

# Opinion

## YOU SAY

# Our choices for election

Barrington is facing interesting challenges in the future.

Among the challenges the new board faces are an expected \$400,000 shortfall from estimated budget revenues and pedestrian safety as the Canadian National Railway increases the number of freight trains running through town.

Barrington will need experienced trustees to deal with these problems and so today we endorse incumbents **Beth Rase-man, Tim Roberts and Steve Miller**. All three have contributed to the stabilization of Barrington's village government, which suffered from tumultuous leadership in the early half of the decade. During their time on the board, Barrington has attracted some business development while maintaining its hometown atmosphere.

While their opponents are well-meaning, the incumbents have the edge in this race.

### Barrington Hills

Easily, the nastiest race of this campaign season is in Barrington Hills. Opponents of Village President **Robert Abboud** say this election is about who is leading the village. While we believe it is about issues, however, we also believe if it is a referendum on the president, he earns our endorsement on either front.

While his grandstanding style has ruffled opponents, Abboud has always proceeded with the village's mission in mind, maintaining the balance between the village's equine past and view of the

future.

As for the trustees, we believe incumbent **Fritz Gohl** and **Ken Bosworth** and **Peter Wessel** are the best choices. Gohl and Wessel are moderates who would help improve consensus building and Bosworth gained valuable experience as chairman of the Barrington Hills' Planning Commission.

### Lake Barrington

**Kevin Richardson** has proved himself as leader, passing an open space referendum and helping get construction of the field house started. As the recent failure of the Lake Barrington Saturn dealership proves, the village needs someone who can deal professionally with these pressing issues that are becoming more prevalent in the area.

Richardson is endorsed.

For trustee, we endorse incumbent **Lauren DeJesu**, and **Dorothy Schofield** and **Chris Mitchell**. DeJesu has proved herself worthy of another term while Schofield has past experience as a village president. Mitchell has been active in the business community and is independent.

### Deer Park

While we believe the village could do some things better, **Scott Gifford** gets the endorsement for reelection. Deer Park needs to do a better job organizing its records but under Gifford's leadership, the village is doing well enough. The Vehe Barn is functional and he is making roads a priority.

We also endorse **William Michael** for trustee.



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**CHERYL O'DONOVAN**

### VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

Another newspaper, The Rocky Mountain News, folded. Surviving papers continue to tighten their belts. "Citizen journalists" are being enlisted. Regular folks act as reporters. One article promoting the concept observed: "Mainstream media reporters and producers are not the exclusive center of knowledge on a subject — the audience knows more collectively than the reporter alone."

Isn't that true generally? The collective knowledge of a thousand people will surpass one individual's. Unless it's Jeopardy's Alex Trebek.

OK, I admit. I'm wary. Why? Because research confirms more Americans watch TV than read. An-