

Township board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Township office, 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington. All meetings are open to the public

Cuba News

Summer 2004

Supervisor, *DAVID F. NELSON*

The Township is pleased to provide many services to area residents. Employees and elected officials of Cuba Township are here to serve you. Please feel free to take advantage of any of the services listed below. As always, we are available to you by phone, or feel free to stop by the office for a personal visit. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am—3:30 pm. Office phone—(847) 381-1924, Assessor phone—(847) 381-1322, Road District phone (847) 381-7793

Handicapped parking placards 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 parking card is required, obtain a temporary from the Township, then mail the application to the Secretary of State's office.

R.T.A. applications for passes for senior citizens and disabled citizens 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 half fare on trains and buses.

The Township will take the required picture, complete the application and mail it to the RTA. The RTA will complete the application, then mail the card to you. There is no charge for the service.

Half fare taxi program is available for Township residents who are 65 years of age or older. The Township will pay half of your taxi fare up to \$6.00. Please stop by the office to sign up for this program. Proof of age is required.

Notary public services are offered at no charge.

The Cuba Township food pantry is available to any Township resident indicating a need. Please call the office for more information. Donations are always welcome.

KidCare is a State of Illinois sponsored health insurance program for children and pregnant women not covered by other insurance. A rebate program is available for those on employee sponsored plans. Qualifying income guidelines apply. Please call the Township office for more information or if you would like to apply.

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 call the Township office for more information.

LIHEAP (low income home energy assistance program) and **SHARING** applications are available at the Township office. These programs provide financial assistance, based on income, for heating and electric bills. Funding for these programs will begin in late October/early November. Please call the Township office for more information.

Township vehicle stickers are available at no charge. They are provided for Township residents living in unincorporated areas.

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 conditions. These sirens are intended to be heard outside to warn residents to take cover.

Mosquito abatement services provided by the Township are explained more fully on page 4 of their newsletter.

White Memorial Cemetery is owned and maintained by Cuba Township. A limited number of graves sites are still available. Please call the Township office for more information.

Voter registration is available at the Township office. For more information, please see the Clerk's column on page 2.

Absentee voting is available at the Township office approximately two weeks prior to any election. You must be a Cuba Township resident to vote at the Township office. The next election is November 2, 2004.

The Cuba Cares Fund is a 501(c)(3) charitable fund formed in 2003. Monies donated to this fund are used to help Township residents who do not qualify for other types of financial assistance. All applicants are screened by the General Assistance Coordinator and disbursements are made only once every 12 months to any individual or household. To make a donation, or for other inquiries regarding the Cuba Cares Fund, please call the Township office.

Passport processing services are available at the Township office. We can accept your completed application for a new passport or renewal. Please call the Township office for more details and to make an appointment. Information can also be obtained at www.travel.state.org

Retired flags can be dropped off at the Township office. Through the generosity of Don Thompson and Bob Johnson of VFW Post #7706 and American Legion Post # 158, Cuba Township is collecting flags that need to be retired. The flags are then disposed of at periodic flag burning ceremonies conducted by the regional American Legion and VFW.

Recycling and mulch program are run by the Road District. Please see the Highway Commissioner's column on page 5 for more details.

Clerk, *REBECCA M. TONIGAN*

With summer upon us and students out of school and home from college for the summer, now is a good time to register to vote. The next election is November 2, 2004 and is a presidential election. Additionally, state and federal congressional seats will be on the ballot, as well as local issues yet to be determined.

To register to vote you must:

1. Be 18 years of age or older before the next election.
2. Reside in Lake County for 30 days prior to the election.
3. Provide 2 forms of identification— one must have your current address.

If you have moved within, or into Lake County, since the last election, you will also need to register. Any change of address requires re-registration. To be eligible to vote on November 2, 2004, you must register by October 5, 2004.

If you are a student away at college or are often at a “winter home” during the elections, please call our office for more information on the “Snowbird Program” or “Temporarily Absent Student Programs” Enrollment in both programs will ensure that you are mailed an absentee ballot. Information on both of these programs, as well as additional voting and election information can be obtained from the Lake County Clerk’s website at www.co.lake.il.us or the State Board of Elections website at www.elections.state.il.us.

Rules of the Road Class Offered at Township Office

NEXT CLASS RULES OF THE ROAD

Cuba Township office
28000 W. Cuba Road
Barrington
Wednesday

August 11, 2004
9:30 am—11:00 am
(847)381-1924

Representatives from Secretary of State, Jesse White’s office, will be at Cuba Township to offer the Rules of the Road class. This class is designed for anyone needing to take the Illinois Driver’s Renewal.

Please call the Township at (847) 381-1924 for more information, or to make a reservation.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following Cuba Township residents who were inducted into the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on May 19, 2004. This honor is bestowed yearly on area individuals who have been nominated by local service organizations, clubs and businesses for their exemplary service to the community.

*Miles Cannon, Larissa Eliashevsky, Demetra Giannis,
Judith Heinrich, Carol Kosner,
Dick Kosner and Leonard Kuskowski*

Of special note in this group of individuals are Carol and Dick Kosner. Dick has served as Cuba Township trustee for the past 7 1/2 years. His commitment to the Township and to the Cuba Township Republican Club, which nominated him, are indicative of Dick’s volunteer spirit and commitment to service. His wife Carol is a friend of the Township and has recently volunteered her service to the Township as a health insurance advisor. She was nominated by the Township for these contributions as well as her role in the community as a senior advocate.

Our congratulations to all of these generous individuals and best wishes in all your future endeavors!

Carol and Dick Kosner

Trustees' corner

The Township board of trustees is the legislative branch of township government. The trustees are responsible for establishing township policy, adoption of the annual town budget, as well as departmental budgets, certification of tax levies and approval of all legally incurred expenses.

We are proud of the contributions that the Cuba Township trustees make to their community in addition to serving the township as trustees.

Roberta Svacha has served as a

township trustee for 27 years. Bobbie's other activities include: The League of Women Voters, American Association of Women, Village of North Barrington treasurer and Lake County Deputy Registrar. Bobbie is a 2002 Senior Citizen Hall of Fame honoree.

Arthur L. Rice has served as township trustee for 8 years. Art's other activities include: chairing the Cuba Township Plan Commission, serving on the Cuba Township Budget Review Committee, past board member and past president of the North Barrington Area Association, past Board member of Citizens for Con-

servation, past member of the CUSD 220 Ad Hoc Finance Committee and past member of the CUSD 220 Co-curricular Review Committee. Art was a founding member of the BHS Boys' Lacrosse Club. Presently, Art is serving on the Barrington Area Historical Society board.

Richard J. Kosner has served as township trustee for 7 1/2 years. Dick is responsible for organizing the annual "Have a Heart Food Drive" and overseeing the Cuba Township newsletter publication. He also serves on the 52nd District General Assembly Scholarship Board. He is a past director of the Timberlake Civic

Association (2 terms) and currently co-chairs the Civic Affairs Committee. Dick has coordinated Deputy Registrar training for southwest Lake County and actively supports voter registration throughout Lake County as a Deputy Registrar. Dick is a 2004 Senior Citizens Hall of Fame honoree.

Donald F. Griffith has served as an appointed trustee for 2 years. Don is chairman of the Salem United Methodist Church Preschool, past president and current member of the Barrington Lions and a Lake County Deputy Registrar.



Memorial Day, May 31, 2004, services at the Township's White Memorial Cemetery. VFW Post #7706 and American Legion Post #158 begin every Memorial Day at this historic cemetery on Cuba Road.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday,
October 9, 2004

Cuba Township's Annual Fall Festival

More details in
our fall newsletter

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCREENING

For interested members of the Barrington community, the Village of North Barrington will host a health screening on Friday, July 16, 2004. On that day, Life Line Screening will scan the carotid artery in the neck for plaque build-up, which can lead to stroke (75% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage) and the arteries in the legs for peripheral arterial dis-

ease, which is linked to heart disease. A third test for aneurysms in the aortic vessel in the abdomen will also be available. Life Line will provide bone density screening for men (new screening) and women to test for osteoporosis. This is a prevention program, and with early detection, these problems can be treated. The results are sent di-

rectly to you and referred back to your own doctor. These tests, which are non-invasive, completely painless and take only about 10 minutes each, are offered for \$45 per test. Purchase the 3 vascular screenings for \$99—a savings of \$36. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-407-4557 for your appointment and for more information.

Mosquito Abatement

Cuba Township's integrated approach to mosquito control is designed to greatly reduce the population of both nuisance mosquitoes and mosquitoes that are active carriers of diseases like West Nile Virus. This effort will help foster a healthy and comfortable atmosphere for community residents.

The Township's multi-step program emphasizes control of the mosquito larvae in their breeding sites to prevent the development of the adult mosquito. Larval control begins early in the season with an aerial survey of the Township to map potential breeding sites - retention ponds, drainage ditches, wetlands or low areas that tend to hold water.

Our mosquito control contracting company, Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management of Roselle, then inspects these breeding sites for the presence of larvae - pre-flight mosquitoes that hatch from eggs in standing water. Areas found to have breeding mosquitoes are then treated with larvicides either on the ground or via helicopter. This will prevent a large percentage of mosquito larva from maturing.

Even with this early response program, Cuba Township needs homeowners to be vigilant about draining standing water in their yards. As much as 10 percent of a community's mosquitoes may come

from backyard breeding areas. Bird baths and children's pools should have water changed on a weekly basis. Gutters, flowerpots and even garbage cans, all of which can be breeding grounds for mosquitoes, should be emptied of all water. Chlorinated backyard pools should be working properly, checked at all times, and tended by a neighbor when the resident is on vacation. Standing water that is not reabsorbed into your yard after 7 days should be reported to the "Mosquito Hotline".

The "Mosquito Hotline" is the citizen response system installed by Clarke to help residents report standing water, answer questions about mosquito control and obtain information regarding the West Nile Virus. The "Mosquito Hotline" can be reached toll-free at 800.942.2555.



Good Shepherd Hospital Senior Advocate Program

Good Shepherd Hospital has much to offer area seniors. The Senior Advocate program has a menu of services to assist seniors in many ways.

Medicare Counseling is conducted by appointment and allows one on one conversation to assist making sense of medical bills. Additionally, *health education programs* are available to improve lifestyle choices and manage chronic diseases, such as diabetes.

Occasional screenings and annual flu shot clinics are held in the early fall, as well as the popular *AARP Driver's Safety Course*. Good Shepherd Hospital can also assist by providing *information on resources for seniors* in the community. A *transportation service* operates Monday- Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, for a nominal fee. For more information on any of these services, please call (847) 842-7277.

Highway Commissioner, *THOMAS W. GOOCH*

On Gravel and Taxes and Gravel Taxes, Oh My!

Every year we seem to receive a lot of questioning, (and rightfully so) regarding an item appearing on everyone's tax bill which is called the "gravel tax". The question is always: why we need that amount of money to buy gravel and what could we possibly do with all that gravel? Pretty good questions—pretty confusing name. I have asked various county employees at the county to change the name of this tax on the tax bills many times. Sometimes I think I'm speaking to someone on another planet. I'll keep at it.

In the old days- which I seem to be referring to and thinking of more and more, (could I be aging?), the tax did buy gravel, all of the roads in the township were gravel or dirt and that tax was used to buy gravel every year to grade and top dress the roads, every year a lucky farmer got fresh gravel in front of his farm and maybe a dirt road was upgraded. In current times the legal name of this tax is the "permanent road maintenance tax" and it funds virtually all operations of your road district, from labor to material to capital equipment and depreciation allowances. We are very grateful to you for it and always try to manage it wisely and frugally. If anyone wants to discuss this tax further please call me here at 847 381 7793 or at home in the evening at 847 382 1224.

The work never ends.....

We are continuing to do a lot here, our operations have expanded, and we have completed many projects over the past two years which I will detail for you in our fall newsletter with photos. We have many more projects underway and more planned. Seems like there is water everywhere and we are trying to solve a lot of drainage problems.

We have started re-cycling now on three items, old electronics, tires and paint. For now electronics and tires may be brought here during the day. We are planning a fall paint can collection day and will furnish everyone dates. Our mulch program was very popular this spring until curtailed by the rains in May. We delivered over 100 loads of mulch and a lot of people picked it up here at the yard. Hopefully everything will dry out and we can resume Friday deliveries. We are always looking for wood chips to make into mulch—ask your tree service to bring your chips here if you have a tree taken down- THANKS. We are equal opportunity- doesn't make a difference what Village you live in if your home is within the Township boundaries, *this mulch is for you!* By the time of our fall festival we will have large quantities of oak firewood available to give away. We'll keep you posted on the dates.

As this newsletter is published we are out in the township and within the boundaries of our municipal partners patching roads, paving, rebuilding shoulders, installing storm drain and whole systems, as well as mowing shoulders, replacing driveway culverts, other drainage structures and in general trying to make the areas we are responsible for more attractive. In addition to the township roads we do the snow operations and road maintenance including signage in the Villages of Tower Lakes and Lake Barrington and are justly proud of the excellent intergovernmental cooperation we share with these villages. Last winter we added Deer Park for snow removal. We hope to expand our services further to local township villages.

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WWW.CUBATOWNSHIP.COM

Officials

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SENIOR LAW DAY

WHAT: SENIOR LAW DAY

WHY: To learn more about the Courts and the
Legal system

WHEN: Thursday, September 23, 2004

WHERE: Lake County Courthouse
18 n. County St.
Waukegan

WHO: Any Lake County Senior

TIME: 8:30 am to noon

HOW: Sign up for this event with your Township Supervisor. Please call the Township office at (847) 381-1924 to make your reservation