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April 9, 2013 is the date of the next election for all registered Illinois voters. This consolidated election will have candidates for municipalities, school board, township, and park district offices on the ballot.

VOTER REGISTRATION closes March 12, 2013 for this election. Voter registration re-opens April 11, 2013. Voter registration is available at the Township office, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. Two forms of i.d. are required, one must be a valid, government issued photo i.d.

GRACE PERIOD VOTER REGISTRATION is March 13– April 6, 2013. It is available to qualified individuals at the Lake County Clerk's office, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL 60085, (847) 377-2410. If you register to vote during grace period registration, you must vote at that time- you will not be able to vote at your regular polling place on election day or use early voting- for this election only.

EARLY VOTING is available at the Cuba Township office, 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington, IL 60010 March 25– April 6, 2013, 9 am - 4:30 pm; Saturdays 9am to 2pm
A valid government issued photo i.d. is REQUIRED to vote early
Persons voting at the Cuba Township office must be registered voters in Cuba Township

WHAT'S ON MY BALLOT?/ ELECTION DAY VOTING
To view your ballot and find your Election Day polling place, please go to www.LakeVoterPower.info.
Election day voting hours are 6 am to 7 pm.

VOTING BY MAIL

- **Snow bird voting program**- designed for those voters who are normally out of state at fall and spring election time.
- **Temporarily Absent Student Program**- designed for students away at college.
- **Permanent Voting by mail program**- designed for those who wish to always vote by mail.

For more information on the programs listed above, go to www.VotingByMail.info or call the Lake County Clerk's office at (847) 377-2406

Please feel free to contact me at the Township office at 847-381-1924 at anytime with your questions or comments.

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 News

Spring 2013

Supervisor, *DAVID F. NELSON*

A commitment to preserving open space in the Barrington area was the common goal of a recent coalition of local governments, agencies and individuals. Spearheaded by Cuba Township, the Village of Tower Lakes, Citizens for Conservation, The Barrington Area Conservation Trust and several local families partnered to acquire the property known as Barclay's Woods. The property, which is located off of Pebble Creek Drive in Tower Lakes, was owned by a local developer. Identified as having high conservation value, it became a goal to protect and preserve this oak savanna which includes 200 year old white and red oak trees, a creek and wetlands. The property is part of an important wildlife corridor connecting other local nature habitats. Additionally, the protection of the Barclay's Woods property serves to ensure the water quality of Tower Lakes and the Wagner Fen. Both play an important role in the local watershed.

Cuba Township and the Village of Tower Lakes will jointly own the site. Citizens for Conservation and the Barrington Area Conservation Trust will oversee restoration efforts. Cuba Township is pleased to have been a partner in this unique and worthwhile effort.



Barclay's Woods Photo courtesy of Patsy Mortimer

Our food pantry continues to serve many Township families and individuals who are finding it difficult to make ends meet. Recipients of food pantry supplies initially go through an intake interview to determine eligibility and identify specific needs. In addition to pantry items, limited financial assistance is available for life sustaining needs such as utility payments. Referrals to other services outside of the Township's scope are also made. If you or someone you know could benefit from the services of the Township, please contact the office at (847) 381-1924.

As always, it is important to acknowledge the many generous donors who supply items for our food pantry shelves. Additionally, the assistance we receive from volunteers who stock the shelves and sort the pantry donations is heartwarming. The spirit of generosity in our community is one of the reasons I am pleased to serve as the Cuba Township Supervisor!

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 16, 2013
Cuba Township office
28000 W. Cuba Road
Barrington, IL 60010
7 pm

Cuba Township will hold its 163rd Annual Town Meeting. Originally implemented to give citizens a uniform place and time to gather, this state mandated meeting provides an opportunity for any registered voter of the Township to speak.

Please join us—questions can be directed to the Township office at (847) 381-1924

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 the SMART card for senior citizens and the disabled are available at the Township office. This card provides free transportation for seniors and the disabled on Metra and CTA. 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. We will then complete the application and the pass will be mailed to you in approximately 4 weeks by the R.T.A.

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. Distributions are available every 30 days. Please call the office for more information. Donations of non-perishable 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. 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 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. Additional 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 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 am to 4:00 pm.

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 assist residents in need who do not qualify for other resources. After determination of need, disbursements are made to a vendor to assist in maintaining self-sufficiency. Funds are available to Cuba Township individuals or families only 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 inquires is confidential.

Retired flags can be dropped off at the Township office. The local VFW post and American Legion will collect the flags and dispose of them at periodic sanctioned ceremonies.

Free firewood and mulch are available seasonally through the Cuba Township Road District. Please go to www.cubaroads.com for more information on services offered by the Road District. Please click on "assessor" on the Township's home page (www.cubatownship.com) for services provided by the **Cuba Township Assessor**.

Assessor, **REBECCA M. TONIGAN**

Don't leave the assessor "out of the loop"!

There's been a lot of good publicity recently about the revised assessment notice (formerly the "Blue Card") and how the county web site (www.lakecountyl.gov) can help taxpayers understand and compare assessment information. With the information found on the website, a taxpayer can even prepare an appeal if an assessment seems incorrect or unfair. Clearly, good and useful tools for the public...

BUT ... a key piece of information is frequently missing. Often there is no suggestion that the taxpayer contact their local assessor's office -- the office where the whole process begins. Who can explain your assessment better than the person who determined it? When people visit or call our office, we can answer questions, provide information and listen to your concerns and opinions. Sometimes you have information that we need to consider and often we have information that you need to consider. Our office can tell you about the sales data that was used to determine your assessment. We can check your property information for accuracy and, if there are errors, we can correct them. We can help you understand the assessment process. And even though we sometimes cannot give you the relief you seek in your assessment, we should always be able to give you information on how that assessment was determined.

If you have questions about your assessment, we want to answer them. If you know something about your property that we don't, we want to hear it. If our information is wrong, we want to correct it. And in the end, if we simply don't agree, we want to help you understand the appeal process and provide you with the forms to file and any other information that you might need. But, we can't if we're left out of the loop...

The very first line in the instructions for filing an appeal with the Board of Review states, "It is strongly recommended that the taxpayer discuss their assessment with the Township Assessor prior to filing an appeal with the Board of Review". Why? Because, it goes on to say, "many times the reason for the assessment can be made clear and the need for filing an appeal eliminated".

Without question, the appeal process is an important safeguard for the taxpayer. It helps to ensure fairness and accuracy. And certainly the County web site is making the assessment process more open and taxpayer friendly. It is convenient and a great place to start, but...it doesn't always tell the whole story.

For that, you need to talk with your Assessor's office.

TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS

The Barrington Area Council on Aging is once again offering the AARP Income Tax Assistance Program. A trained volunteer will assist seniors with their taxes at the BACOA office in the Prairieview Building at The Garlands of Barrington, 6000 Garlands Lane, Barrington, Illinois. Assistance is by appointment only and will run from early February through April. Appointments fill quickly, so call as early as possible to schedule an appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call BACOA at (847) 381-5030.

In conjunction with Secretary of State, Jesse White, Cuba Township is pleased to offer 2 classes for Illinois drivers. Both classes will be held at the Cuba Township office at 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington, IL

MOBILE DRIVER SERVICES DAY

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

10 am to 2 pm

Residents can obtain:

Duplicate driver's license

Corrected driver's license

Illinois State ID card

Driver's license renewal

Please refer to www.cyberdriveillinois.com

For more information on fees and required documentation

RULES OF THE ROAD

Wednesday, June 19, 2012

10 am 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

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.



Highway Commissioner, *THOMAS W. GOOCH*

Everyone comments on the beauty of Citizens Park located adjoining the Cuba Marsh with all the new walking paths and all. But did you know Barrington's only gravel pit was there at the turn of the century and the gravel from that area built many of the roads in and around Cuba Township? Go online to the Barrington Area Library and read "Tales of Old Barrington" by Cynthia Sharp at page 97 "The Old Swimming Hole". This pre-dated even the Jewel plant later built at the site. After reading her very fascinating tales go to Google Earth to latitude 42° 9' 51.58" and longitude 88° 7' 18.88" and see the gravel pit today. This predated the construction of the Jewel Tea plant that sat on the site nearby and was described as "the gravel pit with the most beautiful spring water where most of us learned to swim". Be sure to note in the article the unique bathing suits worn and the method of getting in to the "old swimming hole". If you are really interested then go to Lake County's website and go to the GIS section or the mapping department section and look at the 1939 aerial map of that same location to see it or stop by the road district where we have the aerial maps on our GIS system. Just a little bit of local trivia. You wouldn't believe how many Barrington history articles are on line at the Barrington Area Library. This is a true resource for all of us and in this case a link to the Road District as much of the gravel undoubtedly came out of that gravel pit for the early roads.

On to more modern things. I have scheduled the spring recycling events and they are as follows:

Saturday April 6, 2013 from 8:30 am to 1 p.m. at Lake Barrington Shores.

Saturday April 6, 2013 from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lake Barrington Village Hall for residents of Lake Barrington and residents of the unincorporated area.

Sunday April 7, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tower Lakes Village Hall for residents of Tower Lakes and the surrounding unincorporated area.

Sunday April 7, 2013 from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the North Barrington Village Hall for residents of North Barrington and the residents of the surrounding unincorporated area.

This will be like our previous recycling events. While we cannot accept household chemicals, we will accept used tires, batteries, small electronics, small appliances, computers, microwave-type items, light bulbs, cellular phones and other things of that nature. We will take large panel televisions. We also are able to take both oil and latex paint and stain. However we cannot take solvents or chemicals. We will have paper shredding available so bring your documents, but please don't empty your offices or companies as there is only one truck and it can fill up quickly.

Speaking of recycling, as I was watching the trucks being washed after the last little storm we had I was thinking that we should design a community wide facility that could be used by surrounding villages to recycle and reclaim the salt that is washed off the trucks. We make salt brine by washing water over rock salt to a 23% mixture of salt brine. I tested the wash water coming off the trucks which is put through containers now and find it is at a 13% level so if we could recycle that water back into the storage tanks after filtering it and then re-use it in the trucks with an additional amount of salt to build up its strength to the 23% level we would probably be doing a great deal to help the environment- which I am all for and save a lot of money. I don't know if there is grant money available through environmental agencies for this sort of thing or not, but I am sure going to find out as the current budgets don't allow the kind of money that this would take unless we do it as a cooperative effort with various local government agencies contributing to it and locating it at a central area that we could all use to wash trucks and obtain the by-product. I'm not even sure how to design such a facility to combine a good wash rack with undercarriage washing for the trucks as well as a recovery system but I am sure it could be done.

In order to attract grant money for such a thing a design has to be furnished and of course that requires funding too. However, if there is anybody in the township with a mechanical engineering or an environmental background and/or an architectural background who would like to donate some time to this, I'd sure like to talk to you. The environment has and always will be high on my list of priorities and by jointly thinking of things like this and trying to put it into play and action we save our world, come join me.

A note on mailboxes--if we damage your mailbox we will repair it. You do not have to hire someone to do it and in fact we would prefer that you just called us at 847-381-7793 and the next work day we will be out to fix it or install if not a permanent new mailbox, then a temporary one until the ground thaws. We build in house very nice cedar and wolmanized lumber mailbox posts and have in stock a supply of mailboxes. If you have an above-standard mailbox we will still replace it but you need to allow us to obtain it and we will need the old box. Please don't hesitate to call. I try to minimize this as much as possible through constant "chatting" with the road staff here but it still seems to happen.

As you read this we will be getting even closer to spring and summer construction season and I intend to be here pushing hard to complete drainage projects within the township and the villages. If you have a particular concern and you live in one of the villages we serve, you should communicate first with your village administrator or village president or the drainage/roads trustee, but you are certainly welcome to call me and chat and I will follow up with the villages also. If you live in the unincorporated areas and have a concern, please contact me directly as we are putting together the summer lists and I want to accommodate as many people as possible.

Don't forget through snow season we give away firewood every Friday from 7 until 3. The signs are up by the Township garages as to where to go and we will load the trunk of your car for you. This is good hand-split Cuba Township wood. Oak, maple, elm and sometimes even heavy walnut. Stop in, get some and visit. As the winter plow season slows down and ends we will be converting the trucks back and be delivering mulch early in the spring. Please watch our website at www.cubaroads.com for further information on the cessation of firewood and the beginning of the mulch program. I can always be reached at tomgooch@cubaroads.com with any questions or on my cell phone at 847-951-7575 24/7.

Stay warm, think spring

Cuba Heritage

by Barbara Benson

On Wednesday, July 14, 1993, a Ceremony was held at the site on Northwest Highway by the entrance to Langendorf Park and McDonalds, to commemorate events that occurred there on November 27th, 1934. Some 59 years after that violent day in the history of Barrington and Cuba Township, some 250 people gathered to pay tribute to three law enforcement officers of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who died in the line of duty, trying to capture the notorious criminal associates of Al Capone, Lester Gillis, alias Baby Face Nelson, and John Paul Chase. After the death of Public Enemy #1 John Dillinger, outside the Biograph Theatre in Chicago on July 22, 1934, Baby Face Nelson replaced Dillinger as Public Enemy #1, after years spent on crime sprees across the United States.

Of the three agents, the first to die was W. Carter Baum, who had been killed by Nelson near the Little Bohemia Lodge at Manitowish, Wisconsin on April 22, 1934. Nelson and Chase then evaded the FBI for several more months as they crisscrossed the country and back to Wisconsin, where they were finally intercepted near Lake Geneva on November 26, 1934. Six FBI agents set up a net in that area and south into Illinois, where the next day Nelson, his wife Helen, and Chase were spotted in Fox River Grove. Agents Samuel Cowley and Herman Hollis engaged in a running gun battle with the two fugitives from Fox River Grove all along Northwest Highway to where it climaxed at the entrance to Langendorf Park. Nelson and Chase parked their Ford sedan at this entrance. Agents Cowley and Hollis pulled up their Hudson sedan about 200 feet east of the park entrance. In the resulting gun battle that followed, Agent Hollis died instantly, and Samuel Cowley was mortally wounded. Both agents were taken to Nellie Berghorn's small local hospital at 403 South Hough Street. From there they were taken by ambulance to Sherman Hospital in Elgin where Agent Cowley died. The wounded Nelson, his wife and Chase sped away from the scene, with Nelson apparently dying about 8 p.m. that night. His body was later found by FBI agents in a ditch near Niles, wrapped in a sheet. His wife was arrested on November 29, and spent several years in a women's penitentiary in Michigan. After her release, she disappeared. John Paul Chase was arrested in December 1934 and spent the rest of his life in Alcatraz.

There were many local witnesses to the drama that day in Barrington, notably Harold Kramer and his wife Irene. Kramer's service station was just across the road from the Langendorf Park entrance. Significantly, there were two other FBI agents at the shoot out scene. Jim McDade and Bill Ryan's gunfire had forced the fugitives' car into the Langendorf entrance road. Their location prevented them from assisting Agents Hollis and Cowley, and they were able to escape unharmed. Jim McDade subsequently wrote a log of the events at the shootout scene, which was passed on to his son Jared. Jared McDade read parts of this log to those assembled at the 1993 ceremony honoring the slain agents.

The July 1993 Ceremony was organized by past and present employees of the Chicago Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Robert M. Reilly, Supervisory Senior Agent in the Rolling Meadows office, who arranged for installation of the memorial tablet. In addition to the many notables and community leaders present that day, there were several relatives of the slain agents. E. Carter Baum from Alexandria, VA, daughter of Agent Baum, and Agent Hollis's son Ed, with his wife, who came from Sonoma, CA. Jared McDade came from Ossining, N.Y. With featured speakers such as then Cook County Circuit Court Judge Bernard Carey, the dedication of the tablet was an emotional, long deserved tribute for the fallen officers. Later, on December 7, 1993, a Memorial Flagpole was erected next to the tablet, as a community tribute from the VFW of Barrington, American Legion Post 158, and the Barrington Park District. The American Flag was joined by an FBI flag which had flown over FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC, and their training center in Quantico, VA.

The July 14, 1993 program carried the following words by Nathalla Crane:
"You cannot choose your battlefield, the gods do that for you, but you can plant a standard where a standard never flew."

Such is the legacy of these agents, and so many others who died in the line of duty to protect their fellow citizens. I am indebted to the extensive research and notes compiled by Cuba Township resident Mrs. Julia Rock, (Historian Emeritus for the Barrington area Girl Scouts and for our northern area) who assembled so many details of the events surrounding a "day that has lived in infamy" in local history.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH HEATING BILLS FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Cuba Township is pleased to administer two programs for low-income households to assist with the expense of heating bills.

LIHEAP (low income home energy assistance program) is funded locally and with federal grants to provide financial assistance to qualifying families and individuals. If approved, the grant will be applied directly to your NICOR and ComEd account.

SHARING is offered through the Salvation Army and operates in a similar manner to LIHEAP. Each program maintains different qualifying income levels.

Please call the Township office at (847) 381-1924 to determine your eligibility or to make an appointment to complete an application for either program.

