

August 15, 1968

Mr. Robert Schaefer,
9113 Gardner,
Fox River Grove,
Illinois.

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

The Council of Barrington Garden Clubs wishes to thank the KCs for your contribution of \$25.00 to the success of the first phase of "Barrington Beautiful".

A total of \$800 was contributed by your group, the Lions, the VFW, the Knights of Columbus, Woman's Club, the Rotary, and the Chamber of Commerce. This made it possible to plant 38 green ash trees 10 to 12 feet high, from Drury Street to June Terrace along Route 14, at a cost of \$432. Surplus evergreens offered by the Park District at a cost of \$2.00 each to cover planting, will be put in south of town. One hundred dollars has been earmarked for this purpose. Now a balance of \$268 is available for the fall planting season.

Bender-Rieger, Burrows Chevrolet, Lighting Unlimited, Taste-Freeze, McDonald's, and Lawn and Garden, have planted a total of 14 trees at their own expense. Some merchants have planted flowers and shrubs; Ace Hardware and Freund Brothers have agreed to landscape their buildings under construction, and the new owner of Stonegate Center will put planting out front.

The colorful petunias (contributed by an interested individual) in the planters on the streets in town, were planted by Mrs. Howard Brintlinger and her dedicated committee. The First National Bank, as always, has attractive planting thriving in its window boxes. Individual garden clubs planted the triangle, and the window boxes at the Northwestern Station. The new maintenance contractor at the post office has been giving the evergreens special attention so that they are looking livelier. These were planted ten years ago by one of our member clubs. Owners of vacant property along the highway are being contacted by Mr. Isaac Riggs and urged to keep their property trimmed up.

As enlightened citizens of a growing area, we all appreciate the urgency of joint and individual effort to make Barrington, the heart of the area, good to look at, as well as to live in. It is good business to pick up, paint up, clean up, and then plant. Together we have taken important steps this year. Your leadership and help in improving and enlarging this idea next year is greatly needed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. William Kuffel, President



BARRINGTON BEAUTIFUL 1968 — Mayor John H. D. Blanke lends his hand in the beautification project for Northwest Highway initiated by the Council of Barrington Garden clubs. He is pictured (left) packing down the ground around one of the 38 ash trees 10 to 12 feet high that were planted on Route 14 within the village limits last week. Village Manager Robley D. Heninger stands ready to assist the mayor and Mrs. W. F. Kuffel, chairman of the Council of Garden clubs, and Mrs. Spencer Moseley, secretary-treasurer of the Council, look on with pleasure that the project is under way. Mayor Blanke has signed a proclamation supporting the Council of Barrington Garden clubs in "Barrington Beautiful" efforts and asking all residents and business firms to join in the "spruce up and clean-up" drive.

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CHANGE OF SCENE: Beautification continues in the windowboxes at the Barrington railway station.

As the planting of the boxes is a project of the Garden Club of Barrington, Mrs. Spencer Moseley, the civics chairman,

and her crew of members pulled up the dead and dried petunias and geraniums and planted lovely bright chrysanthemums in the boxes.

The club members hope that the chrysanthemums will bloom until after Thanksgiving, at least.



TREE PLANTERS — Under the "Barrington Beautification" project initiated by the Barrington Council of Garden club and piloted by Mrs. W. F. Kuffel, volunteers got into the scene and planted 75 trees Saturday. The work crew pictured includes Phillip Wollar, Tim Oglesby, David Ferry, Dan Fisher, Tom Ingve, and Brett Ward, all Boy Scouts, and supervisors in back row are Burnell Wollard and T. C. "Duke" Kittredge,

both on Plan Commission, and Roy A. Crumrine, newly appointed building inspector. The trees, measuring up to 18 and 20 feet tall, were placed in the median strip of Northwest highway, from Hart road towards the east. The Fire Department took part in the program by watering the new trees on Sunday. More trees are being placed throughout the village. The Garden Council is also planting peonies in plots at various intersections.

Suburbs Can Still Get Shrubs for Highways

*Shrubbery Suburbs
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BY JARI JACKSON

More Cook county suburbs still can take advantage of the Illinois highway department's brief venture into the nursery field and obtain shrubs for highway beautification projects.

The shrubs are being offered free to suburbs from a nursery plot west of Elk Grove Village that the highway department proposes to plow under soon for extension of Interstate highway 90 [the Eisenhower expressway].

14 Suburbs Participate

John Long, property manager for the Cook county district of the state highway department, said 14 suburbs and the state have removed about 18,000 shrubs and young trees from the nursery site but more than 10,000 shrubs remain.

"We'd like to have all of the shrubs out by the end of March," he reported. "The land will have to be plowed under so that we can proceed with the highway construction."

Construction of the proposed extension of the expressway between Elmhurst and the Northwest tollway has been programmed to start this year. The state awarded contracts last year for bridge and drain-

age construction in preparation for the highway project.

Acquires Nursery

Long said the state came into possession of the shrubs and young trees when it acquired a portion of the Klehm nursery property near Illinois highways 72 and 53 for right of way for the highway.

He said it was determined, in line with federal bureau of roads beautification procedures, to make available the shrubs to county suburbs willing to come get them, transport them to their communities, and

plant them along state right of way.

"We didn't have the personnel or equipment to plant all of the shrubs and trees, but it was felt that many suburbs would want to take advantage of the offer and beautify boulevards," he said.

Long said there have been a lot of inquiries from suburbs also wanting to use the plants for parks but these projects have had to be turned down because of federal restrictions that the shrubs be used along highways.

List Participants

Suburbs which have taken advantage of the plan to date to obtain shrubs include Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Streamwood, Chicago Heights, Evergreen Park, Bedford Park, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Tinley Park, Des Plaines, Hometown, and Wheeling, Long said.

He said other suburbs may obtain information about the trees and arrange to visit the site by contacting district highway offices.