- ◆ June 6 - Saturday, 7PM
Movie Night
- ◆ June 15-21
National Pollinator Week!
- ◆ July 15- Wednesday, 11AM
Kids' Splash Day
- ◆ September 19- Saturday
Village "RiverFest"
- ◆ October 31 - Sat, (NOTE
DATE) 11AM
Village Halloween Fest
- ◆ November 7 - Sat, 9AM
Adopt-a-Highway road clean
up
- ◆ November 8-Sunday, Noon
Chili Cook-Off
- ◆ December 20- Sunday, 12:30
Santa Parade & Party

Winter 2026 69 South Circle Avenue, Port Barrington, IL 60010
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SWALCO Rolls Out New App Service to Aid Residents in Recycling & Waste Disposal

The Village of Port Barrington is excited to join the Recycle Coach network, which improves communication on waste collection, and recycling information to our residents. Beyond that, the platform includes engagement and educational tools to help people manage and correctly dispose of their waste," said Brian Lawrence, Health & Safety Trustee. Residents can access Recycle Coach from their desktop computers and mobile devices by downloading the FREE app. These platforms make it easy for people to get local disposal information for thousands of household items when they need it.

With Recycle Coach, residents can:

- Stay organized with custom curbside collection and events calendars
- **Receive collection reminders and real-time updates on service disruptions**
- Become recycling experts with a comprehensive "What Goes Where?" search tool, including local disposal information and collection requirements for common and uncommon items
- Take the "We Wanted to Know" weekly quizzes for useful recycling tips and tricks
- Use the problem-reporting tool, equipped with geolocation, to notify municipal customer services about issues like missed collections

"Ultimately, the service takes the guesswork out of recycling, empowering residents to make smarter disposal decisions and take an active approach to reducing household waste. This will translate into higher recycling rates and less contamination in our recycling stream--a win-win for everyone," said Trustee Lawrence. Become a better recycler today by downloading the Recycle Coach app for FREE in the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play](#). OR scan this QR Code!



Textile Recycling

Did you receive gifts this holiday season of new clothing and linens for your home this year? Bring the ones you've replaced to the textile recycling bin at Fox Trail Park! All sizes, types & brands of new, gently used or worn clothing & textiles are accepted. Also curtains, quilts, blankets, towels, bedspreads, sheets, tablecloths.... Please use the Recycle Coach App for more info on acceptable/unacceptable items. **Additional textile recycling site coming soon!** In addition to the donation bin at Fox Trail Park, SWALCO will be adding a second bin for textile recycling collection in the Village Hall parking lot! Look for it this spring!

REMINDER--PLEASE DO NOT PLACE SHOES IN THE TEXTILE BINS. Instead, bring them to the Village Hall "Reuse-a-Shoe" program, designed to specifically recycle shoes!

HOMETOWN STROLL & DINE

Put on your walking shoes and join your Village neighbors and friends for a lunchtime walk on Saturday, February 28th!! Meet at Hermann's Rest-a-While at 11:00AM for an easy, fun 45-minute stroll! Or come just for LUNCH at NOON! A delicious cash only menu will be available! Hermann's favorites--including Wayne's famous chili, burgers, fries, onion rings, gluten-free & regular pizzas, pretzels, hotdogs, and chicken tenders! Drink specials, too!

All ages welcome at this family-friendly event!
What a great way to get some fresh air, see neighbors
and enjoy some great food--locally!

Village R.E.C. Committee Rocks the Holidays! Thanks to them for hosting a cozy season of fun in a frosty December! Santa arrived in his sleigh following his entourage of festive parade entries. Thank you, Hermann's Rest-a-While, Lake Co Queens, Wauconda Area Fire District, McHenry Co Sheriff Dept, and more! The decorated Village Hall warmly welcomed Santa and those who came to greet him in a jovial atmosphere of harmony! Even Santa & The Grinch got along! Miracles can happen ❤️

Thank you also to Mike G "Claus", Mrs. Cindy W "Mrs. Claus", & Elves Kala & Maddie for their special roles in the day! The Wauconda Area Food Pantry was super grateful for the haul of donations that were collected—thank you all!



2025 Lighting Contest Winners

- Deer Grove/Deer Grove North: 2724 N. Wisteria
- Fox River Valley Gardens: 54 Evergreen Court
- RiverWalk: 732 Brighton Circle *
- Moorings/River Trail: 25442 River Trail



Snowman contest
- send photos to the Village Hall by March 31st

And *thank you* to our Manchester Lane—you ALWAYS ROCK !!! 🎵🎵🎵

Giftng to Neighbors.....

In December, a caroling visit and a small gift were given to some neighborhood seniors and folks in need of some holiday cheer! THANK YOU to Hermann's Rest-a-While for donating gift cards that were added to the goodies distributed by the Village REC Committee! Thank you to Patty Bryant for again organizing these acts of kindness. And thank you to those providing us with names of your senior friends! May neighborhood love last all year!



Colleen & Sherry Blankenship share the *James Blankenship Memorial Décor Award*

Special Holiday Lighting Award

For several years now, of those selected "best in neighborhood" for holiday décor, one is chosen to receive the **Blankenship Memorial Décor Award***. This tradition was started in memory of long-time resident *James Blankenship* whose hand-crafted mechanical displays on North Circle Avenue delighted many for years. Thank you, Blankenship Family, for continuing this honor. A "traveling trophy" and gift card awarded to 732 *Brighton Circle* this year!

**Happy
2026!**

Village of Port Barrington 2026-2027 Scholarship Opportunities

The Village of Port Barrington is proud to announce TWO scholarship opportunities for the 2026-2027 academic year, marking our 11th year of supporting the educational goals of Port Barrington residents.

Port Barrington 11th Year Educational Scholarship Award - \$1,000

For use toward college expenses including tuition, books, and related costs. Applicants must be a current high school senior or college student attending an accredited two or four-year college/university for the 2026-2027 academic year.

NEW! Paar Family Trade School Scholarship - \$1,000

For students pursuing technical, vocational, construction, or trade careers including construction & building trades, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, welding, carpentry, and related skilled trades. This scholarship is generously sponsored by Port Barrington's Paar Family and is specifically intended to support hands-on, skill-based career paths.

Scholarship applications are available on the village website homepage post at www.portbarrington.net or by request from the Village Hall. They are also available through Wauconda High School Counseling Department. Both scholarships are open to students attending any high school or college *as long as they reside in the Village of Port Barrington.*

Best wishes to all entries!

FLOOD MAPPING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

The Village of Port Barrington participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and has adopted flood hazard area protection standards. As a public service, the following information is available upon request:

Basic flood map information”

- Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
- Zone, base flood elevation, and panel reference information from the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)

Additional flood Map information:

- Floodways designations and regulatory requirements in a floodway.
- Historical flood information
- Information regarding wetland and open space areas
- Regulations prohibiting development in certain areas



To request flood map information, please contact:

The Village Hall: 847-639-7595, villagehall@portbarrington.net or
Building & Zoning Officer Frank 847-639-0498 bz@portbarrington.net

Leash Law

We have received many complaints about dogs running at large or breaking through their invisible fences. By Village Ordinance, all animals must be controlled by a leash, tether, or fence when outdoors. Owners must also clean up after their animals for obvious health reasons as helping to keep our groundwater pure. Continuously barking dogs are in violation of noise ordinances. Fines may be given for non-compliance.

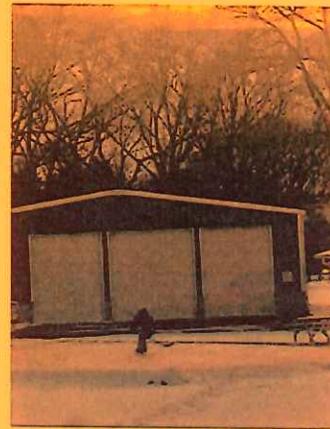


PLEASE be considerate pet owners.
In case of vicious animals, call 911

Village FACEBOOK PAGE

The *Village of Port Barrington Friendly by Nature* Facebook page directed at Village business only. It can be found at www.facebook.com/VillagePortBarrington “Like” us! 😊 You can find useful information there about Village business and upcoming events.

A reminder that the “Port Barrington Chat” is not a sanctioned Village Facebook page. It is a privately administered site. It has become a popular, easy way to communicate in the neighborhood through social media. But please keep in mind, “The Chat” is not a Village reporting site. Village staff wants to be of assistance so please be sure to direct any questions regarding Village business to the Village Hall via phone 847-639-7595, or email villagehall@portbarrington.net or the *Village of Port Barrington, Friendly by Nature* Facebook page. *In person* is also totally acceptable! Come see us! 😊



ICE SKATING FUN!

Kudos to our Public Works Team (aka Rusty & Zak!) work diligently to make a skate-able ice rink at Hermann Park next to the Village Hall. Often, they are working against the weather! It’s looking good! Hopefully it will stay frozen for a bit longer! Com’on by and try it out!



We also thank our Public Works Team for the great job clearing our roads this season!

New Port Barrington Waterway Commission Chair

Congratulations to Emily Projansky on her appointment as Chair of our Village Waterway Commission! Emily was sworn in at the last Village Board meeting. As Waterway Commissioner, she will attend pertinent meetings of the Fox Waterway Agency and other water related agencies, sharing information with the Village Board. Emily is secretary of the Deer Grove HOA and has volunteered in a variety of different ways to better our Village. Emily holds degrees in Environmental Science and Communication and has an appreciation for our water resources and safety. A perfect fit! Stay tuned for further development of this Commission as Emily gets her 'feet wet'!!



2026 Village Meeting Schedule

- Regular Committee of the Whole
- 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM
- Regular Village Board
- 3rd Wednesday, 7:00PM
- Planning Commission
- 2nd Tuesday, 7:00PM
- R.E.C. Committee
- 2nd Monday, 6:00PM

PLEASE NOTE: the April 2026 Regular Village Board Meeting has been moved from the 3rd Wednesday in April to the following Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Check www.portbarrington.net for updates



Public Works Seasonal Help Wanted

The Village of Port Barrington is currently seeking part-time, seasonal help for the Public Works Department to mow grass and do odd jobs as given by our Public Works Director. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age, have a current driver's license, be self-motivated and conscientious. Contact the Village Hall if interested. 847-639-7595 or villagehall@portbarrington.net to receive an application for this position.

Emergency Contacts

- Dial 911
- Non-Emergency Contacts**
- McHenry County Sheriff
- 815-338-2144
- Lake County Sheriff
- 847-549-5200
- Wauconda Code Enforcement
- 847-526-2421, x 8152

