

# ABOUT TOWN



*A Magical Winter Wonderland, starring your child, is coming to Light Drawn Studios of Barrington! Watch as your daughter twinkles and transforms into a beautiful winter fairy tip toeing through our frosty land. True beauty and wonder will unfold. Celebrate the magic of her day with heirloom quality art portraits. All costumes are to be provided. Proceeds benefit the WINGS organization. Call the studio at 224-655-7801 to learn more about our Winter Fairy Portrait Experience. Visit [lightdrawnstudios.com](http://lightdrawnstudios.com).*

## The QB Calendar

### **BARRINGTON FARMERS MARKET RETURNS!**

**Downtown Barrington**  
**June 13 until October, 2024**

### **TRAVEL TALES & MISADVENTURES STORYTELLING EVENT**

**Barrington's White House**  
**Friday, April 12**  
**7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Celebrated professional storyteller Megan Wells again headlines our popular storytelling evening with a program titled "Travel Tales & Misadventures: Stories of Travel, Fun, Foibles, Miscues, and Surprises." Megan and selected storytellers will entertain with their various personal tales of travel which didn't always turn out as planned. A fun evening for all travel lovers and storytellers. \$20 per person. Visit [barringtonwhitehouse.com](http://barringtonwhitehouse.com) for more info.

### **VOLUNTEER CONNECTION LIVE**

**Barrington Area Library**  
**Saturday, April 13**  
**1– 4 p.m.**

Barrington Area Library, in conjunction with BAVC, is hosting this popular annual event. Volunteer Connection LIVE is an easy, fun way to meet representatives from local non-profits, as well as other community groups to learn about volunteer opportunities and other local resources. To register or learn more about Volunteer Connection LIVE, please visit [balibrary.librarycalendar.com/event/volunteer-connection-live-189067](http://balibrary.librarycalendar.com/event/volunteer-connection-live-189067)

### **BYFS YACHT ROCK GALA**

**Barrington Youth & Family Services**  
**Biltmore Country Club**  
**Saturday, April 20**  
**Time: TBA**

Ahoy Mates! Barrington Youth and Family Services invites you to join us at the annual BYFS Gala: "Yacht Rock: A Night on The S.S. BYFS" at Biltmore Country Club for an incredible night benefiting BYFS, that has served the mental health needs of the Barrington area for over 50 years. The support of the community has allowed BYFS to deliver counseling services to all in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Tickets are on sale now. For event details, sponsorships, or information on auction items, follow BYFS on Facebook and Instagram or visit [barringtonbyfs.org](http://barringtonbyfs.org).

### **THE HOPE CENTER GALA**

**Sanfilippo Estate**  
**Saturday, April 20**  
**Barrington Hills**  
**5 – 10:30 p.m.**

The Hope Center in Lake Zurich provides support to those in need through services including a food pantry, hydroponic greenhouse and farm, language instruction,

## CFC's Native Plant Sale Opens March 1 Online



**ONLINE ORDERING** for Citizens for Conservation's 28th annual Spring Native Plant, Shrub and Tree Sale is available from March 1 through April 15 at [citizensforconservation.org](http://citizensforconservation.org). Orders are filled on a first-come-first-filled basis, so order early, and pre-orders are encouraged if you have a specific plant in mind. The in-person sale will be held May 4–5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at CFC's Hill 'N Dale Preserve in Barrington Hills. Online order pickup will be Friday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the sale site. CFC members can shop the sale on May 3, and members get a 10 percent discount on all days. Volunteer opportunities will be posted at the Barrington Area Volunteer Connection in March, or email [cfc@citizensforconservation.org](mailto:cfc@citizensforconservation.org). Contact CFC at 847-382-7283.

The sale features many species of plants that support local pollinators, including two expertly designed garden kits:

**Pollinator Garden for a Compact Space** Species selected for a small space (28 sq. ft.) and to attract hummingbirds, bumblebees, beetles, and butterflies.

**The Danaus Dozen** Maybe everyone's favorite, the monarch (*Danaus Plexippus*) butterfly undergoes a fascinating life cycle consisting of four distinct stages. While milkweed is important for the first stage, when the female butterfly lays her eggs on the plant, this garden kit will support two later stages of the life cycle during the time that monarchs are still in our area, May through September.

legal guidance, job training, parenting support, family resources and more. Sanfilippo Foundation Executive Director Greg Leifel said, "What I like about this organization is that anyone who needs help gets it, but they also do a pre-intake interview session where they listen to the person's story, to help serve them better in different areas they may need. As you know, receiving charity is often difficult, but being able to tell your story is so important to that process."

Guests will get a 90-minute tour of the Sanfilippo Estate, along with cocktails, dinner, and both live and silent auctions. Formal attire is requested. Tickets and more information about donating or volunteering are available at [thehopecenter.com](http://thehopecenter.com).

### BARRINGTON CHILDREN'S CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

**Barrington United Methodist Church**  
**Saturday, May 4**  
**4 p.m.**

Barrington Children's Choir announces, "We Are The Light," the 2024 Spring Concert, under the artistic direction of Joyce Haqq. Four choral ensembles will perform a varied

and contemporary program, featuring Dominick DiOrio's "Every Given Light", Mark Burrows' "I Am Song" and Roger Emerson's "A Million Dreams" from *The Greatest Showman*.

Established in 1986, BCC provides choral education and performance training with the finest music repertoire to children in grades kindergarten through 12. Tickets available for purchase through the online box office at [barringtonchildrenschoir.org](http://barringtonchildrenschoir.org).

### BE MINE GALA

**Let It Be Us**  
**Friday, May 10**  
**Walden Chicago**  
**7–11 p.m.**

Help Let It Be Us celebrate 20 years of groundbreaking work by attending their 10-Year Anniversary gala on May 10. Enjoy cocktails, dinner, raffles, and a live auction. Barrington's own Let It Be Us is dedicated to changing the landscape of foster care and adoption in Illinois—their mission is to inspire foster care and adoption. Let It Be Us envisions a future in which our most vulnerable children have the opportunities and resources they need which can best be met by belonging in a family.

## BARRINGTON AREA VOLUNTEER CONNECTION

**Celebrate Volunteer Month in April**  
**Find your perfect match with BAVC!**



**Scan & help us celebrate volunteer month**



## 2023 Advocate Health Care Nurse of the Year Rachel Davy of Good Shepherd Hospital

Shepherd Hospital. “Even on dark days, she is a ray of sunshine and constant source of comfort and compassion for her patients and her team. We’re so grateful for her many talents and her efforts to elevate the practice of nursing here at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.”

As an oncology nurse, Rachel meets patients at a critical point in their life—facing cancer diagnosis and treatment—with the singular goal of helping each person feel valued, supported, and heard. She uses the same approach as a team leader, focusing on rallying her team through challenges, practicing gratitude, and sharing her expertise and skills to improve patient care. Inspired to pursue a career in health care when her sister got sick as a child, Rachel credits her faith and her sister’s unflagging resilience and strength in the face of life-long health challenges with fueling her passion for nursing.

“I love nursing, but it can also be really hard,” explained Davy. “Each day before work, I say a prayer in the parking lot for strength to help me through the day. As a nurse, you wear a lot of hats—communicator, coach, and caregiver—and it’s a team sport. Everyone here comes to the hospital ready to work hard and help one another, all with a good sense of humor, and that’s why I appreciate my team at Advocate Good Shepherd so much.”

**RACHEL DAVY** is a registered nurse specializing in oncology at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. She was selected as a 2023 Nurse of the Year for her exemplary demonstration of Advocate Health Care’s core nursing values and unwavering delivery of best-in-class care. Over 750 nominations for

this premier award were received on behalf of nurses from a variety of specialties across the patient care continuum.

“Rachel is an excellent nurse and teacher with an incredibly generous spirit,” said Mary Roesch, Chief Nursing Officer at Advocate Good



On February 14, 2024, **John Morrison and The Morrison Home Team** delivered heart-shaped pizzas to Barrington’s finest with heartfelt thanks for their service to our communities. The pizzas were from Tre Amici Pizza in Palatine, which is owned by a Barrington resident. The Morrison Home Team (center, from left) includes Dragana Seizovic, John Morrison, Nicole Tardif, Holly Zoellner, Tracy Corek, and Julie McDermott.



## The Barn Nursery Earns Multiple Awards of Excellence

THE ILCA Excellence in Landscape Awards Program is a platform that honors the exceptional landscape architecture of landscape contractors, designers, and maintenance teams. This program goes beyond recognizing aesthetics; it acknowledges the commitment to sustainability, environmental stewardship, and the enhancement of outdoor spaces that contribute to the well-being of communities. The judging process is conducted by a panel of industry experts who evaluate entries based on criteria such as creativity, functionality, environmental sustainability, and overall impact. The ILCA Excellence in Landscape Awards Program sets a high standard, ensuring that only the most deserving projects receive recognition. Congratulations to The Barn Landscape + Architecture of the ILCA Gold, Platinum, and Judges Award of Excellence in Landscape Design, Build and Maintenance.



## The Garden Club of Inverness Annual Holiday Luncheon



THE GARDEN CLUB OF INVERNESS presented its annual "Celebrate the Season of Light" on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, at Medinah Country Club. Members and guests enjoyed cocktails, raffles, a silent auction, and a craft sale. New this year, the club offered a "My Favorite Things" sale. Club members donated items that are favorites of theirs. Guests purchased these surprise bags and were delighted to find the special items inside. Items ranged from gift cards to wine to chocolate to movie theater tickets and more.

Back for his third time was club favorite Robert Neri of Robert's Floral Design Studio. Robert created beautiful holiday floral pieces, that were won by attendees to take home. The annual holiday luncheon is the highlight of the Club's year and supports scholarships for students studying horticulture and environmentally related fields. To learn more about the club, visit [gardenclubofinverness.com](http://gardenclubofinverness.com).