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Barrington, IL 60010

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Thank you from Cuba Cares!

Our food pantry continues to thrive with the help of dedicated volunteers and generous donations. We gladly accept donations of non-perishable, non-expired food items as well as monetary donations during business hours. All donations are tax deductible. Checks should be payable to Cuba Cares, which is a 501c-3 charitable fund.

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. Please check our website for our current food pantry wish list.

We are so very thankful for our continued community support which helps us carry out our mission to help neighbors in need.

Cuba Township email: info@cubatwpil.gov
Office phone: 847-381-1924
Office fax: 847-381-1322
Assessor phone: 847-381-1120
Assessor fax: 847-381-0837
Road District phone: 847-381-7793
Road District fax: 847-382-1210

WWW.CUBATOWNSHIP.COM

Officials

Michael J. Kainz, Supervisor

Nicole E. Knapik, Clerk

Rebecca M. Tonigan, Assessor

T.J. Podgorski, Hwy. Commissioner

Jill Talbot, Trustee

Christopher Parisi, Trustee

Grant Born, Trustee

Paul Dietzen, Trustee

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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

FALL 2018

Clerk, ***NICOLE E. KNAPIK***

IS YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CURRENT?

General Election - Tuesday, November 6th, 2018

For your convenience, all **NEW** registrations, Address changes and requests for Vote by Mail can be made online or in person.

New Registrations or Change of Address: Register by October 9th by visiting ova.elections.il.gov. You will need a Valid Illinois Driver's License or Illinois State ID number, issue date of your ID, the last four digits of your Social Security number and your birth date. You can also register or update your current registration by visiting our office. Two forms of identification with at least one showing your current address will be required. A contractual piece of postmarked mail can be considered a second form.

IF YOU MISS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER OR CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS, YOU CAN STILL DO SO DURING GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION. YOU MUST VOTE AT THAT TIME. FOR A LIST OF EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES, AND TIMES, VISIT lakecountyil.gov

To vote by mail: visit LakeVoterPower.info and enter in your name, address and birthdate. Then select "Request a Ballot by Mail," where you can choose to complete a one-time electronic form or print a paper version to be mailed in. For questions, please call Lake County at 847.377.2406

CUBA TOWNSHIP
CONTACT INFORMATION
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The elected officials of Cuba Township are pleased to
present the 18th annual. . .

FALL FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2018 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.

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

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 21st from 9AM to 4PM.

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



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 Benefit Access 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. You may also register online at the Illinois State Board of Elections' website [ova.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov) while voter registration is open.

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 NICOR 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 typically begins October 1st of each year for seniors, disabled and families with young children and continues through the heating season. December 1st is generally 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 generally only performed if the West Nile Virus 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 Cuba Township 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. 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.

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 gravesites available for sale.

Electronics Recycling is available to Cuba Township residents by appointment only. See Cubaroads.com for eligible items or call 847-381-7793 for an appointment. Additional recycling events for Lake County residents can be found at SWALCO.org

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.

Assessor Services 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.

Supervisor, *MICHAEL J. KAINZ*

I'd like to extend a warm greeting to all Cuba Township residents as we transition into Fall. As I write this on a hot and humid day, waiting for the ground to dry out after another round of intense rainstorms, I remind myself that the crisp days of autumn are right around the corner. We have all been struggling with excessive rainfall for months now; for those of us who have lived here for many years, there is a growing sense that these rain events are becoming more and more normal. This is our localized version of the effects of climate change, just as scientists have predicted for many years.

At the August 2018 meeting of BACOG, there was a growing concern among all municipal leaders in the greater Barrington area that proper storm water management is more important than ever before. As the changing rain patterns bring larger and more damaging levels of water to our homes and businesses, it is imperative that local officials are all on the same page. This is one of the many reasons why local government matters more and more every year: local challenges require local solutions. Cuba Township Roads District Commissioner TJ Podgorski and his crew are a great example of local governments working together to deliver a basic service-the proper maintenance of our roads. Through Inter-Governmental Agreements (IGA's) signed between Cuba and various local communities, the Township is able to provide drainage work, paving work, and snow plowing at a far more cost-effective level than either the county or state.

I am one of the many angry and frustrated taxpayers in this State. As our property taxes seem to rise even higher, the disconnect between county and local assessor's offices has reached a tipping point. Cuba Township's dedicated Assessor, Rebecca Tonigan, has been fighting the good fight for years now on behalf of our township's residents. She and her staff work long and hard every year to make sure your homes are properly and FAIRLY assessed, only to have those numbers thrown out at the whim of an appointed official in Waukegan. Remember that this year as you struggle to pay your property taxes- the solution to cost-effective government begins locally. Please remember that as you vote in this year's mid-term elections on November 6, and send a message downstate and beyond.

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

Once again this year our efforts have been undermined by the Lake County Chief Assessment Office. A 2.05% factor, INCREASING your assessment, was applied to all parcels in Cuba Township. This was done by the Lake County Chief County Assessor. In reviewing your 2018 Assessment notice, the last two columns are, "2018 Township Assessor Valuation", and "2018 Equalized Assessed Valuation". The first column is the Assessed value Cuba Township awarded to your property. In most cases, our research DID NOT indicate an increase. In fact, since 2015 your property values have increased by 1.55 in 2015, 6.62% in 2016, 3.92% in 2017 and now another 2.05% in 2018. This is a cumulative increase of 14.82%. All of these increases have been applied by the CCAO of Lake County, which is shown in the second column, which is your FINAL Assessed value.

Complicating matters further, The Lake County Chief Assessment Officer, prevented any duly ELECTED Township Assessor from equalizing neighborhoods where it was appropriate. Assessors who spent the time and effort to research and apply new, and supported assessments, had their conclusions reversed by The APPOINTED Chief County Assessment officer. In cases where the local Township Assessor lowered the property assessment, The Lake County Chief Assessment Officer, Martin P. Paulson, eliminated the reduction, AND then applied the INCREASED factor to all of the properties. I have proudly served as the Cuba Township Assessor since 2004. Never before has the County intervened in such an intrusive way. It is extremely frustrating being unable to properly carry out the duties of my office. At the end of the day it is the taxpayer, the homeowner who suffers.

I urge all of you to contact your Lake County Board Representative and the Lake County Board Chairman directly. Voice all of your complaints and questions to them. Additionally, I would convey to them that the Lake County Chief Assessment office should be an elected position. I would urge them to ask the Governor not to veto SB2544 which would allow the question to be on the ballot in November. This bill was passed by a super majority in both the House and the Senate. The only way to hold these officials accountable is by voicing our opinions. Collectively, we can make a difference.

Respectfully,
Rebecca M. Tonigan
Cuba Township Assessor

The contact numbers for the CCAO and the Board members are listed below.

Martin P Paulson - CCAO
847-377-2191
mpaulson@lakecountyl.gov

Mike Danforth -Lake County Board Member
District 17
Mdanforth@lakecountyl.gov

Craig Taylor -Lake County Board Member
District 19
ctaylor@lakecountyl.gov

Aaron Lawlor -Lake County Board Chairman
District 18
alawlor@lakecountyl.gov

SHREDDING & ELECTRONICS

RECYCLING EVENT

October 27th, 2018 from 8-Noon

Road District Garage



Free shredding event for residents with proof of identification. For a list of accepted items, please visit www.cubaroads.com/recycling

Cuba Heritage...

By: Barbara L. Benson

Preparing to write this column, I decided to consult my archived copies of the newsletter, and found that my first “Heritage” piece appeared in the Fall 2004 issue. Wow! How time goes by! That first column was devoted to giving residents, especially new residents, an introduction to the township and how it came by its unusual name. From time to time I have recalled those early times, those simple, but hopeful days in the 1850s settlers were establishing their farms, their blacksmith shops, their sawmills, their general stores, and their local government. That Township government was established at the first town meeting held on the first Tuesday in April 1850, by federal law and the laws of the State of Illinois.

First voting to name the Township as Troy, because Troy, New York was the place of origin for many of those settlers, the County Commissioners informed the board that this name was unacceptable since there was already a Township so named in southern Illinois. It was Lewis Bute, one of the first Highway Commissioners who, inspired by the insurrection then taking place on the island of Cuba, in which American troops were involved suggested the name. By what manner this was adopted we don’t know. Was it considered? Was it tossed out semi-facetiously? Perhaps it was meant to honor the Americans then fighting in one of their first “overseas” missions.

The name change would have had to be presented to the commissioners in the County seat, at Waukegan, and that would have meant a day-long ride on horseback, the winding uneven road through Lake Zurich, northeast towards Libertyville and then finding the old original Waukegan road, rutted, gravel and stone, puddles, potholes, so many hazards. But by establishing township government, mandated to provide three services: property assessment, assistance to the needy and road maintenance. Without a local township government residents of this southwestern most corner of the county would have had to make that day-long journey to Waukegan for their personal business needs.

Even today, almost 170 years later, that journey to Waukegan can still be time-consuming, traffic jams, road work, accidents, the delays can be numerous, and that is why for us in the unincorporated areas, our township is necessary for so many reasons, above all, that personal attention offered to residents and their needs. The Fall 2015 issue of Cuba News detailed some of the services now provided by Cuba Township. There are twenty different items on that list, ranging from Handicapped Parking placards applications, to Voter registration, to Passport processing services, and the Cuba Township Food Pantry, which has both staff leadership and volunteers that maintain its services at a very high and confidential level. Except for the originally mandated assistance to the needy, property assessment, and the separate Cuba Road District, there is nothing archaic about our Township government. As long as we are not part of an incorporated municipality, our Township often saves us an aggravating drive to Waukegan in a horseless carriage for many administrative matters that are part of our daily lives now. In another column I will tell one of my Cuba stories, the place I have called home for over thirty years, treasuring its history and people.

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

Firewood Fridays will start October 19th

2 bundles of wood will be loaded in your car every other Friday thru the month of March. Hours of distribution are 7:30-2:30 only at the Road District office (White Farm House). Please use the same firewood tag as previous years.

Township wide brush pick up will begin the week of October 29th.

Please have your brush curbside Monday morning. This service is meant for small quantity of brush (not lot clearing or full tree removals). Our chipper can only accept items smaller than 8” in diameter. We reserve the right to leave your pile curbside if guidelines are not followed.

Mailbox check!

It’s that time to think about snow flying. Check your mailbox to ensure its stability. When we receive phone calls “The snow plow hit my mailbox”, more than likely it’s not the actual snow plow hitting the mailbox. It’s the force of the snow being thrown off the plow which is knocking down the mailbox. Many times the wood post is rotted or metal is weak. The township will evaluate each mailbox and use its discretion as to whether we will replace it. If we choose to replace the mailbox it will be with a standard box and post.

**Follow us on Facebook for
important updates!**

Cuba Township Road District



KNOW WHO TO CALL FOR YOUR ROAD CONCERNS

Although Cuba Township covers approximately 24 SQ miles, that does not mean it has jurisdiction over all roadways. Many of the local Municipalities contract with the Cuba Township Highway Department for road maintenance needs but you would still need to call them with concerns.

If you have concerns regarding items such as Potholes, Water on pavement, Damage to street signs, Road obstructions, Dead animals in roadway or Snowplowing concerns, contact the correct Government agency in which the problem is located and they will contact Cuba Township directly.

Unincorporated Cuba Township:

Cuba Township Highway Department

847.381.7793

Municipalities:

Village of Barrington – 847.304.3400

Village of North Barrington – 847.381-3393

Village of Lake Barrington – 847.381.6010

Village of Barrington Hills – 847.551-3000

Village of Tower Lakes – 847.526.0488

Village of Deer Park – 847.726.1648

County Roads: Roberts, Miller, Kelsey, River

Lake County Department of Transportation

847.377.7400

Email: dot@lakecountyil.gov

State Roads: Rt. 14, Rt. 22, Rt. 59

Illinois Department of Transportation

847.705.4401

Website: www.illinois.gov