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EMERALD ASH BORER NEWS

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was first discovered in North America about 10 years ago, likely arriving on cargo ships originating in Asia. It has had a devastating effect on residential landscapes, killing millions of ash trees.

Ash trees provide substantial economic and ecosystem benefits to Cuba Township, ranging from increased property values, to storm water migration, to decreased energy demands. Consequently, the EAB is causing widespread economic and environmental impacts. The EAB has attacked ash trees throughout the Midwest, including Illinois and all of our neighboring states. It is present on the North Shore and has been detected as close as Buffalo Grove.

The adult EAB is about 1/2 inch long and is metallic green in color. Adults emerge from late May until early August, feeding on the ash foliage which causes jagged leaf edges. Females lay eggs into the bark and lower branches. After eggs hatch, the larvae tunnel through the bark and feed on the phloem and outer sapwood. The larvae are cream colored and about an inch in length. They can over winter in the bark. There is one generation per year, but some larvae can live in the tree up to two years. They destroy water and nutrient-conducting tissue under the bark.

Initial symptoms of infestation include yellowing and thinning of the foliage and longitudinal bark splitting. Once an ash tree becomes infested by the EAB, the tree will likely exhibit the following symptoms: canopy dieback from top down (a heavenly infested tree will be dead in two years); D-shaped exit holes in the bark; bark stripped by woodpeckers looking for larvae.

There have been varying degrees of success in combating the EAB. Success rates seem to vary depending upon geographical location, severity of the infestation, and EARLY DETECTION! Removal of infested trees is often recommended, but it might not always be your only option. In some cases, systemic insecticides have been effective as a preventative measure. Based upon research conducted by university scientists and careful review on the potential impacts on health and the environment, the EPA has registered three systemic insecticides for control of the EAB-dinotefuran in registered for basal trunk bark or soil application, emamectin benzoate for trunk injection only, and imidacloprid for soil application or trunk injection. Deep root fertilization and regular watering can also improve the health of your ash trees. But there are no guarantees. All treatments have a risk of failure, and that will almost certainly be the case if your tree is already infected.

If you have ash trees on your property which you would like to save and protect from the Emerald Ash Borer, it is highly recommended that you take preventative measures before the EAB shows up in Cuba Township. You should contact one of the many certified arborists in our area for help with the detection of the EAB and protection of your ash trees. Additional information can be found on the following websites: www.emeraldashborer.info and www.illinoiseab.com.

CUBA
TOWNSHIP

Township board
meetings are held
the second Thursday
of each month at
7:00 pm at the
Township office,
28000 W. Cuba
Road, Barrington.
All meetings are
open to the public

Office hours
Monday—Friday
9 am—4 pm

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CUBA TOWNSHIP SERVICES

Handicapped parking placard applications are available at the Township office. Once approved by a physician, the Township can provide a temporary parking card for up to 90 days. If a permanent card is required, obtain a temporary from the Township, then mail the application to the Secretary of State's office for a permanent card.

R.T.A. applications for passes for senior citizens aged 65 years and older and the disabled are available at the Township office. Proof of age is required- a driver's license or state identification card is acceptable. Photos can be taken at the Township office for Township residents at no charge- non-Township residents please provide \$5 per photo. Once the application is completed, the pass will be mailed to you in approximately 4 weeks.

Half fare taxi program is available for Township residents who are 65 years of age or older. The Township will subsidize half of your taxi fare up to \$7.00. Please stop in the office to sign up for this program. Proof of age is required.

Notary public services are offered at no charge.

The Cuba Township food pantry is available to any Township resident indicating a need, after an intake interview. Please call the office for more information. Donations of non-perishable, non-expired food items are always welcome.

The General Assistance and Emergency Assistance programs offer limited financial assistance to Township residents. Income guidelines determine eligibility. Additionally, limited financial assistance is available through the Salvation Army and the Cuba Cares program. Please contact the Township office for more information.

LIHEAP (low income home energy assistance program) and SHARING applications are available at the Township office. These programs offer limited financial assistance, based on income, for heating and electric bills. Funding for these programs begins in late October/early November and continues through the heating season. Please contact the Township office for more information.

Township vehicle stickers are available at for residents living in unincorporated areas of the Township. There is no charge for the stickers and they are not required- they are offered as a courtesy.

Passport processing services are offered at the Township office by appointment only. Processing takes up to 8 weeks. Identification (usually a driver's license) and proof of citizenship (birth certificate or naturalization papers) are required. Please call the Township office for an appointment. More details on requirements, fees and documentation are available at www.travel.state.gov.

A drop-off box for used eyeglasses is in the Township office. Eyeglasses are collected by the Lions Club and given to health care professionals for distribution to the needy.

Warning sirens are located throughout the Township to warn residents of dangerous weather. The sirens are owned and maintained by the Township with cooperation from the local fire department. The sirens are designed to be heard *outside* to warn residents to seek shelter.

Mosquito abatement services are provided for the Township through a contract with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. Larviciding is done throughout the Township to prevent the hatching of mosquito eggs. Emergency spraying is performed if the West Nile Virus is detected in the Township. Please call Clarke's hotline at 800-942-2555 for more information.

Voter registration is available at the Township office for any Illinois resident. To register, a person must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age by the date of the next election, and a resident of the address at which they are registering for at least 30 days prior to the election. Two forms of identification are required- one must show your name and current address and one form of identification may be a piece of mail for a contractual service addressed to you at your residence. The Township office is open for voter registration Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Early and Absentee Voting is available at the Township office prior to every election. You must be a Cuba Township resident to vote at the Township office.

The Cuba Cares fund is a 501(C)(3) charitable fund. Monies donated to this fund are used to help residents who do not qualify for other assistance. After determination of need, disbursements are made to a vendor to assist in maintaining self-sufficiency. Funds are available to any Township individual or family every 12 months. All monies donated are tax deductible; the fund is administered at no expense to the Township and no taxpayer funds are used to maintain it. To make a donation or inquire about assistance, please contact the Township office. All information regarding disbursements or inquiries is confidential.

The Community Room is available to any Township resident for small group meetings of a not-for-profit nature. Please contact the Township office for specific details on use and for availability. Cuba Township reserves primary user rights of the room.

Free mulch and firewood is available seasonally through the Cuba Township Road District. Please go to www.cubaroads.com for information on Road District services.

Please click on "assessor" on the Township's home page www.cubatownship.com for services provided by the **Cuba Township Assessor**.

Supervisor, *DAVID F. NELSON*

I think it is safe to say—WINTER IS OVER! At long last, we can all enjoy the beautiful summer weather for a long stretch before worrying about snow, ice and all that comes with a Midwest winter. Many thanks to the Cuba Township Road District for keeping our roads safe and dry during this last very trying winter.

As we look ahead to fair weather, concerns close to home still remain regarding unemployment, foreclosure and economic uncertainty. Our food pantry continues to serve over 90 families and individuals monthly. Our shelves were sustained over the winter from donations during the holidays and from our February *Have a Heart Food Drive*. But, the warm weather months are always a slow time for donations to the pantry, although requests from recipients increase as families find themselves with children home all day on summer vacation. Your contributions to the pantry are always welcome in the way of unexpired, non-perishable food, gift cards to grocery stores and gas stations, and monetary donations. Please feel free to contact the Township office regarding donations to the pantry, volunteering in the pantry or if you could benefit from the services of the pantry. As always, we thank all of those who have contributed their time and resources to the pantry in the past.

Myself and the rest of the Cuba Township elected officials strive to deliver quality, relevant services to our taxpayers. Please refer to the first page of this newsletter for some of the services the Township is pleased to offer you. We feel the value of your tax dollars goes a long way—voting and election services, food pantry and referrals for those facing economic hardship, accurate and professional property assessment, and well maintained roads. I invite any of you to attend our monthly board meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Township office at 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington. Additionally, you can reach us by phone (847) 381-1924, fax (847) 381-1322 or Email- cubatownship@comcast.net. I look forward to hearing from you!

Assessor, *REBECCA M. TONIGAN*

Fairness – it's what we all want. How often as your Assessor have I heard, "I don't mind paying my fair share..." We understand that our local services cost money. We know that we have to pay for them. But we want the process to be fair; we want "a level playing field".

This demand for "uniformity" is a recurring principle in our democratic society. In 1818 Illinois was the first state to specifically require "uniform and equal taxation" of property in the State Constitution. By 1845, statutory law, including Illinois tax law, agreed with and expanded on the constitutional requirement of "uniformity" and since then, case law has repeatedly upheld it. Today the concept of "equal treatment" is the central theme of our property tax system and "uniformity" takes precedence. Layers of protection are built into the property tax system to ensure "*fairness*", "*equal treatment*" and "*uniformity*".

So, it follows that the primary goal of the assessment process is to distribute the collective tax burden created by our local taxing bodies in a fair and equitable manner. Assessments perform a distribution function, *not a taxing function*. And the job of the Assessor is to value all property at one third of market value in a *uniform* and *equitable* manner. Yet, while assessments are determined by local assessors, they are subject to revision and review by the Chief County Assessment Officer, the Lake County Board of Review and ultimately the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The Illinois Property Tax Code requires that all taxable real property be assessed at 33.33% of "fair cash" value, as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue's sales ratio studies for the 3 most recent years preceding the assessment year.

(35 ILCS 1-55) The Assessor's "fair cash" value is not necessarily the current market value but rather a median value based upon sales from the previous three years. Both the county and the state use the same methodology to monitor and adjust township and county assessments, so that values throughout the county and state are uniform; a process called equalization. During equalization a uniform percentage increase or decrease is applied to all assessments in the target area - neighborhood, township or county - to bring assessment levels, on average, to a uniform level. At any point in the assessment process, if the overall level of assessment is not 33.33%, an equalization factor may be applied. The Township Assessor can equalize *within* the township, the Chief County Assessment Officer and Board of Review can equalize *between townships* and the Illinois Department of Revenue equalizes *between counties*. Equalization ensures that the correct overall level of assessment is maintained and that, from neighborhood to neighborhood, township to township and county to county, everyone pays "their fair share" based upon the value of their property.

This year, after equalization by the Township Assessors and the Chief County Assessment Officer, Lake County's tentative state equalization factor was 1.0 – in other words, no factor. However, the assessment cycle was not complete. The Lake County Board of Review, the official government entity before which property owners may file an appeal contesting their assessed value, had not finished their work. Even though Assessors are required by law to use sales data from the three years prior to the assessment date to compute individual assessments, the Lake County Board of Review is able to consider current data, if applicable. Their method of determining "fair cash" value is different. According to the 2010 Board rules "it is preferable to select the best three comparables which have closed as close to the lien date, January 1, 2010, as possible" in a market value argument. In the current declining market, this method of looking at the most recent sales to determine "fair cash" value was generally beneficial to those property owners who took advantage of the appeal process. The result, when changes at the Board of Review level were complete, was a drop in the County's total assessed value significant enough to trigger a state equalization factor. The overall County median level of assessment fell below 33.33%, as mandated in the Property Tax Code and so, the Illinois Department of Revenue is required to equalize Lake County's assessments to maintain assessment equity across county lines and within taxing districts that lie in more than one county.

And this is why, for the first time since 1992, we will find a "State Equalization" factor other than 1.0 on our property tax bills this May. Because Lake County's overall level of assessment was not at 33.33%, a state equalization factor will appear on your tax bill, increasing your assessment. This will affect tax rates, but will have no affect on most tax bills, since all assessments will increase in unison. However, since the purpose of state equalization is to ensure assessment equity between counties, there will be some affect on those areas with taxing bodies whose boundaries cross county lines. If assessment jurisdictions are not at the same level of market value, some taxpayers have an unfair tax advantage over others, and...

The singular purpose of Assessments is to ensure a fair distribution of the property tax burden among all property owners.

Cuba Heritage by Barbara Benson

Looking at a Wyatt and Coons Estate Map of the Barrington area for c. 1936, and then reading the article that appeared in the Sunday Chicago Tribune on May 23, 1937, entitled "Barrington District Proves Lure to Farm Minded Dwellers of Chicago and Suburbs, a picture emerges of the Barrington countryside where notable and successful families from Chicago created weekend retreats and specialty farms. Often these properties would become permanent residences such was the allure of the area, with its oak woods, lake and flowing creeks, and the Fox River nearby. This was especially true of Cuba Township.

One such family was that of Colonel John Roberts. Colonel Roberts came from County Clare in Ireland when he was very young and got in the meat packing business in Chicago founding the company known as Roberts and Oake(s), where he was President, Treasurer and General Manager. He served in both the British and American armies in WWI. Such biographical material as I could find, comes from the history of the University of Chicago Hospitals. Apparently in 1917, he and his wife lost their five year old son, Charles Radnor, known as Bobs, to illness. In 1927, when the Billings Family were seeking further funding for the Billings Pediatric Hospital at the University of Chicago, the Robertses contributed one million dollars (a huge sum at that time) towards what became known as the Bobs Roberts Memorial Hospital.

Meanwhile, according to plat maps, by the mid-1920's, the Robertses had found Barrington, and had purchased over 400 acres in the northern part of Cuba Township, along the road that now bears their name. The estate was named "Reverie Knoll" and the residence that was built there was reminiscent of an English country manor. It has proved impossible, so far, to trace much about the Robertses, how long they lived here, when and where they died, but certainly by the 1950's the property had been partially broken up.

In the mid-1990's, when the remaining acreage was under consideration for acquisition by the Lake County Forest Preserve District as an addition to the Fox River Preserve, efforts were made by Lake Barrington Park Commissioner Roberta Schlieffer, working with the Barrington Area Historical Society to restore and preserve the building on the site, which was then under acquisition by the Lake County Forest Preserve District, but this proved financially unfeasible.

In 2009, the nucleus of what had been the Roberts' property was included in a total of 312 acres that was added to the Fox River Preserve on the north side of Roberts Road, and west of Twin Pond Farms. This is another one of those stories where I hope that there might be someone out there who has more information than I have been able to find, after hours spent on the Internet! As I have said before, one never knows where one will end up in these searches, but in this case, I need some more leads!

Update regarding changes to the SENIORS RIDE FREE program

In February 2011, Governor Pat Quinn signed legislation changing the requirements of the *Seniors Ride Free* program. Beginning later this summer, the program will be limited to low-income seniors who meet the income requirements set by the Illinois Department on Aging Circuit Breaker program. Seniors who are not eligible for the Circuit Breaker program will be eligible for a Reduced Fare Permit to ride CTA, Pace and Metra buses and trains.

To continue to be eligible for the *Seniors Ride Free* program, low-income seniors must first apply directly through the Illinois Circuit Breaker Program. Please contact the Illinois Department of Aging at 800-624-2459 or online at www.cbrx.il.gov. Current annual income limits for the Circuit Breaker program are \$27,610 or less for an individual, \$36,635 or less for a two-person household, and \$45,657 for a household of three or more people.

The new fare changes will take effect later this summer. In advance of the changeover, you will be mailed either a new Free Ride permit if you are currently enrolled in the Circuit Breaker Program, or a Reduced Fare permit if you do not meet the income requirements.

In the meantime, Seniors with a valid Senior Ride Free permit can continue to ride free on CTA, Pace and Metra buses and trains.

PASSPORT APPLICATIONS TAKEN AT CUBA TOWNSHIP

Cuba Township is pleased to be a passport acceptance agency. Our staff can accept applications for processing for any individual. Appointments are required. For more information on required documentation and fees, please go to www.travel.state.gov. You can also contact the Township office at (847) 381-1924 for information and to make an appointment.



In conjunction with Secretary of State, Jesse White, Cuba Township is pleased to offer this class for Illinois drivers. The class will be held at the Cuba Township office at 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington, IL

RULES OF THE ROAD

Wednesday, September 21
10 a.m. to noon

This class is designed for anyone needing to take the written portion of the driver's examination. The class is offered at no charge, however, **a reservation is required.**
No road test is given on this day
Please call the Township at (847) 381-1924 to make a reservation.



CUBA TOWNSHIP'S WHITE MEMORIAL CEMETERY LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all and any persons, wherever situated, pursuant to Section 9 of the Illinois Cemetery Protection Act, 765 ILCS 835/9, for the purpose of finding any person or persons who have or may claim to have an interest of whatever kind, including but not limited to ownership, assignation, or as heir-at-law, next-of-kin, or specific legatee under will of an owner or assignee, in certain interment rights in the **White Memorial Cemetery**, a cemetery of Cuba Township, in Lake County, Illinois, located at Prestwick Drive, near the intersection of Cuba Road and Barrington Road, Barrington, Illinois. The interment rights are described as follows:

| Description of Gravesite by Lot and Block | Last Known Owner | Last Known Transfer Date |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Block B, west of lot #68, graves 1- 6 | Caswell | unknown |
| Block B, lot 68, graves 2 - 6 | | unknown |
| Block B, lot 67 graves 1- 6 | | unknown |
| Block B, lot 15B, graves 3,4, 5 | M. Dodge | unknown |
| Block B, lot 16B, graves 1,2,3,4 | Ohnsman | unknown |
| Block B, lot 10, graves 1,2,3,5,6 | J. Newcomb | unknown |
| Block B, lot 11 grave 6 | B. L. Hopkins | unknown |
| Block B, lot 63, graves 1 - 6 | Rudolph L. Nagler | unknown |
| Block B, lot 62, graves 1,2,5,6 | V. Bliss | unknown |
| Block B, lot 25, graves 7 - 12 | J. L. Schryver | unknown |
| Block B, lot 26B, graves 1 - 6 | W. Lytle | unknown |
| Block B, lot 60, graves 3,4,5,6 | Lewandoski | unknown |
| Block B, lot 26A, graves 4,5,6, | August Hawk | unknown |
| Block B, lot 27, graves 3,4,5,6 | Rindal | unknown |
| Block B, west of lot #10, graves 1 - 6 | | unknown |
| Block A, lot 47 ½, grave 6 | P. Davidson | unknown |
| Block A, lot 45 N ½, graves, 1,2,3,4 | S. Schryver | unknown |

Any person or persons who have or may claim to have any interest in the above interment rights must contact Ms. Priscilla H. Rose, 28000 West Cuba Road, Barrington, Illinois 60010; Phone 847-381-1924, by **October 1, 2011.**

Be advised, that should no claim of interest be made to the above interment rights or any of them, then the cemetery's board of managers may file a petition in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court for Lake County, Illinois, seeking to have the court find the interment rights to have been abandoned, and, once found to be abandoned, sold at public sale.

Dated: June 8, 2011

/s/ Priscilla H. Rose
Priscilla H. Rose, Cuba Township Clerk

Community Notes

Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois

Duck Race

Saturday, August 13

Proceeds benefit the pediatric hospice program.
Visit www.HospiceDuckRace.com for more information

Smart Farm

Open House

Saturday, June 25

Cooking with Fresh Vegetables

Saturday, July 23 at 10 a.m. to noon at Whole Foods Market, Palatine

Preserving the Harvest

Saturday, August 20 at 10 a.m. to noon Whole Foods Market, Palatine

Visit smartfarms.org for more information on these programs

Barrington Area Council on Aging

Brew Fest

July 9

Visit www.bacoa.org for more information

Camp Cuba

Leave No Child Inside

Campfire Event

Bring your blankets and "beverages" with your family and join our second annual **LNCI Campfire Event** With live entertainment!!! **RESERVATIONS** please—the chuck wagon cook needs a count!!!

Featuring:

- **Storyteller, Jim May**
- **Native American "Life on the Plains" demonstration and dancers**
- **Live music**
- **Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, marshmallows and s'mores**

Sponsored by: The Cuba Township Road District and Cuba Township
(Rain or shine event— we have a tent)



Location: Cuba Township Road District, 28160 W. Cuba Road Barrington, IL 60010 (behind white farmhouse)

Contact Person: Anne Baker, 847-381-7793

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Date: Saturday, June 18, 2011



Highway Commissioner, **THOMAS W. GOOCH**

Well, the blizzard of '11 is well behind us and construction season is in full swing. Our paving contracts have been let for this year and paving will soon commence on major roads as well as our own paving crew working on smaller roads installing overlays. Additionally, we are putting in storm drain throughout the township in my never-ending desire to eliminate standing water. I think over the past eight years since I began an active storm drain project we have put in close to 20,000 feet of 12" storm drain and several thousand feet of smaller storm pipe along with numerous catch basins and other structures to hold and move the water below ground.

In the old days, farmers would install what was commonly known as farm tiles to drain low lying areas in their fields to nearby creeks, drainage ditches or the river. These were normally clay barrels 4-8" in diameter and sometimes as much as 12" in diameter and about 2' long. A ditch was dug and the "tile" was laid end to end in the ditch and then covered with dirt. Surprisingly, some of these storm systems are still working, but are hard to find as no records were kept of their exact location. A few years ago we were putting in a storm system on Meadow Lane and encountered another storm system underneath the system we were putting in that probably dated back to post World War II and was still functioning. That's the exception rather than the rule. Today we use global positioning satellite systems to mark our drain lines and structures with sub-inch accuracy for future generations and compile all this information in a layer in our GIS maps here at the township along with signs, trees and all sorts of other data. This is an on-going project this year so if you see people in a red truck carrying poles and measuring things or taking photographs of signs you know it's inventorying not only our storm system but the rest of the infrastructure, as well, right down to street signs. In addition to the township, we provide this service for Lake Barrington, North Barrington and Tower Lakes and are creating sign inventories and tracking programs for them using some pretty sophisticated software and equipment which we were able to secure through a grant obtained for us by our State Representative Mark Beaubien.

As part of our on-going community outreach program, the Road District is again sponsoring "Welcome to Camp Cuba" a campfire event on June 18th starting at 6:30 p.m. This is associated with an organization known as "Leave No Child Inside" and I'm here to tell you that it's a great organization designed to get kids outside during the summer and away from the computer screen. We have something for kids as well as adults including hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda and water and you adults can bring your own beverage. We have a Native American Indian presentation complete with tepee and an on-going presentation of "Life on the Plains" from a Native American point of view put on by "Soaring Eagle". Back for a second year is a very well-known storyteller from McHenry County, Jim May who will be telling stories about early pioneer life in this area. We intend to have some live music for adult enjoyment and inflatable jumping houses for small kids and, of course, campfires. Nevertheless it should be a lot of fun but we do ask you to call and let us know how many in your family are coming. Talk to Anne at 847-381-7793 as the cook at the chuck wagon needs a count. This is a rain or shine event without a rain date. So keep your fingers crossed and hopefully the weather will cooperate for a fun evening. Speaking of Camp Cuba and the LNCI initiative, volunteers are certainly welcome. I could use some help on June 18th, if you are interested in helping just call us here and speak with Anne, and if you are interested in getting involved in the LNCI organization in Barrington call me directly as volunteers in a relatively new organization are always needed and helpful. It's a great idea and a great initiative. Much of the cost of "Camp Cuba" is covered by local businessmen sponsoring various parts of it. I will give them credit in the next newsletter. So please join us, learn a little and we can always talk about roads and how to do things better. See you there!



**Truck rollover from the
Blizzard of 2011**

"We never gave up that night,
but the price wasn't cheap!"