

# Cuba Township

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Barrington, IL 60010



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### 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**

Clerk, **PRISCILLA H. ROSE**

## ***Election Day Information*** ***April 7, 2015***

The next election is April 7, 2015. **VOTER REGISTRATION** closed for this election on March 10, 2015. **GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION** is available March 11-April 4, 2015 at the Lake County Clerk's office, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm. Running March 23-April 4, 2015, **GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION** is also available at the Lake County Permit Facility, 500 Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 5 pm and Saturdays, 9 am to 2 pm. 2 forms of identification are required, one must be a photo i.d. and one must show your current address. A voter who registers or changes their address during grace period, must also vote at the time of registration. Election day voting is not available, for this election only.

**EARLY VOTING** runs March 23, 2015 through April 4, 2015 and is available to any registered voter. All Cuba Township voters can **EARLY VOTE** at the Lake Barrington Village Hall, 23860 N. Old Barrington Road, Lake Barrington, IL, 847-381-6010, Monday-Friday, 9am to 4:30 pm and Saturdays, 9 am to 2pm. A government issued photo id is required to Early Vote.

**ELECTION DAY VOTING** runs from 6am to 7pm. To confirm that you are registered to vote, to view your ballot, determine your polling place and for other election information, please go to [LakeVoterPower.info](http://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



# Cuba News

Spring 2015

Supervisor, **DAVID F. NELSON**

Thoughts of spring are welcome at this time of year as we say good bye to salt, plows, boots and heavy coats. Although this winter was not as severe as last winter, our Road District crew spent considerable time plowing and salting to provide safe roads. We thank them for their efforts as they transition to springtime work.

The Cuba Township Assessor's staff has begun work on the quadrennial. This process reviews all properties in the Township in order to distribute the tax burden equitably between all tax payers. To review information regarding your property, please go to [www.assessor.lakecountyl.gov](http://www.assessor.lakecountyl.gov) or contact the Assessor's office at (847) 381-1120.

The Township food pantry continues to serve our residents needing assistance. In October we said good bye to Community Liaison, Cheryl Tanaka, as she retired after 13 years of service to Cuba Township. We thank her for her time and devotion to the food pantry and those involved with it, both recipients and volunteers. Community Liaison, Kate Formichella continues her work with the pantry, as we welcome Anna Hummel, Social Worker, to our team. Anna, brings a familiarity of township government as well as her skills as a Social Worker. Please refer to our "Services Guide" inside this newsletter for services available in the food pantry and other areas of the Township.

Your township tax dollars work for you in many ways. From the services listed above, to the other services listed inside this newsletter, Cuba Township strives to be efficient and responsible with the funds entrusted to us through your property taxes. Our doors are always open to hear your questions, comments and concerns. Our monthly board meetings, held on the second Thursday of each month at 6 pm always have a spot reserved for public comment. And the Annual Town Meeting mentioned below, is another good way to see your Township at work. Your attendance is welcome!

### **CUBA TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Assessor's office (847) 381-1120**  
**(847) 381-1120 fax**

**Road District office**  
**(847) 381-7793**  
[cubaroads.com](http://cubaroads.com)

**Please feel free to contact us with your  
comments, questions or concerns**

### **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**April 14, 2015**

**Cuba Township office**  
**28000 W. Cuba Road**  
**Barrington, IL 60010**  
**7 pm**

**Cuba Township will hold its 165th 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 for this annual event.**

Questions can be directed to the  
Township Clerk, Priscilla H. Rose at (847) 381-1924  
or [prose@cubatwpil.gov](mailto:prose@cubatwpil.gov)

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

The Cuba Township Road District is wrapping up winter activities marked by heavy snowfall and record breaking low temperatures. While this winter was no rival for the Polar Vortex of last year, the above average snowfall has us all looking forward to spring.

Throughout the year, the primary function of the Cuba Township Road District is to maintain the integrity and safety of Township streets and roads. During a snow event, our goal is to have roads passable by morning and evening rush hours, and then to "fine tune" and clean and clear roads as time allows once the brunt of the snowfall is finished. This season, we have experimented with new liquid deicers that are more environmentally friendly and which have a lower impact on vegetation and our surroundings.

The Firewood Program has been a great success this year. Several changes were made to the pick-up routine this season to streamline the process and provide more efficiency. Thank you for your cooperation as these changes took place. Additionally, many thanks to all those that made a contribution to the Cuba Township food pantry when picking up your firewood. Please mark your calendars that the last date for firewood pick-up this season will be March 20, 2015. From that date on, the Road District will begin transitioning to spring work and mulch deliveries, weather permitting. Please watch the Road District website for updates on the start of the mulch program and other events.

Beginning March 2, 2015, a new agency has been contracted to handle recycling needs for Cuba Township. Your patience was appreciated during this interim time when there was a brief interruption in recycling. Thank you for your continued support in making the extra effort to recycle and to keep unnecessary items out of our landfills. Your cooperation in placing recyclables in designated areas will ensure that our new program is successful! Please look for signage indicating drop-off locations.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** *APRIL 25, 2015 is the date of the next Shred and Recycle event.* The event will run at Lake Barrington Shores from 9 am to 11 am and 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Cuba Township Road District garage. Shredding will be limited to 4 boxes/bags per household. Please consult our website at cubaroads.com for a complete list of acceptable recycling items.

The Cuba Township Road District staff and I look forward to putting away the plows and beginning spring activities which will include forestry, pothole patching, mulch deliveries and drainage work. Summer work focus will be on paving and restoration work. As always, if you pass our crews on the streets, please proceed with caution for your safety and theirs!

### **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

### **MOBILE DRIVER SERVICES DAY**

**Wednesday, April 8, 2015**  
10 am to 2 pm  
Applicants can obtain:  
Renewal/Correction of Driver's License  
New/Renewal/Correction of State ID  
Organ donor registration with renewal DL/ID  
License plate stickers  
Seniors age 65 and up— no charge for State ID  
Seniors age 75 and up— need to visit DMV to renew Driver's License  
Please refer to [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)  
Click on Rules of the Road  
For more information on required documentation and charges



## BACOA IS TAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR AARP 2015 TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Trained AARP volunteers from the Council on Aging will assist adults 55 and older with their tax preparation free of charge. 2015 Tax Assistance is by appointment only and will run through April 14th. Appointments fill up quickly, so make your reservation today! Call us at (847) 381-5030.



### Eligibility is as follows:

People who are 55 and older, and whose gross income is below \$60,000; people of any age who are disabled. We do simple taxes only-no business or ownership of multiple properties. We can handle stock sales, IRA distributions, home sales, and half year residency. *But we do not handle trusts.*

### What you need to bring:

- ✓ Government issued identification
- ✓ Last year's tax return
- ✓ Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents
- ✓ Checkbook or pre-printed direct deposit information showing routing number and direct deposit account number if you want to do a direct deposit of any refund(s).

### 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 1 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
- ✓ 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

### Payments:

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

### 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
- ✓ A list of your receipts/ canceled checks for medical/dental expenses (including doctor and hospital bills and medical insurance premiums), a list of your receipts for prescription medicines, costs of assisted living services and bills for home improvements, such as ramps and railings for people with disabilities
- ✓ A list of your receipts for contributions to charity
- ✓ A list of your receipts / canceled checks for all income and property taxes you paid, as well as records of tax refunds

### Credits:

- ✓ Dependent care provider information (name, employer ID or Social Security number)
- ✓ Receipts, canceled checks or 1099 forms related to continuing education

### Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information:

Be sure to bring relevant documents with you to prove you are in compliance with the ACA.

You will need one of the following:

- ✓ Form 1095-A (which you will receive by Feb. 15, 2015) if you purchased insurance through the Marketplace/Exchange
- ✓ Documentation proving health care coverage for you, your spouse and all your dependents
- ✓ Information indicating that you were covered for at least nine months of the year

## Assessor, **REBECCA M. TONIGAN**

We are approaching a county-wide quadrennial reassessment year. This means that all properties in the Township are due to be revalued. It is difficult to say how the conditions of the current real estate market will affect the re-evaluation. By State law we are required to use the prior three years sales to establish a basis for our sales ratio study. For purposes of this quadrennial reassessment the sales will be from January 2012 through December 31, 2014. We are committed to equity and fairness and as such should the sales show a decrease in values then this decrease will be reflected in the assessments. To the same end should the sales show an increase in a neighborhood then that too will be reflected in the assessments.

I would encourage you all to review your properties online at [maps.lakecountyil.gov/maps](http://maps.lakecountyil.gov/maps) online to make sure that we have correct information regarding square footage and amenities. If you see any discrepancies, please contact us at (847) 381-1120 and we will be happy to make an appointment to review those differences.

Also, please make sure you have the appropriate exemptions applied to your property. As reviewed in previous newsletters there are a several types of exemptions available.

General Homestead	\$6,000
Senior Homestead	\$5,000
Homestead Improvement	\$25,000 assessed/\$75,000 market
Senior Freeze Income	\$55,000
Senior Tax Deferral Income	*Income must be less than \$55,000 which can result up to \$5,000 per year
Disabled Veteran's Exemption	
70% or greater service disability	\$5,000
Less than 70% greater than 50%	\$2,500

\*Questions on Senior Tax Deferral program should be directed to the Lake County Treasurer at (847) 377-2323.



# 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 [cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf\\_publications/vsd62.pdf](http://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 persons with a disability 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.

**PACE/Dial a Ride** program is subsidized by the Township for seniors and persons with a disability. 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*. 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.

**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 Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District. 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.

**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.

**Services for Seniors, Persons with a Disability and Low-income households are as follows. Please call the Township office at (847) 381-1924 for more information and to schedule an appointment:**

**Department on Aging's Benefit Access Program** (formerly Circuit Breaker) is a program for those 65 and older or persons with a disability. Benefits of the program include senior free transit and a license plate discount.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps) helps low-income people and families buy the food they need for good health. Eligibility requirements are determined by the Department of Human Services.

**Medicaid-Medical Assistance Programs** are designed to provide Illinois' residents access to quality health care. In general, to qualify for medical assistance a person must meet financial eligibility criteria, residency requirements and in most cases must be citizens (except for children).

**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** program helps pregnant women and families with one or more dependent children with temporary cash and other benefits. TANF can help pay for food, shelter, utilities, and expenses other than medical.

**All Kids-** this program offers many Illinois children comprehensive healthcare that includes doctor's visits, hospital stays, prescription drugs, vision care, dental care and medical devices like eyeglasses and asthma inhalers. Some families pay monthly premiums for the coverage, but rates for middle-income families are significantly lower than they are on the private market.

**Safelink Wireless** is a program for income eligible households to be given a free cell phone by the U.S. Government. In order to participate in the Safelink wireless program, persons must meet certain eligibility requirements.

**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.

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

**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.

**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 [barringtonarealibrary.org/cemeteries/282-barrington\\_area\\_cemeteries](http://barringtonarealibrary.org/cemeteries/282-barrington_area_cemeteries).

**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.cubatwpil.gov](http://www.cubatwpil.gov) for services provided by the **Cuba Township Assessor** or contact the Assessor's office directly at (847) 381-1120.