



Barrington Township

R E P O R T E R

October 2010

From the desk of Supervisor Gene Dawson

Dear Residents,

The fast-approaching holiday season makes this the ideal time to recognize and thank the many individuals and organizations who do so much to make Barrington the place we are proud to call home.

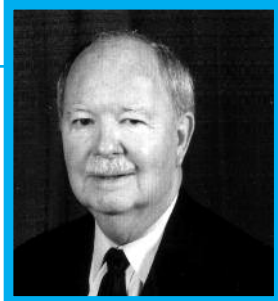
First and foremost we want to thank the many individuals and organizations that have contributed to the Township Food Pantry. Without your help we would be hard pressed to serve the folks in our Township who need help. Please continue to keep us in mind.

Special thanks go to: the caring individuals from **Baird and Warner Realty** who stood outside of the Barrington Jewel this summer passing out lists of items needed by the food pantry. Their efforts resulted in a donation of several large boxes of much needed items; **Dr. David Crosson from ChiroFit** who collected items for the food pantry from several community groups; numerous **Barrington High School clubs and organizations** that collected items for the pantry this fall; and our **generous area gardeners** who donated hundreds of pounds of fresh produce from their gardens this summer.

We wish to congratulate Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois on the opening of the Pepper Family Hospice Home and Center for Care. Barrington and surrounding communities are truly blessed to have such a facility available to us, our families and friends.

Due to the timing of this newsletter, we wish everyone in the Barrington area a **Safe and Happy Holiday Season.**

*Gene Dawson,
Supervisor, Barrington Township*



Books and Blankets, Turkeys and Toys: All Part of Making Holiday Wishes Come True for Area Families

Each December, an army of **Barrington Giving Day** volunteers, with Executive Director Pat Karon – herself a 28 year Giving Day volunteer – at the helm, undertake the Herculean task of providing food, warm coats, books, blankets and gifts for low income families in the Barrington School District 220 area. In 2009, 723 District 220 families, which included 1,534 children pre-K through 12th grade, benefitted from this immense community effort. No one is forgotten, including qualifying seniors who receive gift baskets with gift items specially selected by Pat Karon herself – including \$50 toward their heating bill.



Financial gifts are urgently needed to serve all those who qualify for this program. Funds are used to purchase food, grocery gift certificates, warm coats for children, books, blankets, and hygiene products. Checks may be made payable to Barrington Giving Day, c/o John Paul Hills, Barrington Bank & Trust, 201 S. Hough Street, Barrington, IL 60010. Go to www.barringtongivingday.org for further information.

Adopt a Family: A festive meal and brightly wrapped packages under the tree are what holiday memories are made of. But the increasingly difficult economy has made that holiday memory-making an impossible task for many parents and older residents. You can help by adopting an area family that is struggling to make ends meet. Church and community groups, families and individuals are all invited to adopt a family and purchase gifts and/or food items. Call Barb at the Township, (847) 381-5632 for details.

Others ways to help: Donate a turkey or a ham. Purchase gift cards from local groceries and retail stores. Bring new, unwrapped toys, games, winter hats and mittens to the Township. Your gifts of food, clothing and toys, and most of all your gift of caring, means more to the grateful recipients than you can imagine.



BACOA Honors 16 Seniors for Community Service

Sixteen senior citizens were inducted into the 15th annual Barrington Area Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on May 19 at Lake Barrington Woods.

BACOA's Hall of Fame honors outstanding older adults from the Barrington area for their service to enhance the quality of life in the community. Seniors are nominated by local service organizations, churches, health care providers, nonprofits, the arts and local governments.

This year's honorees are (front row, left): Judith Stone, Barrington Youth and Family Services; Roxy Pepper, Barrington Park District; Dee Beaubien, Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois; Faye Sinnott, Friends of the Barrington Area Library; Barbara Bond, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital Volunteer Services; and Jane Dawson, Barrington Township; (back row, left) Frederica Smith Pederson, Barrington Area Council on Aging; Patsy Mortimer, Citizens for Conservation; Catherine Cartland Mura, Barrington Chapter-Lyric Opera of Chicago; James Boyd, First Church of Christ Scientist; David Nelson, Village of Barrington; Joseph Kelsch Sr., Barrington Area Ministerial Association; Jim Otis, Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club; Richard Pepper, St. Michael's Episcopal Church; Gene Dawson, Barrington Area Council of Governments; and Dick Hicks, Barrington Career Center.

At the Township . . .

Barrington Township offers a variety of services to the community and its residents:

■ Handicapped parking placards

Temporary cards available through the Township; permanent handicapped parking placards are available only from the Secretary of State's office.

■ Free notary service

■ Voter registration

Taken daily at the Township, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Two forms of identification, at least one of which must show your current address, are required.

■ Food pantry

Available to qualifying Township residents. Donations of non-perishable food items are always appreciated.

Call the Township at (847) 381-5632 for further information about any of these services.

■ The Angel Fund

Money donated by individuals is available to Township residents who do not qualify for financial assistance elsewhere. Financial assistance is in the form of a voucher, and is available only once a year per family.

If you would like to contribute, make your tax deductible check payable to: "Angel Fund-Barrington Township", and send to Barrington Township, 602 S. Hough Street, Barrington, Illinois 60010

■ Drop-off center for old eyeglasses

to be recycled by the Lions Club

■ Drop-off center for old flags

to be disposed of properly

Early Voting Available at the Township Starting October 12

Area residents who wish to cast their ballot before the November 2 General Election may do so at Barrington Township from Tuesday, October 12 through Thursday, October 28. Early voting hours at the Township are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday.

Those who have never registered to vote, or who have moved, changed their name or turned 18 years of age must register by Tuesday, October 5th in order to be eligible to vote in the election.

Registration is quick and easy. Just bring two pieces of identification, at least one of which must have your current address, to the Barrington Township office, 602 S. Hough Street. Voter registration is available Monday through Friday from 8:30-a.m.-12:00 noon; and 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Help is Available to Pay Winter Heating Bills

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a state-funded program designed to help low income residents pay their wintertime heating bills.



The income guidelines to qualify for this assistance is based on the number of people in the family and the **total** household income from all individuals living in the home. This program is based solely on gross income before taxes – no other criteria apply. If you are struggling to make ends meet, you may qualify for this assistance.

Gross monthly household income guidelines are:

1 person	\$1,354
2 people	\$1,821
3 people	\$2,289
4 people	\$2,756

Qualifying individuals will receive a credit on their gas and/or electric bill to help defray the cost of winter heating bills. This assistance is available to both homeowners and renters.

Senior citizens age 60 and over and disabled individuals were able to apply beginning September 1. Families with children five years and younger may begin applying as of October 1. Individuals and low income families may begin applying on November 1.

Call the Township at (847) 381-5632 for further information.

Barrington Area Council of Governments Lobbies Successfully for Local Governments' Right to Lower Speed Limits, Receive Notification of Vacated Homes

BACOG lobbies the State Legislature on bills that affect, in a positive or negative way, our local townships, municipalities and taxpayers. Each year, the BACOG Legislative Committee develops a Legislative Platform that sets priorities such as protecting local government financial viability, preserving local government decision-making, and protecting environmental resources.



This year, BACOG's Legislative Platform included a position to allow local governments to set appropriate speed limits, lower than currently allowed on some roads, to protect the public safety. BACOG was successful in initiating and passing SB 2804, a bill that accomplished this goal. The new

law will allow local governments to respond to identified hazards such as hidden driveways, hilly conditions and known accident rates by setting the maximum speed limit to as low as 25 mph on roads in low density residential areas. BACOG Board members, Legislative Committee members including Supervisor Gene Dawson, and Executive Director Janet Agnoletti worked for passage of the bill in Springfield. The votes were unanimous in both houses. The Governor signed SB 2804 into law on July 2nd.

Last year, BACOG had success with a foreclosure initiative. Our member governments were concerned about the high number of vacant homes due to foreclosures and not knowing where these properties were located. The Legislative Platform contained a position urging notification to townships and municipalities of foreclosures. Notification would allow the local government to take steps to ensure the

[From the Assessor's Office](#) **Thinking of Appealing Your Assessment?**

By now all taxpayers should have received their reassessment notices for the 2010 tax year. We have seen both increases and decreases on the reassessment notices. Residents who wish to file an appeal with the Board of Review will be able to do so once our Township is open for appeals. We currently do not have dates for Barrington Township with the Board of Review. Please check our website, www.barringtontownship.com or call our office (847) 381-5632 to see when we will be open for appeals. We will have a 30 day appeal period once we are open, so please watch the dates carefully.

Barrington Township has seen new businesses open this past year. We welcome all new businesses to Barrington Township, including new businesses in town and many new shops at the Arboretum in South Barrington. We wish you all much success in your business.

Amy Nykaza, CIAO, Barrington Township Assessor

vacant properties were not vandalized or deteriorating. BACOG drafted language that would provide such notice, and our members worked with other organizations with similar interests towards passing the notification provision. The language was included in a more comprehensive foreclosure bill, SB 1894, that was signed into law on December 31, 2009.

The Legislative Committee is now working on the 2011 BACOG Legislative Platform. Your local officials will discuss their concerns and issues that may arise in the Legislature next year. They will work with other Councils of Governments and organizations such as the Illinois Municipal League to represent a strong local government "voice". The platform will be sent to each township and village board for their approval this November, to be ready to present to our state and federal legislators in January 2011.

News of Interest From Cook County Commissioner Gregg Goslin

News of special interest to Barrington Township residents:

■ **Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program:** The Cook County Board recently authorized the establishment of the Circuit Court of Cook County Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program in an effort to help families throughout Cook County who are in foreclosure. Homeowners who have received a foreclosure summons from the Circuit Court of Cook County can call the toll-free help line at (877) 895-2444 (312-836-5222) to schedule a free meeting with a housing counselor. There is no charge to participate in this program.

■ **Tighter Ethics Requirements** in Cook County government were approved by the Cook County Board in early September, as several amendments sponsored by Commissioner Goslin were passed. Commissioner Goslin has sponsored many changes to the Ethics Ordinance that are now law, including new reporting requirements for lobbyist activity, limitations on contributions to elected officials and candidates, and higher fines for ethics violations, especially related to accepting illegal contributions

■ **Controlled Burns in our Forest Preserves:** Prescribed burns are essential for the health of the forest preserves. Just like human beings, ecosystems have special requirements for staying healthy. Ecosystems need food, air, water, and as strange as it may sound, our local woodlands also need fire to survive. A prescribed burn is the process of using fire under tight restrictions to burn the ground cover in the native ecosystems found in our forest preserves.

For more information about any Cook County related matter, Commissioner Goslin invites you to call him at (847) 729-9300 or email commissionergoslin@cookcountygov.com.



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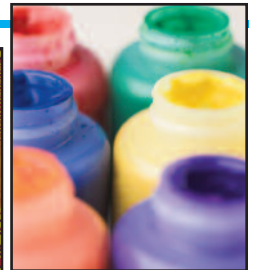
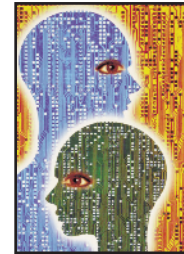
Fall Chipping Schedule for Unincorporated Barrington Township

Chipping in the
unincorporated area is
scheduled for
Thursday, October 7.

- Brush and branches must be loose, not tied.
- Brush must be dirt-free (no stumps).
- No leaves or grass clippings will be collected.
- Brush should be stacked along the roadway with thick end toward the street.
- DO NOT stack brush higher than 12 inches.
- Branches must be no thicker than six inches in diameter.

'Sample the Arts' Coming to Barrington in October

The Barrington Area United Way has created an exciting art partnership with its "Sample the Arts" project, an opportunity for local artists to showcase their canvas and other "indoor" art at sponsored businesses and organizations around the Greater Barrington Area.



"The success of our 2009 RoundUp public art exhibition that featured beautifully decorated full size fiberglass horse sculptures motivated us to create another community event with local businesses partnering with local artists in creating a 'community canvas' of art exhibits throughout the community" said Executive Director, Leslie Luther-Jeschke. "Over 25 artists from the Barrington area will participate and the artwork will be exhibited in businesses during the month of October." Postcards and maps will be distributed for area residents to view all art work at sponsored locations.

Barrington Area United Way will partner with the Barrington Cultural Commission to host an October 14th Sample the Arts Walk and Reception from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Ice House Mall. This event will also honor the first anniversary of the Barrington Cultural Commission. Sample the Arts will culminate with the Art Auction Event to be held on November 6th at the Onion Pub of Lake Barrington. Catalyst Exhibits, Inc. will be donating their time and talent to transform the location into a vibrant art gallery and auction venue.

Barrington Area United Way gratefully acknowledges the support of local businesses in making this project a success: Platinum level sponsors Harris Bank, Barrington Bank and Trust, and Catalyst Exhibits, Inc.

For more information on the Sample the Arts Walk and Reception and the Sample the Arts Auction Event, contact the BAUW office at (847) 382-8778 or visit their website, www.bauw.org.

Remember to Check Out Our Website!

Don't forget Barrington Township now has a website! Our website, www.barringtontownship.com is a great source for finding information regarding the Township's programs and services, as well as the latest updates from the Assessor's office. Our current and past newsletters are also on the website.

