



This information sheet is one in a series created to inform the community about the environmental clean up underway at Barrie Park, the site of a former Manufactured Gas Plant.

What is the traffic plan in the neighborhood during the Barrie Park Project?

The Village requires the Park District to operate the remediation within a plan that minimizes truck traffic in the neighborhood. Most soil is removed and new soil arrives via a special rail line adjacent to the Eisenhower Expressway. If construction traffic is necessary, truck traffic access is limited to Garfield Street, via Austin Boulevard. In some cases, extra police enforcement will assist traffic on Austin.

Special traffic plans and signage also are in place in the neighborhood, including temporary stop signs, temporary “No Parking Here to Corner” and “No Parking Between Signs” to remind motorists of parking regulations. Construction workers are restricted to parking on Harvard and Fillmore streets. These traffic plans will remain in effect until the project is finished. For specific traffic issues, contact the Village Engineering Division at 708.358.5720.

Is the Lombard CTA Station open?

Yes, the Lombard CTA station will remain open throughout the project. The station is accessible via a special walkway along Garfield Street, west of the site.

How is the construction site secured?



The Barrie Park Project supplements the Oak Park Police Department with 24-hour security inside the site. An additional patrol is added on the exterior during the evening and early morning hours. The project area has a security office staffed around the clock at the corner of Garfield Street and Harvey Avenue. The security office can be reached by calling 708.445.8780, ext 7. You also can contact the neighborhood resident beat officer for the Barrie Park area at 358.5578, with neighborhood issues or questions. In an emergency, always dial 9-1-1.

What if I need a daytime parking pass, or other special parking assistance?

Residents in the area who need special assistance with parking issues such as daytime passes, and especially those residents who live near the project site, should call the Parking Office at 708.358.5750. Every effort will be made to accommodate and address special parking needs during the project. After hours contact the Police Non-Emergency number at #386-3800.

Who should I call about parking enforcement?

Patrols are routine and frequent in the area. However, if you need assistance, such as a blocked alley, you can contact parking enforcement by calling Public Works Department Customer Service at 708.358.5700 during normal business hours. After hours call police non-emergency at 708.386.3800. In an emergency, call 911.

Who do I call if I notice a light is out inside or on the perimeter of the project site?

Lighting is routinely inspected inside and outside the site. However, if you notice a light is in need of repair, call the Barrie Park Community Hotline 708.445.8876. Leave the location and your name and phone number in case further information is needed.

What if I think I hear or smell something unusual?

Coal tar has a distinctive odor at very low levels, thus you may notice intermittent odors during the project work. However, most of the time you should not smell anything unusual. Air monitors are set up around the perimeter of the site to ensure the project remains within the established air quality standard. If you think you smell something unusual and have questions, you can speak with the Village’s environmental consultant by calling the Oak Park Department of Public Health 708.358.5480. You also can call the Barrie Park Community Hotline 708.445.8876.

Will my utility services be interrupted?

Every effort will be made to keep utility interruptions in the neighborhood to a minimum during the project. Crews will work to restore utility interruptions as soon as possible. If you experience a utility interruption during normal business hours call Public Works Department Customer Services line 708.358.5700. After hours contact the police non-emergency number 708.386.3800.

Where do I go to get information about the status of the project?

The Park District and the Village work with the utilities to post information weekly on the project website www.barriepark.org. Weekly project updates, photographs and air monitoring data are posted.

Information also is posted on the Village website www.oak-park.us. Click on NEWS, and then click on the Barrie Park icon. Presentations shown at the monthly Barrie Park Citizen Advisory Committee Meetings established by the Village and Park District are posted, along with meeting updates and agendas.

Who is the Barrie Park Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)? When do they meet?

The Barrie Park CAC is a citizens advisory committee whose volunteer members were appointed jointly by the Village of Oak Park Village Board of Trustees and the Park District of Oak Park Board of Commissioners. Founded in 1999, members are Oak Park residents who live near the site, have expertise in environmental issues or have an interest in the future of the recreation activities of the park. The Commission typically meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of Village Hall, 123 Madison St. Contact the Office of the Village Clerk at 708.358.5670 for the most up to date information on meetings. Attendees typically include representatives of the Illinois EPA, the Illinois Department of Public Health and the utility companies responsible for the clean up.

Who do I call if I have questions about my taxes or tax bill related to Barrie Park?

Information about your tax bill should be directed to the Oak Park Township Assessor's Office at 708.383.8005.

Who can I contact if I need a realtor or lender who is familiar with this project?

Depending on the information you need, contact the Village Manager's Office at 708.358.5770 for more assistance. Many local community partners have stated they may be able to provide assistance, including the Oak Park Development Corporation (708.383.3838), which can provide information on local financial institutions or realtors in Oak Park who are familiar with working with No Further Remediation (NFR) letters. Additionally, the Community Bank of Oak Park River Forest, 1001 Lake St., also has offered to assist where possible.

What neighborhood improvements are part of this project?

Aside from new park amenities and a new park facility, the Village is replacing water and sewer lines along parts of Harvard, Lombard and Taylor. Additionally, street resurfacing, curb and gutter replacement, some alley improvements and tree planting will be on-going throughout the project. Residents immediately adjacent to the park also are eligible for water and sewer service line replacement to their home at no cost. Call the Village Engineering Department at 708.358.5720 for more information.

What is the project schedule?

The project is approximately 70% complete. Work in the streets has begun and the Park is almost complete. The contractor predicts the remediation in the park & streets to be completed by December 2003. Residential remediation work is dependent upon the homeowner.

More Barrie Park Information...

- The **Barrie Park Document Repository** is located at the Oak Park Health Department in Village Hall, 123 Madison St., and the Park District of Oak Park, 218 Madison St.
- A **Barrie Park Project Community Hotline** is on site at 708.445.8876.
- A **Barrie Park Recorded Project Update** is periodically updated by the utilities about the project at 708.445.8856.
- The **Voluntary Residential Sampling Program** is in progress. Contact the Village's Health Department for more information at 708.358.5490.