
ABOUT Town



La'Keisha Gray-Sewell (in front, center) is the founder of the Girls Like Me Project.

Barrington Hosts Girls Like Me Project Retreat

ON AUGUST 12, 2021, the Village of Barrington and Barrington's White House provided a beautiful and relaxing space for the Girls Like Me Project retreat. Founded by Chicago native La'Keisha Gray-Sewell, the Girls Like Me Project empowers young Black girls and strives to help them navigate beyond negative media stereotypes and the obstacles they face living in challenging and often violent urban environments.

Mildred Liggins, an agency owner of American Family Insurance in Lake Zurich, spearheaded the event and served as its chairwoman. Liggins tapped numerous area businesses for support, including Cashmere & Chrome, Canteen Restaurant, Fancy Art NFP, Anuyu, Walgreens, and Quintessential Barrington.

"The Village of Barrington showed up and showed out for this day," Liggins exclaimed. "I can't tell you how absolutely blown away I am about the success of the Girls Like Me Project retreat. I was struck by the attentiveness of the girls ... as they listened closely to the presentations of those who shared very personal experiences that shed light on the fact that any one of the girls could rise above similar adversities, that life is not handed to any one of us. I was impressed with all of the speakers as each allowed themselves to be vulnerable as you shared life lessons that hit home with the girls, conveying the message that personal successes are within reach despite the circumstances."

Liggins and many of those who participated hope to see this inaugural Barrington Girls Like Me Project Retreat return next year. *For more information, visit girlslikemeproject.org.*

The QB Calendar

ARTS & CULTURE EVENTS

Barrington's White House

Check out the exciting Fall Season starting on page 64 in this issue. Special thanks to the Barrington's White House team and Village of Barrington Cultural Commission members for establishing Barrington as a cultural hub in the region.

BARRINGTON VILLAGE EVENTS

Thursdays to Oct. 21: Farmer's Market

September 11: 20th Anniversary of 9/11

Ceremony at Memorial Park, 10 a.m.

October 1-9: Plein Air Outdoor Painters

October 2: Homecoming Parade, 10 a.m.

October 2: Public Safety Open House, 9-11 a.m.

October 9: Fall Wine Walk

October 16: Scarecrow Fest, Memorial Park, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

AVOID SCAMS & IDENTITY THEFT

Elderwerks Educational Services

Wednesday, September 15

Zoom Meeting: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The COVID-19 pandemic provided a new landscape to take advantage of people, especially older adults. Join Jackie Melinger and Lisa Lipton from My Personal Bookkeeper for an informative session on the latest scams to be aware of and what you can do to protect yourself. There is no cost to join, but registration is required. Email: events@elderwerks.org, or call 847-462-0885 to register.

ROAD RALLY SCAVENGER HUNT

Walk On Farm

Saturday, September 18

Support local Barrington area businesses and enjoy a car tour of our beautiful villages. Each \$25 entry gets a scavenger hunt card that will take you to several of our local businesses where you will collect a coupon or item. All completed cards earn an entry into the grand prize drawing. Hosted by Walk On. If your business would like to take part, call (847) 381-4231. Find out more at walkonfarm.org/rally

HILLS ARE ALIVE FALL FESTIVAL

Village of Barrington Hills

Sunday, September 19

Village Hall Grounds: 112 Algonquin Road, Barrington Hills | Noon to 4 PM

The 9th annual Hills Are Alive Fall Festival is a no-charge event promising an afternoon of family-friendly activities for all ages, live music, delicious fare and enticing sweets and treats! Visit vbhil.gov/hills-alive for more information. See you there rain or shine!

LIVED AND LEARNED: AN INTIMATE CONVERSATION WITH LESLEY STAHL

NeuroBalance Center

Thursday, September 23

7 p.m.

Join NeuroBalance Center for its first Virtual Transformational Speaker event on "How to Live Better with Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, and Other Neuromuscular Conditions" featuring award-winning journalist Lesley Stahl and NeuroBalance founder Joy Wagner. Both will share their personal experiences in adapting to and managing these conditions. Registration for event TBD. Learn more at neurobalancecenter.org.

ANNUAL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Barrington United Methodist Church

Friday, September 24, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 25, 9 a.m. to noon

Come to the 86th annual Barrington United Methodist Church Rummage Sale at the Barrington United Methodist Church, 98 Algonquin Rd., Barrington. Note that this sale is one week earlier than our traditional date. The sale fills an entire wing of the church and includes a tent with sporting goods, lawn items, and more. Don't miss the "French Room" filled with carefully selected, high-quality items including china, jewelry, clothing, antiques, and collectibles. Proceeds are distributed to many local and Chicago-based organizations working with women, children, and youth and to United Methodist Women. At present, we are planning on a sale with no restrictions, hoping we will remain in Phase 5. Visit barringtonumc.com, for more info or contact the church at 847-836-5540.

ANNUAL GALA

Rahab's Daughters

Saturday, October 2

Marriott Chicago in Schaumburg

Rahab's Daughters, a non-profit social services organization focused on the prevention and detection of human trafficking, has secured Det. Joseph Scaramucci as the keynote speaker and guest of honor at its upcoming annual gala. Scaramucci, currently a detective and SWAT team member for the McLennan County Sheriff's Office in Waco, Texas, has initiated investigations resulting in the arrests of almost 500 sex buyers, 149 human trafficking arrests and the identification of 260 trafficking victims. Offered in-person or virtual, visit rahabsdaughters.org for tickets and more info.

21ST ANNUAL PURPLE TIE BALL WINGS

October 2, 2021

Westin Hotel in Itasca

6 p.m. to Midnight

Raise a glass with us (from the location of your choosing) as we commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month and celebrate our survivors who are now hopeful, free, and thriving. Gather safely and in-person at this year's 21st Annual Hybrid Purple Tie Ball. Enjoy music by Maggie Speaks, silent and live auctions with several one-of-a-kind items, and we will honor an outstanding WINGS graduate with the David K. Hill Award. Visit wingsprogram.com for tickets.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

NeuroBalance Center

Sunday, October 3

1-5 p.m.

Join in the fun with a live band, BBQ by Heybeck's Meats, and fab silent and live auction items. Buy your tickets now as there is a limit of 200 to be sold. Visit neurobalancecenter.org/fundraiser.

BDE HOSTS ENCORE GALA

Saturday, October 9 at 5 p.m.

Sanfilippo Estate

Barrington Hills

Join Barrington Dance Ensemble for its live, in-person event featuring tours of the Sanfilippo Estate, dinner, silent auction, live auction, fund a need, and the BDE dance company member's performance. Online auction bidding will begin on Oct. 1. RSVP is required. Call 847-382-6333 to request an invitation.

50 FEST COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Citizens for Conservation

October 9

Help celebrate CFC's 50th anniversary at this family-friendly fest. The day will include music, games, crafts, food trucks, guided tours of Flint Creek Savanna, and more. Events will take place at a big top tent at the Smith Building, 27401 W. Rt. 22, Lake Barrington, as well as at CFC's headquarters and Flint Creek Savanna Preserve.

BARRINGTON AREA CROP HUNGER WALK

Church World Service

Sunday, October 10

Starts at Salem United Methodist Church

Registration at 12:30 p.m.

Walk begins at 1 p.m.

The Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk is an annual community hunger education and fund-raising event sponsored by Church World Service. This year plans are being made for the Walk to take place throughout the Village of Barrington, beginning at Salem United Methodist Church, 115 W. Lincoln Ave., Barrington on Sunday, October 10. An in-person Walk is being planned and safety precautions will be taken, as needed; individuals may also walk on their own. The need for food and resources for our local agencies and around the world is great. The Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk ranked 48th in the country out of almost 600 walks, raising over \$30,000. We hope to exceed that amount this year. Register and donate at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/barringtonil>.

WORLD LEADERS FORUM FEATURING

RET. GEN. DAVID PETRAEUS

Friday, November 5, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel

Originally scheduled as the 2020 keynote speaker, Petraeus will mark the return of the World Leaders Forum in a Q&A with distinguished Judson University alumnus Mark Vargas at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel in Schaumburg. Now celebrating its 10th year, Judson University's World Leaders Forum brings recognized world leaders to the Chicago area to provide an opportunity for Judson students and community members to be inspired by significant thought leaders. General admission tickets to the event at 7 p.m. start at \$75 (\$50 for veterans). Tickets for the meet-and-greet VIP reception with General Petraeus are available for \$500.



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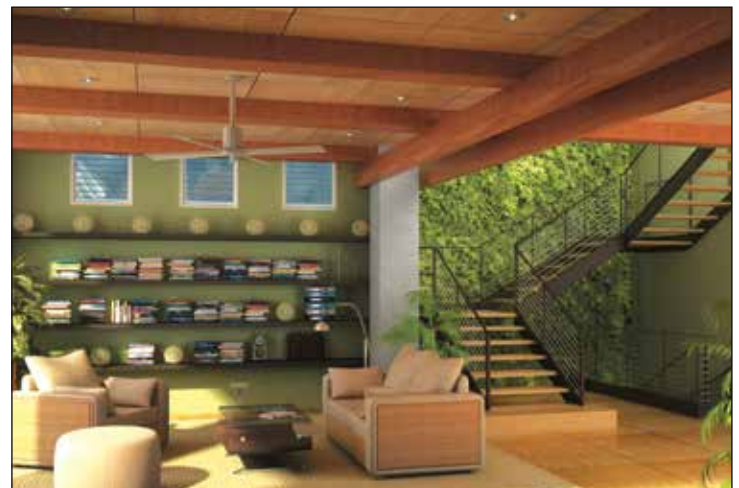
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ANNUAL FALL FASHION SHOW

Barrington Junior Women's Club

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Avante Banquet and Conference Center

Fox River Grove

BJWC's Fall Fashion show helps kick off the holiday season each year. Watch for details at BJWC.org and social media.

HOLIDAY MARKET

Walk On Farm

December 5

Join Walk On for our annual holiday market at Barrington's White House! Explore goods from both local and international vendors, with goods to supply your every holiday present need. Good food, drinks, and company while you shop. Need a gift but can't make it to the event? All week shop our online market & virtual silent auction! Find out more and get your tickets today at walkonfarm.org/market

18TH ANNUAL SWEET HOME CHICAGO WINGS

Sunday, December 12

Four Seasons Hotel Chicago

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This will be a hybrid event format. The important things will stay the same—sharing holiday cheer and supporting families impacted by domestic violence, who need help more than ever. But this year, we would like to give you an option of attending in person at The Four Seasons Chicago or celebrating from your home. We promise to include all the traditional Sweet Home Chicago activities and ensure an enjoyable day with both options. Our traditional activities will include gingerbread house decorating, balloon artist, visiting with Santa, and K-9 Comfort Dogs, and a special music performance by Ralph's World.

<https://wingsprogram.com/upcoming-event/sweet-home-chicago-5/>



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Sanfilippo Family to Chair Chicago's Columbus Day Parade

THE SANFILIPPO FAMILY is delighted to be the Honorary Chairpersons for the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans' Chicago Columbus Day Parade on October 11, 2021. This year the parade is a salute to the late Jasper B. Sanfilippo, with an included retrospective. ABC TV Channel 7 Chicago will televise the parade live beginning at 12:30 p.m.



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from State Street. Included in the parade will be the Fisher Nut calliope truck from John B. Sanfilippo & Son, Inc. (parent company of Fisher Nut), and a 1927 Rolls Royce from the Sanfilippo Collection. For more information on the parade, visit jccia.com/columbus-day. To learn more about the Sanfilippo Foundation, visit sanfilippofoundation.org

College Coaching Program Joins the BAVC Platform

BARRINGTON AREA VOLUNTEER CONNECTION (BAVC) is pleased to introduce new nonprofit partner One Million Degrees (OMD). OMD is a coaching program for college-age students to help them navigate their journey while attending one of the 10 Chicagoland community colleges. Since 2006, OMD has been working to identify low-income students who are highly motivated, and in need of further guidance to complete their degree. The program assists in academic advising, professional development, financial literacy, life skills, and civic duty. The goal is to have students complete their degree and begin their career path.

Harper College has over 200 students with plans for significant growth this academic year. At Harper, students can begin the process as high school students while they are considering their initial college path or enter the program as an enrolled Harper College student. The anticipated need will be for 100 new coaches for the 2021-2022 academic year. One of BAVC's committee members, Barrington resident Diane Kerekes, is already involved as a coach. Additionally, Barrington Hills resident, Kelly Mazeski, among others, is also a coach with the program. "Sharing my experiences and providing guidance to a student who is eager to learn has been a rewarding experience for me," Kerekes said.

Visit thebavc.org to learn more about how you can become part of the OMD program or other volunteer opportunities around the area that meet your interests!



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What's Happening at the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce



BACC and the Village of Barrington gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, May 6 to celebrate the grand opening of Encrypted Capital LLC, 325 N. Hough St. in Barrington. Encrypted Capital is a cryptocurrency research and portfolio consulting firm owned by partners Chris Bauman, Rocky Ermilio and Ken Haton. "We help businesses, families, and individuals who want to diversify their portfolios and preserve and gain wealth," explained Bauman. "Many people want to get into crypto and just don't know how to do it, so we are here to help them on that journey," added Ermilio. "What's really exciting, is that we are on the verge of a brand-new asset class," said Haton. "Not only do we help people get their crypto onto exchanges, but we also show them how to store their assets safely and securely." For more info call 312-488-9136 or visit encryptedcapital.com.

The Law Offices of Buckley Fine LLC recently relocated to 201 S. Grove Avenue in Barrington. The firm is also pleased to announce that Caroline Hecht has been promoted to partner. Hecht concentrates her practice in estate planning, estate and trust administration, prenuptial planning, and guardianships and serves as a Guardian Ad Litem for the Lake County Circuit Court's probate division. Since 2016, she has been annually recognized as an Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Star. Caroline is licensed in Illinois and Wisconsin. Caroline is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, Wisconsin Bar Association, and Lake County Bar Association. She serves on the JourneyCare Foundation's Professional Advisors Table.



The BACC gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 17 to celebrate the grand opening of Magnolia Family Dentistry located at 402 Fox Glen Ct. in Barrington. "I am thrilled to be practicing and living in Barrington," said Dr. John Mannelly. "This is a great location, I have a wonderful staff, and the community has been very warm and welcoming. We look forward to serving the residents in this area and the surrounding communities." Magnolia Family Dentistry specializes in diagnostics and treatment of dental and oral disorders. The practice offers comprehensive services from all fields of dentistry using high-end dental equipment in a comfortable, luxury environment. For more info, call 847-381-5654 or visit magnoliaofbarrington.com.

BACC Welcomes New Members

ACASA Senior Care	Hartz Farm
Angel Kruzel Photography Studio	J. Inman Photography
Blueleaf Lending	Manassa Law P.C.
Brightway Insurance, The Janicki Agency	Par Logistics, Inc
CareDiem Home Care	SABI Studio
CBIZ	Shepherd Premier Senior Living of Bull Valley
Clock Tower Cupcakes LLC	Shirley's Piano Bar
CrushContracts Inc	Social Design Club
Eggology Cafe	Source Research LLC
Express Employment Professionals	State Representative Martin McLaughlin
First Watch Kildeer	Tuccori Homes, LLC



Mary Anne Block is the founder of Music Blocks.



Danilo and Nyomi perform at a recital.

Music Blocks Offers Music to District 220 Underserved Students

MUSICAL TRAINING provides tremendous benefits to children's cognitive, emotional, and behavioral maturation. Music Blocks operates as a not-for-profit in Barrington providing access to music literacy for underserved youth to strengthen the mind, lift the spirit, and foster opportunities for creative expression.

Music Blocks president and teacher, Mary Anne Block, founded Music Blocks in 2017. She believes that instrumental music lessons are a critical and necessary element of a child's growth and development and can foster lifetime benefits by improving executive functions, building confidence, and reducing anxiety and depression while building coping skills. A recent study shows that children of underserved communities stand to benefit the most from instrumental music study because they learn to embrace a "growth mindset" that helps mitigate some effects of poverty. Music training can improve reading and language skills with the positive effects especially in children with learning disabilities.

In 2017, Music Blocks established a pilot program to offer semi-private piano lessons to 12 students at Sunny Hill Elementary School in Carpentersville as an after-school activity. During the 2018-2019 school year, Music Blocks expanded to 26 students. All students are enrolled in the after-school Boys and Girls Club. Beginning students receive lessons three times per week. Most of the students do not have access to a piano or keyboard at home. Lessons are 100% scholarship-based, and Music Blocks relies on grants and charitable donations to fund its programs. A new class of 3rd-4th grade students will begin study and a new "pre-piano" program, funded through a generous grant from the Barrington Area Community Foundation.

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