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17th Annual Fall
Festival information
inside!!

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Upcoming Elections

General Primary: Third Tuesday in March
Nomination of Federal, State and County candidates by an established political party

General Election: First Tuesday after the First Monday in November
Election of Federal, State and County officials

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 2017

Supervisor, *MICHAEL J. KAINZ*

As the days shorten and the kids return to school, I hope all in our township had a full and enjoyable summer. It was an honor to be sworn in as Cuba Township's new Supervisor in May and I hope to bring the same level of commitment and energy that former Supervisor Dave Nelson brought to the Township for the past twenty-plus years. Many thanks to Dave for steering Cuba Township through the challenging environment of government in the State of Illinois. Our most local level of government is often times the most effective at meeting resident's needs, and Dave always greeted the challenge with a smile on his face and an amazing ability to connect with all different sides of the political spectrum. You will be missed, Dave.

As a lifelong Cuba Township resident, I have more recently become aware of the vital role our local government plays in helping our residents on so many levels. Given the gridlock at both the State and Federal levels, and the concern of many that Illinois government has too many layers, I can assure you that I bring the watchful eye of a taxpayer to my new role as Supervisor. Cuba Township brings vital services to its residents and I am confident that the Township level of government is one of the most effective. Here are just a few examples of this effectiveness:

Lake County was hit particularly hard with successive waves of heavy rainfall in July. As the Fox River reached flood level, our roads department kicked into high gear to protect those homes at the highest risk of flooding in our Township. Our crew began a sandbagging operation and worked with local residents to prevent as much damage from the water as possible. I couldn't be prouder of TJ and his roads crew for the long hours and help provided to those homeowners in harm's way.

The Cuba Township food pantry continues to provide a variety of nutritious food to our residents who are in need. No matter the zip code, there are those who fall on hard times and need a little help. What better form of help than to provide a weekly box of food when some of our neighbors need it most? The food pantry coordinator and volunteers do an amazing job every week to make sure those neighbors are given a little help in the most basic form.

Cuba Township has a contract with Clarke for mosquito abatement, and given this year's large amount of rainfall, this matters more than ever. Many residents have expressed concern about the volume of mosquitos this year, and it is for exactly that reason that Clarke's services are needed. They monitor and treat the worst areas of mosquito populations throughout the township. More importantly, they closely monitor the township for any signs of mosquito-borne diseases and act quickly to eliminate those populations. Without these services, the mosquitos would be far worse than they are, and there would be a higher risk of disease transmittal.

I look forward to serving as your local Township Supervisor for the next 4 years and making sure that our small layer of government in Illinois is effective and efficient. If you have any questions about ongoing Township services, feel free to call us at the number below. Enjoy the autumn in northern Illinois-possibly the best season of the year!

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Highway Commissioner, *THOMAS J. (T.J.) PODGORSKI*

My name is TJ Podgorski and I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly elected Highway Commissioner. I have been an employee of the Cuba Township Road District since January 2012, where I served as a G.I.S. Specialist/Project Coordinator for Tom Gooch and Randall Marks. I look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Cuba Township in my new political position. I'm out in the field working with the crews more often than in the office, but have an open door policy when I'm in the office. I look forward to meeting as many residents as possible and assisting with any concerns you may have.

July proved to be a challenging month due to heavy rainfall. July 12th and the subsequent days thereafter caught many resident along the river in a state of needing emergency help. The Road District staff worked endlessly to provide tons of sand, sandbags and even helped to sand bag some homes. Water was delivered through the American Red Cross. Crown Restrooms miraculously was able to get a couple port-a-potties delivered to our residents on short notice who needed assistance with their flooded septic fields.

To the residents who experienced standing water in their yards and overflowing culverts: please be mindful this was a record breaking rainfall in a period of time and the ground simply couldn't soak up the water quick enough. This does not mean your culvert is inadequate.

We appreciate the patience and the positive feedback we received from our residents as we fielded hundreds of calls and requests for assistance to numerous issues from flooding to down trees.

Streets within Cuba Township: Roberts Rd, Miller Rd, Kelsey Rd and River Rd are county roads. Should you have questions, comments or concerns please contact the Lake County Dept. of Transportation. Route 14, 22 and 59 are state roads. Should you have questions, comments or concerns please contact the Illinois Dept. of Transportation.

Brush Pickup: This year's **township wide** fall brush pickup will take place the week of October 17th. All brush needs to be roadside by 7:00am on the morning of Monday October 17th. The brush pickup is intended for minor trimming and/or storm damage cleanup. This program is not designed for entire tree removals or lot clearing. Please keep in mind the crew will only pickup brush and branches. No stumps or root balls allowed. No logs larger than 8" in diameter will be collected. If you have any questions please contact our office at 847-381-7793.

Mulch: Mulch deliveries will be in effect until late October/early November, weather dependent. Deliveries will only be on Fridays and there is a limited number of loads which can be delivered. Please plan ahead of time for your needs. \$100 per load for a large load (approx. 8 yards). **NEW THIS YEAR** we are offering a smaller load (approx. 6 yards for \$75). Please call the road district office to schedule your delivery. Online ordering is NOT available. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover. A Check can also be mailed or dropped off at 28160 W Cuba Rd, M-F from 7-3. **Please note: payment is due prior to delivery.**

Shred event: Our fall date is October 14th from 8 – noon at the road district office. Your paper can be in boxes or bags.

Electronic Recycling: Our electronic recycling program continues to be a big success for our residents. Recycling hours are Monday – Friday from 7-2:30. Look to the right of where the salt is stored for the drop off location. Please note whatever you drop off you need to be able to unload. We do not have an employee to assist. See our website www.cubaroads.com for a list of items which can be recycled.

Firewood: First firewood pickup date will be Friday, October 20th and subsequent every other Friday after that (with the exception of November the last pick up date for that month will be Wed, the 22nd) the hours for the entire season are from 7:30-2:30. We will be using the same placard system as in the past 2 years. If you already have a # you do not need to do anything. If you don't have a # please stop in at the Road District office (White Farm House) to obtain a #. We get numerous calls inquiring about getting extra wood. If you don't make it on Firewood Friday you cannot pick up wood on another day nor get extra wood during the next event. The last firewood date is March 16th. We will have a schedule available for pick up and on our website.

Pot Holes and Tree Trimming: Residents residing in North Barrington, Lake Barrington, Tower Lakes or Barrington Hills please contact your village halls directly with your concerns and they will contact us for repairs/tree issues as needed. All residents residing in Unincorporated Cuba Township please contact our office with your requests and inquiries, 847.381.7793

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 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 800-252-8966 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, 9am 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 by appointment only. These programs offer limited financial assistance, based on income, for heating and electric bills. Funding for these programs begins October 2nd for seniors and disabled persons and November 1st for families with young children and people with disconnect notice. December 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 only performed if the West NileVirus is detected in the Township. Please call Clarke's hotline at 800-942-2555 for more information or to report standing water.

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 are 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. There are currently no gravesite 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 "assessment info" 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.

The elected officials of Cuba Township are pleased to present
the 17th annual. . .

Fall Festival



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2017 1-4 P.M.
28160 W. CUBA ROAD, "THE GROVE", BARRINGTON

Please join us for Food, Games, Live music, Petting Zoo and more!

This is a free event and NO reservations required.

We are once again seeking donations of items for our annual Bake Sale!

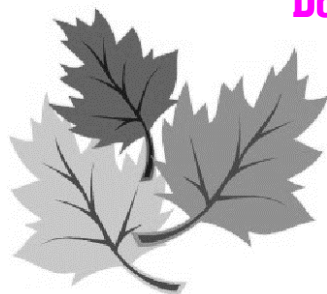
Individually wrapped items can be dropped off at the Township office on

Friday, September 29th from 1PM to 4PM.

All proceeds benefit Cuba Cares and the Cuba Township Food Pantry.

Donations of non-perishable items for the food pantry
will also be accepted during the Fall Festival.

Please call the Township office at
(847) 381-1924 for more information.



Our food pantry continues to thrive with the help of dedicated volunteers and generous donations. We gladly accept donations of nonperishable and non-expired food items during business hours. We aim to provide healthy and nutritious foods, so items that are low in sugar and sodium are greatly appreciated. We are continuously in need of non-food items such as laundry detergent, toiletries, paper goods and cleaning supplies. We are thankful for our continued community support that helps us carry out our mission to help neighbors in need. Please check our website for our current food pantry wish list.

Township history:

Townships are one of the oldest forms of local government in the country. Townships were established in Illinois in 1850 to accommodate the needs of their local communities before municipalities were formed and a trip to the county seat meant spending the entire day on horseback. Cuba Township was first established in the year 1850 at 28160 W. Cuba Road. This property is owned by Cuba Township and known as "The Grove". This white farmhouse now serves as home to the Cuba Township Road District and the site of the annual Fall Festival.

Why local Government is important:

Without local government, matters that directly impact our communities may not be as important to Lake County or the state of Illinois. Your Elected Officials live in your community and care about it just as much as you. We are here to serve you directly and the issues that affect us most. Please free feel to contact us with any questions or concerns. All contact information can be found on our website at CUBATOWNSHIP.COM.



Cuba Township Elected Officials (left to right): TJ Podgorski, Rebecca Tonigan, Nicole Knapik, Michael Kainz, Grant Born, Jill Talbot, Paul Dietzen, Chris Parisi

Supervisor, Mike Kainz-

The Township Supervisor is the chief executive officer of the Township, chairman of the Board of Trustees, supervisor of General Assistance and is treasurer of all town funds, including Road District funds. The Supervisor administers the state mandated General Assistance fund, which provides limited financial assistance for qualifying Township residents in need. Additionally, the Supervisor and staff run the Township's food pantry and act as a referral to direct residents to additional resources for social services.

Clerk, Nicole Knapik-

The Township Clerk is the clerk of the Town Board of Trustees and is also the Clerk of the Cuba Township Road District. The clerk is keeper of all records of the Township and includes taking minutes of the Township board meetings, Executive Sessions and all committee meetings. Additionally, the clerk is the local election authority working with the County to coordinate elections and provide voter registration.

Assessor, Rebecca Tonigan-

The Township Assessor provides the staff and direction to assess all Township properties. The property assessment is the basis from which all local taxing bodies receive funds from their yearly levies. The Assessor is your liaison to the Chief County Assessment office of Lake County. This office provides professional help on your real estate assessment and related items.

Highway Commissioner, T.J. Podgorski-

The Township Highway Commissioner, T.J. Podgorski, is responsible for the maintenance of all roads and bridges in the Township. There are 34 ½ miles of road in unincorporated Cuba Township. Work performed by the Road District includes, but is not limited to, paving, shouldering and snow plowing. The Road District has several Intergovernmental agreements with the local municipalities. This cooperation creates efficiency and eliminates duplication of services, thus reducing costs to taxpayers.

Trustees, Jill Talbot; Chris Parisi; Grant Born; Paul Dietzen-

The Township Trustees have the fiduciary responsibility of examining and auditing all bills presented to the Township and Road District for payment. Further responsibilities of the trustees are in the areas of budgeting and levy preparation. Each township has four trustees elected to four-year terms. Along with the Supervisor, they comprise the Town Board. Each board member, including the Supervisor, has one vote.

Upcoming Events



Barrington Area Council
of Governments

PRIVATE WELL WATER TESTING EVENT OCTOBER 11, 2017

What's in Your Drinking Water?

Households with private wells are advised to test for bacteria and nitrates annually. Bacteria and nitrates can result from animal or human waste or fertilizer components reaching well water and can cause illness in humans.

The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) is partnering with the Lake County Health Department to make private well water testing fast, easy and inexpensive for residents. **At last year's testing event, 13% of households tested positive for bacteria.**

Who is Eligible?

Residents of the Villages of Barrington, Barrington Hills, Lake Barrington, North Barrington, South Barrington and Tower Lakes and the unincorporated areas of Cuba and Barrington Townships.

Please note we are unable to accept samples from residents of other municipalities or townships.

October 2 – October 6: Purchase Test Kits

Where: Village and township offices of BACOG-area residents

When: During regular village and township office hours

Cost: Reduced rate of \$16 for a basic testing kit. Optional lead test kit available on October 11 *at The Garlands*

Exact change or checks payable to "Lake County Health Department"

October 11th: Return Water Sample/Home Water Quality and Well Maintenance Presentations

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

When: Drop off samples any time between 11:00am and 7:00pm

1:00pm and 5:00pm: Presentations and Q&A on topics including:

Water quality, iron, iron bacteria, hard water, well maintenance and new and most effective water treatment technologies featuring Dr. Tayna Lubner, Director of the Water Quality Association and Arnie Rapa, Well Specialist, Lake County Health Department. BACOG and Lake County Health Department will also be available throughout the event to answer residents' questions about wells, groundwater and water testing.

For more information, contact BACOG at 847-381-7871, visit www.bacog.org or see our page on Facebook

FREE SHREDDING EVENT!!!

The Cuba Township Road District will be hosting a document shredding event!

**Saturday October 14th, 2017 from 8:00am to Noon
at the Cuba Township Road District Garage.**

Snow Season: Preparation is underway to ensure the most efficient and safe snow plow season for both our employees and residents. Please keep in mind a typical route takes up to 4 hours to complete start to finish. Our office receives an abundance of phone calls praising the efforts of our drivers and how well the streets are plowed. We appreciate all positive feedback along with the patience of the residents as we work as efficiently and safely as possible. Let's work together to keep our roads safe. As a resident be mindful when out walking dogs. Wear something reflective if you're walking your dog at night. Wearing black is not a safe color nor is all white. Do not follow the plow trucks too closely, our trucks are large and have many blind spots. When our trucks are in cul de sacs and cleaning up intersections this is especially pertinent to be mindful for the safety of all.

Mailboxes: It is the resident's responsibility to maintain the mailbox. Please check yours to make sure it is firmly in the ground and your post isn't rotted. Typically when a mailbox comes down during a snow event it's due to the weight of the snow coming off the plow and not due to our driver striking the mailbox. Therefore, it's not the responsibility of Cuba Township highway Department to replace. In a situation where a mailbox would need to be replaced, we replace with a standard mailbox and post. We do not offer a reimbursement program for those who choose a more expensive and decorative option for their mail needs. Should a standard post and box not be acceptable to the homeowner we are more than happy to install whatever said mailbox the resident chooses to purchase on their own. Please see the United States Postal Service website address for mailbox standards/requirements.

For the most up to date information, please like us on Facebook and check our website. And as always please feel free to call **(847.381.7793)** or email (rebecca@cubaroads.com) and Rebecca Novak will be happy to assist with your questions, comments or concerns.



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

The mid July rain and flooding caused severe damage to many Cuba Township residents. In fact, Lake County received a State disaster proclamation due to the widespread flooding. The disaster proclamation opens the door for Federal assistance. The initial damage assessment, which starts the multi-step disaster recovery process, is now underway. Lake County is working with local municipalities and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to conduct the assessment.

I urge all residents who were impacted by the flood to contact our office. There are avenues available to seek assessment relief, due to the States Disaster Proclamation. My office is there to answer all questions and help those who need assistance. On a personal note, as I inspected the affected areas, it was inspiring to see neighbors, young and old, chipping in to help each other. Whether it was sandbagging, or providing water taxi service, neighborhoods bonded in their common desire to help; it reinforced the idea that tough times can bring people together. So, as cleanup begins, please contact the Assessor's office and see how we can help.

2017 is the last tax cycle that Cuba Township will be on the County Wide, Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal, (CAMA) system. Beginning in 2018 Cuba Township, along with 5 other Townships, will part ways with the Lake County —System, and integrate their own system. We are opting for a system that is specifically designed for Assessors. It will provide us with the latest and most up to date tools uniquely available to Assessors.

We feel this is the first step toward restoring autonomy and transparency in the Assessment process. Without reliving the issues between Lake County and the Township Assessors, suffice it to say the control of the assessments, or loss thereof, was a major issue. Our new, independent CAMA system, restores authority of assessments where it belongs...The Township Assessor. Lake County, through the Chief County Assessment Officer, is rightfully able to make changes. However, no longer will the Township Assessor be denied the ability to perform their elected duties.

Finally a reminder, Saturday Sept 30 from 1-4 is the annual Cuba Township Fall Festival. Please join us for food, games and live music. Hope to see you all out there!