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David F. Nelson, Supervisor

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Rebecca M. Tonigan, Assessor

Randy Marks, Hwy. Commissioner

Doug Alexander Trustee

Chris Cocoma, Trustee

Jack Mumaw, Trustee

Jill Talbot, Trustee

Clerk, *PRISCILLA H. ROSE*

Suffrage at 17

Will you be 18 on or before the November 4, 2014 primary election? If so, you will be able to register to vote in the March 18, 2014 election.

Beginning January 1, 2014, 17 year olds are eligible to register and vote in an Illinois primary if 18 years of age by the date of the next general election. This change in law, referred to as "Suffrage at Seventeen", was the project of Stevenson High School students and their faculty advisor, Andy Conneen.

Recently, Governor Quinn traveled to Lake County to sign House Bill 226 at the Stevenson High School campus in Lincolnshire where he praised students for putting their government classroom lessons into action.

To vote in any election, U.S. citizens must be registered 28 days before the election, 18 years old on or before the general election and a resident of the precinct for 30 days immediately prior to Election Day. Voter registration is available at the Cuba Township office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Voter registration requires two forms of valid identification with one form of identification showing the current address for registration and one form a photo id.

The next election for Cuba Township residents is a primary on March 18, 2014. Please go to www.countyclerk.lakecountyil.gov for more information.

CUBA
TOWNSHIP

Township board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Township office, 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington. All meetings are open to the public

Office hours
Monday-Friday
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cuba News

Fall 2013

Supervisor, *DAVID F. NELSON*



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

The photo above will introduce you to your Cuba Township elected officials. I hope you will have the opportunity to meet each of us in person. Our monthly board meetings, on the second Thursday of each month at the Township office at 6pm, are open to the public. Additionally, we welcome your comments, questions and concerns by phone at (847) 381-1924, by mail at 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington, or by email at cubatownship@comcast.net. We are honored to serve our residents and want to hear from you!

All areas of the Township strive to provide efficient and relevant services to our taxpayers. As the Supervisor, my staff and I provide assistance to families and individuals who may qualify for the General Assistance program and who may benefit from resources from our Food Pantry and referrals to other social service agencies. Among the other services we offer are handicapped placards, RTA passes, notary services and passport processing. Our Clerk, Priscilla Rose, provides assistance with voter registration and other voter related services in addition to taking minutes of our meetings and maintaining records for the Township. Assessor, Rebecca Tonigan, ensures that all assessments of Township properties are accurate. And the Road District, run by Highway Commissioner Randy Marks, works to maintain the integrity and safety of Township roads. We are available individually for you, and strive to work as a team to provide services for our residents. I hope you will enjoy this newsletter and acquaint yourself with what we do.

One of our hallmark events, has been our annual Fall Festival. Please refer to information inside this newsletter about this fun-filled afternoon in the country. It is provided to our taxpayers as an opportunity to meet your elected officials and have some fun. I hope you can join us!

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 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 weeks. The photo is no charge for Township residents- \$2 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 \$1 each way. For enrollment, reservations, and information please call 800-451-4599 or 815-363-4305. 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.

Notary public services are offered at no charge.

The Cuba Township food pantry is available to any Township resident indicating a need. An intake interview is required. Please call the office for more information. Donations 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 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.

Passport processing services are offered at the Township office by *appointment only*, Monday through Friday, 10am to 3pm. 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 at 847-381-1924 to make an *appointment*. More details on requirements, fees and documentation are available at www.travel.state.gov.

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

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

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

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

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

The Cuba Cares fund is a 501 (c) (3) charitable fund. Monies donated to this fund are used to help residents in need who do not qualify for other assistance. After determination of need, disbursements are made to a vendor to assist in maintaining self-sufficiency. Funds are available to any Township individual or family 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 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.

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 call 847-381-1120.

Assessor, *REBECCA M. TONIGAN*

As many of you noticed this year, tax rates in Cuba Township increased dramatically. The following is a partial explanation for this increase. Please keep in mind that every situation or property can be different, because there can be more than one taxing district even within your own Village.

Different assessment standards

All counties in Illinois, except Cook, have to assess property for tax purposes at 1/3 fair market value. Cook has different ratios, depending on the nature of the property. When each county receives their state multipliers (they have several to account for the various ratios), it pulls the average ratio across all of Cook County up to 1/3 like the rest. But then exemptions are applied, and the same property in Cook County could have a different exemption amount than it would in all other Illinois counties. So, all this to say, that the exact same property, with the exact same market value, could end up with substantially different taxable values in Cook versus Lake. It would then be unfair to simply apportion the tax burden throughout the district based solely on taxable value. Therefore, most districts that overlap into Cook County ask the Department of Revenue to apportion the tax burden. Basically the Department of Revenue takes a look at the original sales data and calculates, based on the market value, what percentage of the district’s total tax burden is each county’s responsibility. Each county calculates a district-wide extension to come up with the total tax burden within state limits, then applies that percentage to come up with their own county’s portion of that total. That portion is then divided by the taxable value within that county and then arrives at that county’s tax rate for that district. While the total tax burden is limited by the tax cap, each individual county’s portion—and the average tax bill within that county—can fluctuate above or below that cap.

But that’s only part of the problem. The other part is:

Different assessment calendars

Cook County operates on a different assessment and billing cycle than the other counties. When Lake County extensions are calculated in early April, Cook County has not completed their assessments for that tax year yet. So we don’t have property values to use for that “district-wide extension”. Likewise, the Department of Revenue has not, at that point, issued the apportionment percentages. So by state law we have to use estimates for both (Cook EAV and apportionment factor). We use the prior year’s actual values for both. Then we end up with a figure that is guaranteed to be slightly too low or too high. During the summer, after Cook County certifies their values and the Department certifies their apportionment, we re-run the whole process to find out what the tax rates and dollar amounts should have been. We compare the two (estimated and real) and come up with an over/under extension by fund for each district. In the following tax year, then, after we run through the calculation and come up with our final extension figures for the district, we raise or lower each fund’s amount by the amount it was over or under last year. That’s called a “Prior Year Adjustment” or PYA. Then we figure out the final tax rates based on that adjusted figure. The effects of that adjustment are not capped either.

So if we apply that to CUSD 220:

District-wide (across all four counties), the 2011 extension was \$119 million. In 2012, it was \$122 million, an increase of about 2.5%. This is where the tax cap applies. They did not exceed the 3% increase. But because the 2011 extension was based on estimated Cook EAV and estimated apportionment, it turned out that Lake County’s portion of the total CUSD 220 tax bill was about \$1 million short. When calculating the 2012 extension, the apportionment factor we used was higher than the one used in 2011. So that means in 2012 Lake County’s CUSD 220 residents paid a larger portion of the total, compared to last year. That, combined with the extra \$1 million we had to make up for, meant that the final Lake County portion this year was about 9.6% larger than last. Since the Lake County EAV in CUSD 220 dropped by about 6.5%, the tax rate went up 17.2%.

Should you have any questions regarding specifics to this issue you should contact Lake County Clerk’s Tax Extension Office at (847)



Cuba Township office staff, left to right:

Cheryl Tanaka, *Community Liaison*
Kate Formichella, *Community Liaison*
Jenny Powell, *Bookkeeper*
Jymes Rainey, *Deputy Assessor*
Janis Menges, *Deputy Assessor*
Cindy Thomas, *Deputy Assessor*
Dinah Binder, *Deputy Assessor*

RECYCLE-O-RAMA 2013



Saturday, October 5
9:00 am to 1:00 pm



Lake County Division of Transportation, 600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville



- Keep items out of our Landfills.
 - Find homes for those hard-to-recycle items laying around the home.
 - Make a difference in your community and your world.
 - Be a part of the Recycle First, Trash Last Effort!

- **Household Electronics**
(TVs, computers, holiday lights, small household appliances and more—swalco.org)
- **CDs, DVDs and Cassettes**
 - Cell Phones
- **Household Batteries**
 - Marine, RV and Automotive Batteries
- **Shoes—all types of Footwear**
(any brand, any type, any size—excluding rollerblades and ice skates)
- **Paper Documents for shredding**
(Available until truck is full limit 4 copypaper-sized boxes per car)
- **Colored Markers & Highlighters**
(no other writing or drawing utensils)
- **Prom Dresses - Gently Used**
(for donation to Glass Slipper Project)

- **All Clothing**
(all sizes, all fabrics—includes belts, hats, scarves, purses. New, used—any condition)
- **Blankets, Bed Linens (including sheets and comforters) and Towels**
(any condition)
- **Fire Extinguishers**
- **Propane Tanks**
 - Keys
- **Eyeglasses & Accessories**
 - Hearing Aids
 - Car Seats
- **Bikes—any condition:**
new, used or broken and Bike Parts
- **Smoke & CO2 Detectors/Alarms**
 - Inkjet & Laser Cartridges
 - Beads & Buttons
 - Stuffed Animals

Free event for residents (no businesses). Eco-gift for attendees—while supplies last. Only items listed above will be accepted. Other items will be turned away. For more information on this event or on recycling/sustainable living, visit swalco.org or contact Merleanne Rampale at 847-336-9340 x 4.

ICash and Mobile Driver Services Day
Coming to Cuba Township
28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington

ICash

I-Cash is a State of Illinois Treasurer's office program seeking to unite owners with their unclaimed property. Examples of unclaimed property include: money from inactive savings and checking accounts, unpaid wages or commissions, stocks, bonds and mutual funds, money orders and bill overpayments, paid-up life insurance policies, and safe deposit box contents. To search the I-Cash database, go to icash.illinois.gov or you can contact the Unclaimed Property Division by calling 217-785-6998. Representatives will also be at the Cuba Township office to assist you on:

Wednesday, October 9, 2013
10am to 2pm

MOBILE DRIVER SERVICES DAY

Wednesday, October 9, 2013
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents can obtain:

- Duplicate driver's license
- Corrected driver's license
- Illinois State ID card
- Driver's license renewal

In car driving tests are not administered on this day
Please refer to www.cyberdriveillinois.com
For more information on fees

2-1-1 Links Callers to Human Service Help

The Healthier Barrington Coalition, in partnership with Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital and Barrington Area United Way, is pleased to announce the launch of 2-1-1 in the Barrington 60010 communities. 2-1-1 is an easy way to remember a telephone number that connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in our community. By dialing 2-1-1, callers will be connected with a trained and caring professional who will assess their situation, identify their needs and refer them to local resources that can help. The 24-hour hotline makes it easy for residents to navigate the maze of human service providers in a free and



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confidential way. The 2-1-1 initiative will launch October 1, 2013 and will be available through land line and cell phone use. 2-1-1 funding for the first year will be provided by Barrington Area United Way, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital and the Barrington Area Community Foundation. For additional information residents may contact Barrington Area United Way at 847-382-8778.

Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) Facilitates Private Well *Water Quality Testing* for Residents in October

Why is it important to test the quality of my well water?

Most of the Barrington area residents drink water that is drawn from the shallow aquifers and bedrock that lie within the first several hundred feet below ground surface. The state requires **public** water supplies to be tested for a wide range of contaminants on a routine basis, but with **private** wells that serve just one or two households, there is no regulation requirement for routine testing on existing wells— that means you are responsible for making sure your water is safe to drink!

Households with private wells are advised to test for bacteria and nitrates on an annual basis to detect these invisible, odorless contaminants. These contaminants can result from animal or human waste or fertilizer components reaching the well water and can cause illness in humans. The test is fast, easy and inexpensive, and the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) partners with the Lake County Health Department to make it even easier.

Pick-up Test Kits: October 21st - 24th

Homeowners can pick up a drinking water test kit with instructions at a reduced price of \$14 per test kit at the Cuba Township office, 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, October 21st and Thursday, October 24th. Only cash or checks are accepted. Please have exact change or make checks payable to "Lake County Health Department".

Drop-off Test Kit: One Day Only - October 28th at The Garlands of Barrington

Homeowners can **return water test kits on Monday, October 28th between 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm ONLY at The Garlands of Barrington**, 1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington. Water samples need to be tested within 24 hours of collection – that means **your water sample must be collected immediately before you drop it off on October 28th**. Samples will be refrigerated overnight and transported by BACOG to the Lake County Environmental Laboratory the following day. The test results will be mailed to homeowners within two weeks. Any homeowner with positive results for total coliform, E.coli bacteria or elevated nitrate levels will receive a phone call from the Lake County Health Department.

Presentation: Chlorides and Water Quality in Lake County:

Drop off your sample at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 28th at The Garlands of Barrington, 1000 Garlands Lane, and stay for a presentation with Kathy Paap from the Lake County Health Department on Chlorides and Water Quality. Learn how chlorides from salt, such as driveway salt and standard road salt, can affect your drinking water. Other experts will speak and answer residents' questions about wells, water testing and other topics.

For a list of the BACOG member locations selling test kits and additional information, visit www.bacog.org or call (847) 381-7871.



Barrington Area Council of Governments
www.bacog.org

The elected officials of Cuba Township
are pleased to present the 13th annual

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 19, 2013

1 - 4 p.m.

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

Featuring local musicians

Second Wind-Joyce Palmquist and Doug Saylor
and
Pat McKillen

Food, games, live music and fun for all!

No reservations required—
please call the Township office at
(847) 381-1924 for more information

BAKE SALE

*All proceeds from the Bake Sale will benefit the
Cuba Township Food Pantry*

*Your donation of baked goods will be appreciated
and can be dropped off at the Township
office on Friday, October 18th, 9 a.m.~ 4 p.m.*

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



Highway Commissioner, ***RANDY MARKS***

The Cuba Township Road District staff, with over 150 years of cumulative experience, takes pride in providing services to Township residents. The staff has responded and resolved numerous drainage issues, including the largest drainage project in Township history, on Old Barrington Road, updated the patching and paving program throughout the district, obtained a grant for an EPA approved state of the art salt barn, as well as continuing the ever popular mulch and firewood programs.

The Road District staff is responsive to the needs and concerns of the Township residents, respectful of our Township environment, dedicated to offering cost effective services and committed to maintaining safe roads.

WE WORK FOR YOU!



Cuba Township Road District crew, left to right: Rob Smith, John Herrmann, TJ Podgorksi, Scott Weisbruch, Karsten Eilertsen, Brad Freking, Mark Cogburn, Gary Votava, Bob Miller, Dan Piehl, Jon Bills, Juan Guerra, Jeff Wolski, Don Steffens, Bill Bolich. Not pictured— Bob Greene