



Barrington Township

R E P O R T E R

February 2011

From the desk of Township Supervisor Gene Dawson

Happy New Year to all of our residents!

We have been blessed this past year with the many contributions by our organizations, groups and individuals who have donated to our Food Pantry and Angel Fund. Check the column to the right for a list of those to whom we are most grateful for making the season brighter for so many of our residents who are struggling with job, health, or financial concerns.



Wendy Schourek presents Supervisor Gene Dawson with an American flag flown over the military base in Iraq.

Needless to say, we have never forgotten those who provide us the Freedom that we enjoy. In that light, Barrington Township adopted the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army stationed in Iraq. At our Board meeting in December we were very pleased and humbled to have Wendy Schourek, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Eric Schourek, present the Township with an American flag which was flown over their base in Iraq. In addition, we were also presented a Certificate of Authenticity of the flying of the flag. Our contribution of toiletries, candy and miscellaneous personal items were well received by the soldiers and it was just a sample of the THANKS they deserve for what they do for us on a daily basis. Let us all hope and pray that they all return home safely. When you see someone in uniform, please thank them for what they do.

Sincerely,

*Gene Dawson, Supervisor,
Barrington Township*

Helping Families Make Holiday Memories, Giving Generously to Make Wishes Come True

What does it take to make the holiday season a joyful one? For those facing serious health issues or life-changing financial concerns during these difficult economic times, it takes caring individuals and organizations who find joy in reaching out and sharing with those who are less fortunate. We at Barrington Township extend our heartfelt thanks to all of those who gave so generously this past holiday season to neighbors in need.

The Barrington Area Soccer Association: Food drive outside Jewel grocery stores

Ice House Mall: Food drive

Barrington Noon Rotary: provided gifts for families as well as a check to purchase items for the Township food pantry

Barrington area churches: Donations of food and cash for the pantry

Good Shepherd Hospital: Turkeys

Dr. Crosson, ChiroFit: Year round donations of food for the pantry

Jennifer Michael's Salon: Food donations

Barrington Giving Day: Bags of food and gift cards for seniors

Supply & Equipment Food Service Alliance: Thanksgiving basket for a family

Sotheby's International Realty, North

Barrington: Donation of gifts for families coordinated by Heidi Seagren Barringer

The many donations of turkeys, hams, food baskets, cash, toys, gifts and gift cards by area individuals, families and organizations meant more to the grateful recipients than you can imagine.

BACOG Facilitates Private Well Water Quality Testing For Residents on March 7th – 16th



Nearly all Barrington area households receive their water from the shallow aquifers and bedrock that lie within the first several hundred feet below ground surface. Most households rely on private wells that serve just one or two households. But while the municipal water supply provided by the village is routinely tested according to state and federal requirements, there is NO regulation for routine testing of private wells. That means that those who rely on private wells are responsible for making sure their water is safe to drink.

Households with private wells are advised to test for bacteria and nitrates on an annual basis to detect if these invisible, odorless contaminants are present which can cause sickness in humans. Last September, over 200 residents completed their annual test through the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) testing program, and over 15% of samples were found to be contaminated with bacteria.

Between March 7-11, homeowners can pick up a test kit and instructions at the BACOG office at 118 Applebee Street, or at a BACOG member township or village hall. The reduced cost to BACOG residents is \$10 per water quality test kit. 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. Samples will only be collected on Monday, March 14th, between 3:30-8:00 p.m., and March 16th between 4:00-8:00 p.m., at the Barrington High School cafeteria. Samples will be transported to the county laboratory by BACOG the following day.

Come to Barrington High School at 6:00 p.m. on March 14th to hear water professionals give a short informational session on well and septic, water quality issues and water supply. You will be able to ask questions of the experts and also hear about opportunities to test your water for other contaminants at no or reduced costs through BACOG's "Water Quality Testing Network." For additional information, call the water quality testing hotline at (847) 306-9678 or go to www.bacog.org

News of Interest to Township Residents From Cook County Commissioner Gregg Goslin

With the new Cook County Board leadership taking office last month, Commissioner Gregg Goslin believes there is an exciting opportunity to reinvent the way the county operates. "The urgent financial crisis has created an environment where necessary changes are possible," he reports.

Priorities Commissioner Goslin will support in the coming months include the full repeal of the sales tax increase, long term financial planning (a change from the current budget process which only considers one-year at a time), combining county departments by centralizing certain county services and improving the efficiency of the criminal justice system.

A mechanism has been created for residents to participate in this discussion by sharing their ideas about how to improve county services and to send their cost-saving ideas via the "Make Cook County More Efficient" window at www.cookcountygov.com.

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.

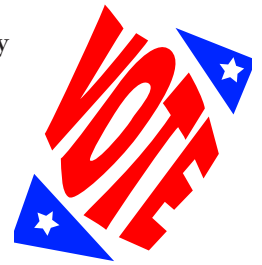
Register by March 8 to Vote In April 5 Election

Illinois residents will go to the polls on Tuesday, April 5 to elect candidates to a variety of local and state offices.

Those who have never registered to vote, or who have moved, changed their name or turned 18 years of age must register by Tuesday, March 8 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 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Early voting sites: Early voting sites in the Barrington Township area have not been announced as of press time. Check local newspapers and the Cook County Clerk's website, www.cookcountyclerk.org in the coming weeks.



From the Assessor's Office

Deadline for Property Assessment Appeals is February 10

Barrington Township will be open for appeals with the Board of Review until February 10. Taxpayers who would like to file an appeal for the 2010 tax year with the Board of Review can do so during the appeal period. Forms can be found online at www.cookcountyboardofreview.com, or here at the Township office. You may contact the Assessor's office with any questions regarding filing an appeal, we can be reached at 847-381-5632.

First installment tax bills for 2010 will be due April 1. This is a month later than the usual date for the first installment bills due to the second installment bills for 2009 being sent out so late. Just a reminder, these first installment bills are 55% of the previous years bills.

Amy Nykaza, CIAO,
Barrington Township Assessor

Community News, Events & Information Of Special Interest to Township Residents

Senior Lunch: The Barrington Area Council on Aging has announced several changes to its **Monday Senior Lunch and Activity Program**. Hoffman House is the new lunch caterer, and the program is now offering cards and games—including board games and Wii Bowling—twice a month.

The Monday Lunch and Activity Program is held at the Barrington Park District, 235 Lions Drive, Barrington. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.; bingo begins at 11:00 a.m.; lunch is served at noon. Game days will end at 2:00 p.m.

Suggested donation for the Monday lunch program is \$6.00. However, if underwriting is unavailable for special

programs, there may be an increase in the suggested donation. Registration and prepayment are required; please call Linda Avellon BACOA at (847) 852-3892. Monthly program schedules are available on BACOA's Web site at www.bacoa.org.

The AARP Income Tax Assistance program is once again being offered by the Barrington Area Council on Aging. A trained AARP volunteer will assist seniors with their income



taxes at the BACOA office at the Prairieview Building at The Garlands of Barrington, 6000 Garlands Lane, Suite 100. Assistance is by appointment only and will run from early February through April.

Appointments fill quickly, so call as early as possible to schedule an appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call BACOA at (847) 381-5030.

“Strong Parents = Strong Youth” will be presented by the Barrington Area Drug Prevention Coalition on Thursday, February 3, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Barrington High School Auditorium. The panel discussion will address underage drinking:

- Dr. Tom Leonard with Community Unit School District 220 Illinois Youth Survey data
- The Honorable Christopher Stride, presenting the laws related to hosting parties for youth
- Experts from Advocate Condell and local law enforcement
- BHS students present their strategies to stay drug-free

Join the Barrington Area Drug Prevention Coalition in strengthening the health and wellness of our community, our families and ourselves. Visit www.badpc.org for a meeting schedule and ideas on how to get involved! Together we can make a difference!

Barrington Township Takes on A State-wide Leadership Role

Barrington Township Supervisor Gene Dawson was recently elected to the office of President of the Township Supervisors of Illinois (TSI). Township Supervisors of Illinois is a division of Township Officials of Illinois (TOI), whose mission is to provide education and direction to all of the 1432 Township Supervisors in the state. As President of TSI, Supervisor Dawson automatically becomes a member of the Township Officials of Illinois Board as well.

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.

■ 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

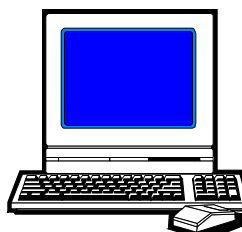
■ Drop-off center for old eyeglasses to be recycled by the Lions Club

■ Drop-off center for old flags to be disposed of properly

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

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.





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**Barrington Township/
 Cuba Township
 Tenth annual
 "Have a
 Heart"
 Food Drive**

**February 12, 2011
 9:00 a.m. –
 12:00 noon**

**Drop off your non-perishable food items
 and household paper goods
 between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at:**

**Barrington Countryside Fire Station #1
 Public Safety Building
 400 N. Northwest Highway, Barrington, IL**

**Note: Early or late drop offs can be made inside the front door.
 Donations either before or after February 12 may be dropped off at
 the Barrington Township offices, 602 S. Hough Street**

Voter registration will be available.

Volunteer helpers will gladly unload your donations!
 Stop in for coffee and cookies!
 Take a tour!

**The Barrington area communities have been very generous,
 BUT THE NEED IS GREATER THAN EVER**

**Your donations will benefit residents from both Barrington Township
 and Cuba Township who need short term assistance from the food
 pantry in order to feed their families.**

Both non-perishable food items and checks are gratefully accepted.

Needed items include:

- peanut butter • jelly • dry cereal
- canned prepared meats • canned tuna & chicken • canned fruit • dried pasta • tomato sauce • instant coffee
- microwave popcorn
- fruit juice • snack foods • cookies
- laundry detergent • toilet paper
- paper towels • napkins • feminine hygiene products • Toiletries
- Toothpaste • Tooth brushes
- \$10 gift cards to grocery stores and gas stations

Checks made out to Barrington Township's Angel Fund can be accepted at the drop-off location.

The officials of Barrington Township and Cuba Township would like to thank the residents of the Barrington area for their continued support.

A special thanks to the Barrington Countryside Fire Department for their assistance.