

# Cuba Township

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**Saturday, October 11, 2014**

**1-4 pm**

**28160 W. Cuba Road, *The Grove*  
Barrington**



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND-**

**Local Musicians**

***Joyce Palmquist and Doug Saylor– Second Wind  
and  
Pat McKillen***

**Food, games, live music and fun for all!**

**Featuring a bake sale to benefit  
Cuba Township's food pantry**

**Your donation of baked goods will be appreciated and can be dropped off at  
the Township office on Friday, October 10th, 9 am to 4 pm**

**Questions– please contact us at (847) 381-1924**

***Donations of non-perishable items for the food pantry are  
appreciated and will be accepted at the Fall Festival***

[WWW.CUBATOWNSHIP.COM](http://WWW.CUBATOWNSHIP.COM)

### Officials

*David F. Nelson, Supervisor*

*Priscilla H. Rose, Clerk*

*Rebecca M. Tonigan, Assessor*

*Randall J. Marks, Hwy. Commissioner*

*Douglas B. Alexander, Trustee*

*John J. Mumaw, Trustee*

*Jeffrey A. Raider, Trustee*

*Jill Talbot, Trustee*

CUBA  
TOWNSHIP

Township board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 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

Fall 2014

Supervisor, **DAVID F. NELSON**

As Fall progresses, I look forward to one of my favorite events of the year- The Cuba Township Fall Festival. Held annually for 14 years, this enjoyable afternoon offers fun, food and entertainment for all ages. Your elected Township officials and employees are pleased to present this event for our residents. Please plan on joining us for this and meeting your Township officials. Your donation of non-perishable, non-expired food items to the Cuba Township food pantry can be accepted at the Festival. Mark your calendars- Saturday, October 11, 2014, 1 - 4 pm, 28160 W. Cuba Road, Barrington!

The Township services mentioned inside this newsletter our intended to be useful and relevant to our taxpayers and residents. We strive to provide these services while keeping the Township portion of your property tax bill low. On average, approximately 3% of your entire property tax bill goes to Cuba Township. That 3% maintain roads, assesses properties and provides assistance to needy Township residents. We welcome your comments, question and concerns– let us know how we are doing!

### CUBA TOWNSHIP

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Cuba Township elected officials: Left to right: **Jack Mumaw**, Trustee; **Rebecca Tonigan**, Assessor; **Randy Marks**, Highway Commissioner; **David Nelson**, Supervisor; **Jill Talbot**, Trustee; **Jeff Raider**, Trustee; **Doug Alexander**, Trustee; **Priscilla Rose**, Clerk

## 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 placard 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. Please go to [http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf\\_publications/vsd62.pdf](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/vsd62.pdf) to obtain an application.

**R.T.A. applications** for reduced fare 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. The pass is good for reduced fare on fixed bus and rail services provided by the CTA, Pace and Metra. The Township will take the required picture and complete the application. It will be received in approximately 4 to 6 weeks. The photo is no charge for Township residents- \$5 for non-township residents. Seniors that qualify for the Circuit Breaker program are eligible for free rides on the RTA and should contact the Illinois Department of Aging at 800-624-2459 or go online at [www.cbrx.il.gov](http://www.cbrx.il.gov) to apply.

**PACE/Dial a Ride** program is subsidized by the Township for seniors and the disabled. The service offers local curb-to-curb service for \$1 each way. For enrollment, reservations and information please call 800-273-5939. Reservations can be made 24 hours in advance and 7 days in advance for medical appointments.

**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 and residency is required.

**Passport processing services** are offered at the Township office by *appointment only*, Monday through Friday, 10am to 3pm. Identification (usually a driver's license) and proof of citizenship (birth certificate or naturalization papers) are required. Please call the Township office at 847-381-1924 to make an *appointment*. More details on requirements, fees and documentation are available at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

**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 pm.

**Notary public services** are offered at no charge.

**Orthopedic items**, such as walkers, canes and wheelchairs, are available to Township residents. Items are lent at no charge. Please contact the Township office at (847) 381-1924 to determine availability or to donate items.

**The Cuba Township food pantry** is available to any Township resident indicating a need. Please call the office for more information and to schedule an intake interview. Donations of non-perishable, non-expired 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 fund. 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 September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for seniors, the disabled and families with young children and continues through the heating season. November 1<sup>st</sup> is the first application date for all other qualifying households. Please contact the Township office for more information.

**Township vehicle stickers** are available at no charge 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.

**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.

**The Cuba Cares fund** is a 501 © (3) charitable fund. Monies donated to this fund are used to help residents in need who do not qualify for other assistance to assist in maintaining self-sufficiency. After determination of need, disbursements are made to a vendor. Funds are available to any Township individual or family only every 12 months. All monies donated are tax deductible. To make a donation or inquire about assistance, please contact the Township office at (847) 381-1924. 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.

**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.

**White Memorial Cemetery** is owned and maintained by Cuba Township. While many of Barrington's earliest settlers are buried there, it is an active cemetery with ongoing burials. The cemetery is open during daylight hours, with behavior appropriate and befitting a cemetery expected. Trespassers after dark may be prosecuted. For more information on the cemetery, please call the Township office at (847) 381-1924 or visit the Barrington Area Library's link [http://www.barringtonarealibrary.org/cemeteries/282-barrington\\_area\\_cemeteries](http://www.barringtonarealibrary.org/cemeteries/282-barrington_area_cemeteries). There are currently no gravesites available for sale.

**Mulch and firewood** is available seasonally through the Cuba Township Road District. Please go to [www.cubaroads.com](http://www.cubaroads.com) for information on Road District services or call 847- 381-7793.

Please click on "assessor" on the Township's home page [www.cubatownship.com](http://www.cubatownship.com) for services provided by the **Cuba Township Assessor** or contact the Assessor's office directly at 847-381-1120.

# Cuba Heritage

By Barbara Benson

Often at this time of year, we have new residents who have arrived in time for children to start the new school year, and I thought it would be interesting for them, and a refresher course for many of us, to write about the history of Cuba Township and draw upon the section about our township in the 1877 History of Lake County, Illinois, published by Wm. LeBaron & Co., then located at 186 Dearborn Street in Chicago. The first chapters are a very comprehensive history of the Northwest Territories and the State of Illinois, before documenting all of Lake County's Townships up to the time of publication. I find it rewarding to turn to such earlier histories, because of their proximity to the events that shaped the pioneer settlement of our area in the mid-nineteenth century. And so it was recalled in 1877 that: "This town (Cuba) lies in the southwest corner of the county, and is bounded on the north by Wauconda, on the east by Ela, on the south by Cook County, and on the west by McHenry County. It is one of those fractional townships upon the west line of the county, being only four miles in width, and six miles in length. It is watered by Fox River and Flint Creek, and several small rivulets, besides one or two small ponds. Flint Creek takes its name from Amos Flint, one of the early settlers of this township, who settled upon the banks of this stream.

As a Congressional Township it is numbered Township 43, North Range 4 East. The early settlers of this community were Olcott A. White, Joshua A. Harnden, John Aylesworth, V.H. Freeman, Amos Flint, L.H. Bute, Robert Commee, Robert Bennet, Jared Comstock and Freeman Martin". (Interestingly the name of Francis Kelsey is not included, a pioneer of those times whose descendants still live in the township).

The account continues: "Amos Flint was the first settler, and built the first house in what is now the town of Cuba, in the latter part of the year 1834, as is said. It was on Section 10, on Flint Creek, which takes its name from him, as before stated, near where the stream empties into Fox River. The route of travel for the army and those connected with the military and Indian service, from Chicago to Fort Winnebago in Wisconsin, in early days, about 1831, passed through or near the southwest portion of this town, crossing Fox River above what is now Algonquin, and near what was afterward Denney's Ferry". There follows a lengthy excerpt from Mrs. J.H. Kinzie's book "Waubun or the Early Day in the Northwest" which describes a trip over this route when her husband was the Government Agent in charge of the Winnebago Indians and was going to Fort Winnebago in discharge of his duties. I have used that account in many programs and writings, and will do so again in the future. Of interest here from this early history is the corroboration of how our township was named.

"The original name given to this town by the Commissioners having in charge the matter of dividing the county into towns was Troy; but on report to the State Auditor it being found that there was another town in the State of that name – the law not allowing two towns in the State of the same name – the Board of Supervisors of the county were requested to give the town some other name. At their meeting in 1851, the Board gave to the town the name of Cuba. This was about the time of an insurrection in the island of Cuba which attracted much attention in the United States, partly from the fact that many prominent persons engaged in it proved to be citizens of this country, which contributed to inspire quite general sympathy here in favor of the insurgents. The name of Cuba was on everybody's lips. This suggested the name of this town.

About the year 1844, a log building was erected near Thos. W. White's place on Section 26, to be occupied both for a public school and religious worship. The first school taught in this building was at the time of its completion, by Edward Wheedon. This is said to have been the first school built in this town. About the year 1844 a Post Office was established in this town, on Section 10 called Flint Creek, which was discontinued some time since. There is now no Post Office in this town.

In early days there was a saw-mill in this town, on Flint Creek, near where it empties into Fox River, known as Freeman's mill. It was abandoned many years ago. A branch of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway passes through the southwestern portion of this town, formerly known as the Chicago and Fond du Lac Railroad. It was completed through the town about the year 1854, and a station established at the point where this railroad crosses the line between Cook and Lake Counties – partly in the town of Cuba in Lake County, and Barrington, Cook County, called Barrington Station. Soon after, a town plat was cut out at this station, in the town of Cuba, by Willard Stevens. Another plat was laid out adjoining this, on the south side of the county line in Cook County, so that the Village of Barrington lies in both counties. The village of Barrington became organized as a corporation in 1864". It is interesting that the latter date is incorrect. Next year, 2015, the Village of Barrington will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Surely of great interest to us today are the following statistics quoted in the Cuba chapter of this Lake County History published in 1877: "The total valuation of property in this town for 1850, including both real and personal was \$44,750.00. The amount of tax computed thereon was \$672.73. The total valuation of property for the year 1877, is \$290,309".

The chapter concludes with the following information: "About the year 1844, a class of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized at the house of O.A. White, then being on Section 23, under the direction of Rev. Nathan Jewett. During the same Fall, as has before been stated, the members of the class moved in the matter of building a house for public worship, and arranged for combing a house for school purposes as well as public worship. In the Fall of 1858, a church was built at the village of Barrington. In the Summer of 1873, this building was sold to a Catholic organization". This was to become the thriving Parish of St. Anne's.

And so, if you are new residents, welcome to your curiously named township, and if you have read this before, think again about the orderliness of our forbears on the land here, and their dedication to creating good and decent lives for their families. Find the names of many of those settlers in White Memorial Cemetery, and note the White Schoolhouse on Cuba Road at the end of Old Barrington Road, the successor building to that log schoolhouse (In the style of 1877 – heretofore mentioned!) and now a comfortable family residence.

## 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.

Applications for both programs will begin September 1st for seniors and the disabled. Families with children under the age of 5 can apply beginning October 1st. And November 1st is the first application date for all other qualifying households. 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.



## Clerk, **PRISCILLA H. ROSE**

**November 4, 2014 is the date of the next election for all registered Illinois voters**

**ELECTION JUDGES are needed for this election.**

**Applicants must be a Lake County registered voter; eligible to vote in the November 4, 2014 election; and speak, read and write English. Learn more and enroll in one of the required classes at [ElectionJudge.info](http://ElectionJudge.info), [electionjudge@lakecountil.gov](mailto:electionjudge@lakecountil.gov) or 847-377-2408**

### **ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION AVAILABLE**

Effective July 1, 2014, a new Illinois law now permits online voter registration. Cuba Township continues to offer in person voter registration during office hours of 9 am to 4 pm, Monday- Friday. Please go to [www.ova.elections.il.gov](http://www.ova.elections.il.gov) for online voter registration and change of name and address

**VOTER REGISTRATION** closes for this election on October 7, 2014. Voter registration re-opens on November 6, 2014. 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. Residents who are new to Lake County, moved to a different address, will be 18 years of age on or before November 4, 2014 or who have had a name change, need to register to be eligible to vote on November 4, 2014.

**VOTING BY MAIL** is available by visiting [LakeVoterPower.info](http://LakeVoterPower.info) to complete an E-request or download a paper form to receive a ballot by mail. Ballot applications are required for each election and may also be requested by contacting the Voting by Mail Department at [VotingByMail@lakecountyl.gov](mailto:VotingByMail@lakecountyl.gov) or 847-377-2406. Ballots will be mailed beginning September 25, 2014 pending certification of candidates. Voted ballots must be returned to the Clerk's office postmarked no later than November 3, 2014.

**EARLY VOTING** for all Cuba Township residents is available at the Lake Barrington Village Hall, 23860 Old Barrington, Lake Barrington, IL 60010, October 20- November 2, 2014. Please visit [LakeVoterPower.info](http://LakeVoterPower.info) to confirm voting hours and see a map and photo of this location. Before reviewing this information, voters will need to confirm registration status by entering name, house number, zip code and birthdate.

**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](http://www.LakeVoterPower.info). Election day voting hours are 6 am to 7 pm.

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

### **MOBILE DRIVER SERVICES DAY**

**Wednesday, October 1, 2104**

**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](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)

For more information on fees and required documentation



## **PRIVATE WELL WATER QUALITY TESTING EVENT**

Sponsored by the **Barrington Area Council of Governments** 

**TEST PICK-UP: CUBA TOWNSHIP, November 10-13, 2014, 9am to 4pm**

**\$10 per kit, reduced fee. Cash or checks only. Checks can be made payable to "Lake County Health Department"**

**TEST DROP OFF: one day only, November 18, 2014 at The Garlands, 3:30-7 pm**

**The Garlands of Barrington  
1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington**

**Presentation: November 18, 2014, 6 pm (Topic to be determined)**

**Drop off your water sample at 6 pm on November 18, 2014 at The Garlands and stay for a presentation by a water expert.**

**For a list of BACOG member government locations selling test kits and additional information about Level II and Level III testing, visit [www.bacog.org](http://www.bacog.org) or call (847) 381-7871**

## Highway Commissioner, **RANDALL J. MARKS**

The Cuba Township Road District Team has had a busy spring and summer season.

We have completed many paving and patching projects, with many more scheduled to be completed this year.

We have completed work on Roberts Ct, Kelsey Ct, W Lindberg Drive, and N Meadow Lane in Shady Hill. Upcoming projects are: full width patching on Old Barrington Road, paving in Tower Lakes, drainage projects in Lake Barrington, and miscellaneous driveway culverts.

In addition to the above listed projects, there are still many other projects planned before the seasons change.

We have had many inquiries with regard to the mulch program and delivery of mulch. We have had some equipment issues and look to have this resolved shortly and resume deliveries soon.

The Road District will be holding the following event:

**October 25, 2014**

### **Shredding & Recycling Event**

**Lake Barrington Shores - 9:00am to 11:00am  
Cuba Township Road District Garages - 11:30am to 1:30pm**



If you wish to participate in the Shredding Event, we ask that you limit the amount of shredding to **4 BAGS or 4 BOXES per household.**

**ELECTRONICS ONLY** recycling will be offered at this event also: we WILL NOT be accepting any paint or chemicals. Should you have questions regarding what items will be accepted, you can go to [www.SWALCO.org](http://www.SWALCO.org) or call the Road District Office at 847-381-7793 for further information.

During the Shred & Recycle Event, the Road District will also accept NON-PERISHABLE food items for the Food Pantry.

If you have any questions or concerns, we ask that you call the Road District office at 847-381-7793 between 7:00am - 3:00pm Monday through Friday.

## Assessor, **REBECCA M. TONIGAN, C.I.A.O.**

In 2012 there were 72 attached sales (Condo's and Townhomes) in Cuba Township. The Median sale price was \$180,613. In 2013 there were 114 sales with the Median being \$206,750. This represents a 12.6% increase in Median sale price. During the period 01/01/2014-08/26/2014 the median sale price of Attached sales is \$216,000. This represents another 4.3% increase.

In 2012 there were 183 detached (Individual homes) sales in Cuba Township. The median sale price was \$425,000. In 2013 there were 225 sales with a Median sale price of \$455,000. This represents a 6.6% increase in Median sale price. During the period 01/01/2014-08/25/2014 there have been 107 detached sales with a Median sale price of \$499,000. This represents another 8.8% increase.

These are obviously positive numbers for Cuba Township property values.

This, of course does not necessarily mean that Tax Bills will be going down, but it is a positive step in that direction. As I have spoken to in previous newsletter articles, the tax bill rates are a direct relationship between assessed value and the Levies which each Taxing Bodies file each year.

Recently there was an article in the Northwest Daily Herald which spoke to this issue, but came off somewhat confusing. The article stated that "Avon Township" in Lake County, IL had an increase in property taxes from 2009-2013 of 14.7%. It further stated that Cuba Township had just a 3.1% increase from 2009-2013.

What I felt that wasn't spelled out properly is that those increased amounts reflect all the taxing bodies' increases in those years. For instance, when you look at your tax bill you can see each individual taxing body and how much the amount that you pay them from year to year goes up or down. This would include all School, Library, Park, Fire District, County, Villages, Township and any other taxing bodies that are levied in your specific area.

On another note, next year, 2015 is a Quadrennial Reassessment year for all Townships in Lake County. This means we begin with a clean slate. Those who have repeatedly filed for reductions will be brought back to their full market value which is derived of the median of the last 3 years sales ratios. When you receive your assessment notice in July 2015, all properties in Cuba Township will be uniform. When this occurs, it causes a fair and equitable distribution of taxes. We will be working very diligently to make this happen in 2015.