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Barrington offering larger recycling containers

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Barrington residents now have the opportunity to recycle more than ever before. Starting this month, residents can exchange their 65-gallon Groot recycling container for a 95-gallon one. Barrington Assistant Public Works Director Mark Werksman said the new program is another way the village is

trying to be more “green.” “We are always trying to encourage more recycling,” he said. Frank Hillegonds of Groot Recycling and Waste Services, the village’s refuse hauler, said that of the many communities it serves in the area, Barrington is the first to offer the 95-gallon recycling container. “We are really excited to be working with Barrington on this,” he said. “They are the

first for us.” Many residents, Werksman said, have complained their recycled materials were spilling over the 65-gallon container. “Some people didn’t have room to recycle anymore,” Werksman said. That led some to put their extra recycling in bags or smaller containers next to the official Groot container. Those extras, Werksman said, many times end up

getting picked up with the regular trash rather than recycled, since the new mechanical garbage trucks only pick up the official containers. “We want to prevent that from happening,” he said. “Everything we can keep out of landfills is a positive.” There was some discussion of allowing residents to switch containers, using the larger one for recycling and the smaller one for refuse.

But Public Works Director Dennis Burmeister said Groot was concerned that people would end up having more trash than could fit in the small container. While Barrington’s recycling bins are going up in size, Hillegonds said many communities are still just now going from 18-gallon variety to 65 gallons. “That seems to be the next trend,” he said. But he said he doesn’t expect

many other communities to start offering the 95-gallon container like Barrington. “A lot of residents don’t generate that much (recycled materials),” Hillegonds said. There is a onetime \$25 charge to exchange a resident’s current container for the larger one. For more information, contact Barrington Public Works at (847) 381-7903. To get the larger bin, call Groot at (800) 244-1977.

Lifebooks helping kids organize memories

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Crystal Dixon’s record of her childhood is sparse: one photo from first grade and maybe a few items in her old house. Moving from foster house to foster house, Dixon, now 19 and a student at Joliet Junior College, lost track of most of the photos, drawings, awards and letters that give children pride. “I felt like I had no identity,” she said. But at 14, she began a Lifebook, a timeline tool for foster and adopted children. “My Lifebook helped show me that I am somebody,” she said. “I didn’t care if I didn’t have my clothes (when I moved to new foster houses); if I had my book, I was fine.” Officials at Des Plaines-based Lutheran Social Services

of Illinois recognize the importance of helping children like Dixon sort out their complicated lives. The agency on Wednesday premiered a DVD designed to help caseworkers and adoptive and foster parents make these Lifebooks with their children. “It’s really important for children recovering from trauma to be able to put their story in a coherent narrative,” said Ruth Jajko, statewide director of adoption services at the agency. “Children who aren’t living with their original families really need to understand why that is.” The DVD, called “Putting the Pieces Together: Lifebook Work with Children,” explains the importance of the memory books through personal stories and interviews with parents, therapists, children and Lutheran Social Services

of Illinois staff members. Jajko said she hopes these stories will instruct and inspire others to create the books. Lifebooks, produced primarily by the child, usually include photos of the child and family members, developmental information, educational and religious certificates, adoption information and explanations on why the child is away from his or her biological family. “It really is a representation of a child’s life — not just the good times, like a scrapbook, but the complicated times

and the hurtful times as well,” said Jeanne Howard, co-director for the Center for Adoption Studies at Illinois State University. “If we don’t help kids learn from, grow from and make sense of what happened to them, they are never going to be whole.” To order a DVD, e-mail ccs@lssi.org, or call (847) 635-4592. The DVD costs \$50, which the agency said is to recover the costs of creating the DVD. The agency is also looking for people to sponsor Lifebook kits for \$100 each.

School tech chief accused of DUI in fatal boat crash

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Grayslake High School District’s technology director had a blood-alcohol level more than double the legal threshold when his boat collided with another vessel early Sunday, killing a 21-year-old woman, state officials said. Rick L. McGuire, 55, of 4713 E. Wonder Lake Road in the namesake village, is free after posting \$2,500. He was charged with operating a water craft under the influence of alcohol resulting in the death of an individual, according to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. McGuire was not injured, reports said. IDNR spokeswoman Paris Ervin said test results that became available Wednesday showed McGuire’s blood-alcohol content measured .179, more than double the legal threshold of .08. Laurie Kimbrel, associate superintendent for programs and personnel at Grayslake District 127, confirmed McGuire is the director of technology. She declined further comment Wednesday. Ervin said McGuire was piloting an 18-foot 2000 Sea Ray when the crash occurred about 12:50 a.m. Sunday, northwest of Center Beach on Wonder Lake in McHenry County. Nicole Jurgens of Elkhorn, Wis., died as a result of injuries to the chest, pelvis and abdomen she suffered after the 15-foot 1974 Starcraft she

was riding in collided with McGuire’s boat, according to the McHenry County coroner’s office. Authorities said Jurgens was the lone passenger on the boat driven by David Lebrecht, 50, of Wonder Lake. Ervin said Lebrecht was treated for injuries and later released from Centegra Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. Lebrecht’s wife, Cindy, said her husband and Jurgens were fishing. She said Jurgens was friends with the couple’s daughters. “We’ve known her since she was 4,” Cindy Lebrecht said. “She was like our own daughter. She called us Mom and Dad.” Cindy Lebrecht said her daughters were away Sunday, but Jurgens still decided to visit Wonder Lake to fish. Jurgens waited for David Lebrecht to return home from work about 4 p.m. Sunday so they could go on the water together. Ervin said three passengers on McGuire’s boat weren’t injured. They were Karen L. McGuire, 49, of the same Wonder Lake address as Rick McGuire; Matthew Edward Schwall, 33, of Prescott, Ariz.; and Sharon A. Bawer, 46, of Greenville, Wis. Ervin said the crash remains under investigation by conservation police. Authorities said a reconstruction of the crash is planned. Rick McGuire couldn’t be reached for comment. District 127 board President Glen Eriksson didn’t return telephone messages.

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1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois.

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The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to understand and comment on three specific programs managed by the Bureau of Water.

I. Revolving Loan Programs: Waste Water and Drinking Water

Pursuant to provisions of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1381) and the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-2), the Agency is required to prepare an intended use plan prior to the receipt of the grant from the U.S. EPA to capitalize the Water Revolving Loan Fund. This hearing will provide the opportunity for public comment on at least the following topics relative to the fund:

1. List of projects scored for priority;
2. Criteria and method for the distribution of funds;
3. Criteria and method established for the selection of projects; and
4. Description of the short and long term goals of the fund.

II. Water Quality Management Plan

The Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) identifies the state's goals and objectives pertaining to water quality protection. It is updated annually to provide for public notice and input into revisions in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1256, 1288 and 1313.

III. Section 319(h) Financial Assistance for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control

Pursuant to the provisions of the Clean Water Act Section 319(h) the Agency implements a grant program to work cooperatively with local units of government and other organizations toward our mutual goal of protecting the quality of water in the state of Illinois by controlling nonpoint source pollution. This hearing will provide the opportunity for public comment on the FFY2010 Grant Priorities.

Closure of the Record

The hearing record for these Bureau of Water programs will close as of midnight September 25, 2008. *Written comments need **not** be notarized.* Written comments must be postmarked or emailed before midnight September 25, 2008, and sent to:

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