

ABOUT TOWN

The QB Calendar

FLORAL DESIGNING & ARRANGEMENTS

The Garden Club of Inverness

Thursday, March 19

All Saints Lutheran Church, 9:30 a.m.

The Garden Club of Inverness presents Fabbrini's Flowers in Hoffman Estates, which is a family-owned floral shop known for its high-quality arrangements and creative, trend-forward designs. With over 50 years of experience, Fabbrini's blends classic craftsmanship with modern aesthetics to create stunning floral pieces for every occasion. The presentation will share current trends in floral design, color palettes, and arrangement styles. By exploring Fabbrini's design process, we will gain insight into what's trending in today's floral industry. Some lucky winners will take home a lovely arrangement! All are welcome to attend the meeting for free beginning at 9:30 at the All Saints Lutheran Church at 639 South Quentin Road, in Palatine.

THE ROMANCE OF ROSES

The Garden Club of Inverness

Thursday, April 16

All Saints Lutheran Church, 10:15 a.m.

Featuring Heather Prince from Fearless Gardening who will present the "Romance of Roses." Heather Prince has been a part of the green industry for over 25 years, working in various facets, from public to private. She currently balances a busy freelance horticultural writing and teaching schedule with her role as email marketing manager for The Garden of Words. She is a trained horticulturist specializing in trees, shrubs, and native species, with a passion for connecting people with plants. Roses dazzle, delight, and romance us in many ways. Fall in love with roses as we dive into the commonly available varieties as well as explore hardy heirlooms, species, and climbers. Learn the basics of culture and care, plus how to choose what roses will best match your space and expectations. The program begins at 10:15 a.m. at All Saints Church at 639 South Quentin Road, in Palatine. There is no charge to attend; all are welcome.

SPRING NATIVE PLANT, SHRUB, AND TREE SALE

Citizens for Conservation

Online Orders, March 1–April 4

In-Person Sale, May 2 & 3, Times Noted Below

CFC celebrates its 30th annual Spring Native Plant, Shrub, and Tree Sale this year. Online ordering will be available from March 1 through April 4 at: citizensforconservation.org. There is a \$50 pre-order minimum charge; see the website for details. Smaller orders may be fulfilled at the in-person sale. Orders are filled on a first-come-first filled basis, so order early. Pre-orders are also encouraged if you have specific plants in mind. The in-person sale will be held May 2-3 from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Plant Sale Barn at CFC's Hill 'N Dale Preserve at Lake-Cook and Ridge Road in Barrington Hills. Online order pickup will be Friday, May 1, from 11 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at the sale site. CFC members will also be able to shop the sale on May 1, 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. For more information, call 847-382-7283.

BE MINE GALA

Let It Be Us

Saturday, May 30

Join Let It Be Us at its annual spring gala, this year to be held at City Hall, a historic 1920s building featuring an open hall which brings in classical and neoclassical design elements that emulate those of historic city halls in Chicago and across America. City Hall is located at 838 W. Kinzie in Chicago. Details will be available at letitbeus.org/events/.

23RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING & FUND-RAISING DINNER

Barrington Area Community Foundation

Monday, June 1

The Club at Wynstone

The Barrington Area Community Foundation's 23rd Annual Golf & Fundraising Dinner Outing will be held on Monday, June 1. This is the only fundraiser the BACF hosts each year. We work hard to create a day of fun on the links leading to an exceptional cocktail hour and dinner featuring prizes, raffles, and auctions. Details, sign up, and sponsorships will be on the BACF website under the Events tab. Visit online at barringtonareacommunityfoundation.org.



March 15, 2026

3:30 pm

Tickets: eventbrite.com

Information: info@dancewerks.com

Barrington High School

Richard C. Johnson Auditorium

616 W Main St

Barrington



Chad Goodman Renews as Music Director with Elgin Symphony Orchestra

THE ELGIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA announced in February that it unanimously approved a three-year contract extension with Music Director Chad Goodman.

“We are thrilled to extend Chad Goodman’s position as Music Director for another three years so that we can continue to build on the terrific work that he has done on stage and in the community, creating synergy between our audience and musicians, and growing our lists of subscribers and donors each year,” said Marc Thayer, CEO of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra.

Goodman, the fifth music director in the Elgin Symphony Orchestra’s 76-year history, joined the ESO in May 2023. He has led the ESO premieres of more than a dozen works and has increased community engagement through efforts including the orchestra’s first ever Día de los Muertos concert which united the symphony with folkloric dance and vocals in a city-wide cultural celebration. In July 2025, the Illinois Council of Orchestras honored Goodman with its Professional Conductor of the Year Award and awarded the Elgin Symphony Orchestra Professional Orchestra of the Year.

“Since beginning my tenure as Music Director of the ESO in 2023, I have been inspired by the remarkable artistry that our orchestra brings to every performance and by the boundless enthusiasm, trust, and love of our community. I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together, and I am honored to continue serving this extraordinary organization and community,” said Goodman.

As a guest conductor, Goodman has led orchestras including the Minnesota Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Greensboro Symphony Orchestra, Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra, San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, and Orquesta Sinfónica del Estado de Puebla (OSEP).

Goodman holds a Bachelor of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music and a Master of Music degree from San Francisco State University. His mentors include Michael Tilson Thomas and Alasdair Neale. *To learn more or to support the ESO, visit elginsymphony.org.*

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What's Happening at the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce



The 2026 BACC Board of Directors is sworn in by Brad Stetson of Barrington Bank & Trust.



Dr. Alma Lombardo (center) is joined by members of the Diamond Dental team during the ribbon cutting celebration for the practice's new Lake Zurich location. From left: Mariela, Cathy, Morelia, Dr. Lombardo, Kayla, Didi, Samantha, and Kirstin.



Dr. Alma Lombardo with husband Thomas Lombardo and their sons.

Diamond Dental Celebrates New Location

FOUNDED IN 2013 by Dr. Alma Lombardo, Diamond Dental Service has built a strong reputation for combining clinical excellence with a patient-centered approach, offering comprehensive dental care, general dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, oral surgery, and emergency dental services. Dr. Lombardo earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Illinois and holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Loyola University Chicago. Since 2008, she brings 18 years of clinical experience to her work. She is certified through the American Academy of Clear Aligners and the American Academy of Facial Aesthetics, and maintains professional memberships with the American Dental Assn., Illinois State Dental Society, and Chicago Dental Society. To learn more about Diamond Dental Service or to schedule an appointment, visit diamonddentalservice.com or call 847-847-1816. Diamond Dental's new Lake Zurich office is located at the corner of S. Rand (Rte. 12) and Cuba Roads.



The Business Excellence Award was presented to The Gregory in recognition of its commitment to exceptional service and quality. Bill Veremis and Gregg Horan accept the award.



The Innovator of the Year Award was presented to Julianne and Brian Long of the Catlow 1927 Foundation in recognition of their vision and dedication to preserving a historic community landmark.

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CMS CHICAGO MASTER SINGERS

Sunday, April 19 at 5 pm
Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington

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at our 2026 Fundraising Gala

with the world-renowned band
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The Community Partner Award was presented to Barrington Area Volunteer Connection in recognition of its outstanding impact on the Barrington community. Shefali Bhuvra (BAVC) and Sam Adams-Lanham (Barrington Area Library) accept the award. All awards were presented by Robert Finley, Chairperson of the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce Board.



From left: Jordan Kraus, Deputy Chief Lori Allsteadt, Michael Lall, Chief David Daigle, and Ronny Barrios

AED PROFESSIONALS recently donated choking rescue devices to the Barrington Police Department, helping ensure officers have additional lifesaving tools available during choking emergencies. When seconds matter, these devices provide another critical option to assist someone in distress before additional medical care arrives. The donation is a simple but meaningful way to support the officers who serve the Barrington community and help protect lives when it matters most.