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Clerk, **PRISCILLA H. ROSE**

March 15, 2016

ELECTION INFORMATION

The next election is March 15, 2016. As this is a primary election, each voter will need to select a party ballot when voting. If no party is selected, you will be given a ballot with no candidates, just issues. Your party selection is relevant to this election only.

VOTER REGISTRATION closes for this election February 16, 2016. Until then, voter registration is available at the Cuba Township office, Monday-Friday, 9am to 4pm. 2 forms of identification are required, one must show your name and address (driver's license, state i.d. or current utility bill) and another form must list your name. An application to register by mail can be found at LakeVoterPower.info, by clicking on "election information" and then "voter services".

EARLY VOTING RUNS February 29, 2016-March 12, 2016 and is available to any Illinois registered voter. Cuba Township voters can EARLY VOTE at the Lake Barrington Village Hall, 23860 N. Old Barrington Road, Lake Barrington, Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm and Saturdays, 9am to 2pm.

To confirm that you are registered to vote, to view your ballot, to obtain a ballot by mail and for other election information, please go to LakeVoterPower.info or contact the Lake County Clerk's office at 847-377-2456.

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

Winter 2016

Supervisor, **DAVID F. NELSON**

After a slow start to the season, the Barrington area is now dealing with the full force of winter. In all of its iterations, rain, shine or snow, I hope your New Year is off to a good start.

I would like to thank the Cuba Township Road District staff for their year round maintenance in ensuring the safety and reliability of our Township roads. Whether the situation calls for plowing and salting, patching and paving or debris removal and clean-up, Highway Commissioner, Randy Marks, and his crew provide safe passage on all Township roads year round.

Our Assessor, Rebecca Tonigan, and her staff work year -long to maintain the integrity of the assessment process to ensure that all properties are assessed equitably. The property tax bill you receive in May of each year is the end result of many levels of government working cooperatively to distribute tax bills to each property according to appropriate valuation.

My staff completed a very busy holiday season distributing holiday food boxes to many families for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. In addition to this seasonal distribution, year- long they provide assistance to Cuba Township residents who find it necessary to seek help from the Township's food pantry. Thanks and appreciation are extended to the service groups and individuals who keep our pantry shelves stocked throughout the year. Much of our work could not be completed with the assistance of the hard working volunteers that participate in the stocking and maintenance of the pantry. Limited financial assistance is available at the Township and my staff is well equipped to make referrals to other agencies for additional assistance.

The Township Clerk, Priscilla Rose, maintains Township records, most notably the minutes of each monthly board meeting. Additionally, service is provided with voter registration and the distribution of election information.

All of the services listed above are provided to our Township residents for approximately 4% of your property tax bill. We work hard to provide efficient, non-duplicated services that are relevant to our residents. Our doors, phones, mailboxes and emails are always open to hear your comments and suggestions. Our monthly board meetings, held the second Thursday of each month, are open to the public. Please take the opportunity to contact us via any method that is comfortable for you.

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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 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 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 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 \$2 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.

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 1st of each year for seniors, the disabled and families with young children and continues through the heating season. November 1st 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 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 for information on Road District services or call (847) 381-7793.

Please click on "assessor" on the Township's home page 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

THE WHITE SCHOOL OF CUBA TOWNSHIP

Part 2

The first part of the White School House story in the previous Cuba Newsletter had recounted how the Mollenkamps had set about restoring the architectural character of the school house, their interest in historic restoration being somewhat unusual in the 1960s. Fortunately there were later residents who were appreciative of the legacy they acquired and considered themselves stewards rather than owners.

Maria and John Sultenfuss were among those who contributed to the period features of the building, with Maria's stained glass light fixtures and windows. Her husband fashioned built-in cabinets that look like furniture for the master bedroom. Additions to the schoolhouse were all in the rear, so that the original school maintains its integrity facing Cuba Road.

In 1996, the Saltenfuss's found the ideal buyers for the White School House. Gail and Paul Wasserstein and their two sons, Jeremy and Ben, were excited with their new home, Gail adding her own design talent and together, the family came up with a wonderful idea. Why not a Class Reunion?

The Wassersteins found school records and talked to some of the older, perhaps second and third generation countryside residents. The result was that on September 26, 1998, fifteen former students of the White School House came for a joyful trip down memory lane. Between them, they had spent a total of 79 years at the White School before it was closed. The earliest student was Don Johnson, beginning in 1925, and the latest, Maythel Rodgers Krasel ending in 1944. The others formed a roster of old Cuba Township names: Jesse Rodgers, Deloris Homuth, Jeanne Flock Kelley, Lillian Linders Kinsell, Marion Rodgers Rizzo, Rollin and Ralph Gaulke, Bob Lindberg, John Speck, Melvin Klingenberg, Marshall Hartwig, Helen Hartwig Blume and Connie Hartwig Grever. A few had spent the full eight years at the school, and then went on to the Barrington Public School, the massive brick building on Hough Street. For some it was truly a surprise party, they hadn't seen each other in over 30 years.

Honored guests at the reunion, were Elizabeth Moelling with her son and daughter-in-law, who came from Crawfordsville, Ind. Also joining them was Elizabeth's daughter, Elizabeth Moelling Piller, who was married in the schoolhouse in 1969. As the group relaxed and enjoyed the display of memorabilia, including report cards and class photographs, the stories began to emerge. The wastebasket was taken out to a large bin, which was occasionally set on fire by surreptitiously thrown cherry bombs. In the winter, the boys threw snowballs at the schoolhouse door so that the girls could not reach the outhouses in time. None of their pranks suggested the rough, unmanageable mischief recalled in Emaline Hawley Brown's 1889 letter.

Now, the White School has another family, the Karam family, who are also appreciative stewards of this surviving reminder of Cuba Township's heritage.

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.



PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL

Did you know that the Barrington Police Department and Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation have established a pill disposal and collection program?

The purpose of this program is to collect and safely dispose of unwanted and unused medications, thus keeping them out of the hands of individuals who might otherwise become victims of prescription drug abuse.

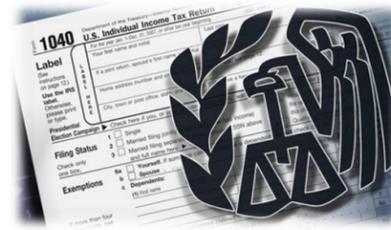
In addition, recent research by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Geological Survey revealed that there are a substantial amount of antibiotics and steroidal hormones in rivers, lakes and wells caused by people flushing their medications down the toilet or putting them down the sink.

For medication disposal, please keep all medications in their original sealed container with personal information blacked out. Items *not acceptable* for deposit in the collection unit are: thermometers, IV bags, bloody waste and hydrogen peroxide. Sharps/Needles are acceptable in appropriate containers at the Barrington location but not at all locations. For a complete list of drop off locations and contact information, please refer to the SAVEASTAR.org website.

Barrington Public Safety Building
400 N. Northwest Hwy
7am-11pm, 7 days a week

Cary Police Department
654 Village Hall Drive
7 days a week, 24 hours

Lake Zurich Police Station
200 Mohawk Trail
7 days a week, 24 hours



Free 2016 AARP Tax Assistance Program available in February at the Barrington Area Council on Aging

Trained and certified AARP volunteers will assist older adults with their income tax preparation free of charge. The appointments are private, and all your information stays confidential. All forms are filed electronically and immediately. Tax Assistance is by appointment only from February through April 13, 2016. Appointments fill up quickly, and you can **make your reservation beginning in January 2016** by calling us at 847-381-5030.

Eligibility

People who are 55 and older, and whose gross income is below \$60,000 are eligible for this service. People of any age who are disabled are also included. We do simple taxes only--no business, ownership of multiple properties, or trusts. We can handle stock sales, IRA distributions, home sales, and half-year residency.

What you need to bring

Taxpayers need to bring the following documents for their appointment:

- Government issued identification
- Last year's tax return
- Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents
- Power-of-attorney documents if you are handling someone else's affairs
- Proof of insurance coverage (Medicare or other coverage); Checkbook or pre-printed direct deposit information for your reloadable prepaid card showing routing number and direct deposit account number if you want to do a direct deposit of any refund(s)

Proof of your Income

- W-2 from each employer
- Unemployment compensation statements
- SSA-1099 form showing the total Social Security benefits paid to you for the year, or Form RRB-1099, Tier I Railroad Retirement benefits
- 1099 forms reporting interest (1099-INT), dividends (1099-DIV), proceeds from sales (1099-B), as well as documentation showing the original purchase price of your sold assets, such as stocks
- 1099-R form if you received a pension or annuity, especially if you had a portion withheld for income tax purposes; 1099-MISC form showing any miscellaneous income

Proof of any tax payments

You will need to bring proof of federal and state income tax paid (including quarterly estimated tax payments)

How you want to handle your deductions

Most taxpayers have a choice of taking either a standard deduction or itemizing their deductions. If you have a substantial amount of deductions, you may want to itemize. You will need to bring the following information: (**Please make a list of your items or checks, rather than bringing the actual papers**).

- 1098 form showing any home mortgage interest; Medical expenses—must list each expense and total costs

Questions? Give us a call at 847-381-5030



Highway Commissioner, **RANDALL J. MARKS**

The Road District crews have been hard at work all year repaving roads, installing storm sewer systems, replacing driveway culverts, trimming the Right Of Way trees, and replacing failing and damaged traffic signs.

The Road District is a multifaceted operation responsible for not only the unincorporated areas within the township, but the seven other Villages in which the Township has intergovernmental agreements, which include: Village of Lake Barrington, Village of North Barrington, Village of Barrington Hills, Village of Tower Lakes, Village of Deer Park, Village of Port Barrington, Village of South Barrington. In total, the Road District is responsible for snow plowing 412 Lane Miles. The 412 Lane miles is broken down into 18 snow plow routes with experienced drivers in each area.

The Road District has begun the process of putting together our 2016 Road Program. Roads being considered for pavement maintenance include the following: Apple Tree Ln, N. Countryside Ln (off of Appletree), Dunvegan Ct., Wagon Wheel Dr., and Woodland Ave. As always, necessary patching and repairs will be completed throughout the entire township.

In a continuing effort to serve our residents, the Cuba Township Road District has partnered with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) to bring the Electronic Recycling program back to Cuba Township. The Cuba Township Road District, located at 28070 W. Cuba Road in Barrington, IL is now a SWALCO sponsored Year Round drop off location for residential electronics for all of Lake County. Signs designating the types of electronics and the bins where they can be placed are located on site. Please visit our website at www.cubaroads.com for a list of items that are accepted prior to making your trip to drop off items. Hours of drop off are Monday-Friday from 7:00 am–2:30 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the decrease in fuel costs, we will be reducing the cost for mulch to be delivered back to \$85.00 per load when we resume this service in 2016.

We will have designated brush pickup and shredding events in 2016, dates have yet to be determined at this time. The firewood program continues to receive many compliments as to the organization and ease of distribution. Distribution will continue into March of 2016.

The Cuba Township Road District office is accessible during the time construction is taking place near Buckley and Merri Oaks at the bridge. Any questions regarding the construction should be directed to the Village of Barrington Hills.

We have an open door policy. Residents are encouraged to stop by and see our day to day operations. For up to date information, visit our website at cubaroads.com and like us on Facebook. We appreciate your positive feedback.

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

I trust everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a joyful holiday season. As we usher in the New Year, it's interesting to reflect on the previous 2015. As you are aware, 2015 was the Quadrennial reassessment in Lake County. Every four years all property is reassessed. The previous Quadrennial was in 2011.

The 2015 Quadrennial reveals positive data about the state of Housing in Cuba Township. The following numbers illustrate the sales of Single Family detached homes in Cuba Township during the years 2012-2015. In 2012 there were 207 sales, with a median sale price of \$412,500. In 2013 there were 271 sales, with a median sale price of \$445K. In 2014 there were 198 sales, with a median sale price of \$455K, and 2015 there were 261 sales, with a median sale price of \$475K. Each year since 2012 has seen growth in the median sale price. Overall the median sale price has risen 13.2% since 2012. The number of sales since 2012 is also up, approx. 20%. The numbers clearly support the growth of property values in Cuba Township.

Another strong indicator of the growing health of the housing market in Cuba Township is the increase in new construction sales. Per MLS data, there was an 84% increase in the sales of "New Proposed construction" or "New under construction" sales in Cuba Township in 2015 from the previous year. New construction sales have historically been a barometer for economic growth. Lastly, the number of distress sales in Cuba Township has decreased, another healthy indicator. MLS data from 2012 shows that 22% of the sales were distress. Again, per MLS data, that number is down to 11% in 2015.

All these trends support a growing recovery from the housing downturn of several years ago. Are we back to the "Good old days" of 2005, 2006? No, but the needle is definitely pointed up!!

For help with anything related to your property assessment, please call us or stop in at our office. We can help determine all the Assessment relief you are entitled to. There are four types of major assessment relief offered: 1) General Homestead Exemption... owner occupied only, lowers AV \$6,000. 2) Senior Citizen Exemption...65+, lowers AV \$5,000. 3) Senior Assessment Freeze...65+, Income less than \$55,000, Freezes the AV. 4) Homestead Improvement Exemption...defers up to 4 years increase in AV due to addition or improvement to property, up to \$25,000 of AV. There is additional relief offered to any Veterans. If you are a Veteran, and feel you may qualify, please contact our office.

Please call or come by the office if we can help in anyway.