



Barrington Township

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April 2010

From the desk of Supervisor Gene Dawson

Dear Residents,

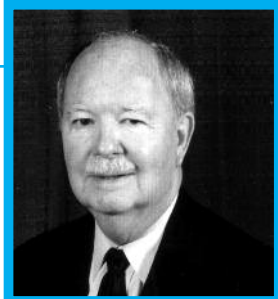
As of January 1, Barrington Township and Cuba Township assumed the responsibility for financing the Barrington-area Pace Dial-a-Ride bus service for seniors and those with special needs.

Previously, the Village of Barrington held the service's contract. Late last year, the two townships and the Barrington Area Council on Aging worked together to create a new agreement to keep the service operating during 2010 and beyond.

The townships and BACOA will continue to meet periodically to review ridership and emerging transportation needs of area residents. Barrington-area Pace service and schedules will not be changed under the new arrangement.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all of those who took part in our annual Have a Heart Food Drive. The decrease in the number of donations received this year is a clear indication of the difficulty many people are having in feeding their own families during this economic downturn. Please remember that donations of non-perishable food, paper goods and personal care items are appreciated throughout the year, especially during the summer months when school groups and scout troops are not organizing food drives. Call the Township at (847) 381-5632 to check on the current most urgent needs for the pantry. We deeply appreciate all that our residents do to assist their neighbors in need.

*Gene Dawson,
Supervisor, Barrington Township*



Co-Existing with Coyotes: Uninvited Guests Who Have Made Themselves At Home in the Suburbs

Have you noticed that coyotes have become increasingly bold and brazen? They are no longer a hunted animal and therefore have lost their fear of humans.

Coyotes are sometimes seen during daylight hours, but are most often on the prowl from dusk to dawn. They are often described as having a German Shepherd-like appearance, with long-thin legs, a tapered muzzle and long pointed ears. Their fur ranges from dull yellow to gray. When their preferred food source of small rodents, rabbits and mice is scarce, they may be attracted to pet food left out at night.

Reports of "dog snatchings" by coyotes are on the increase. Small dogs left unattended and off leash can look like inviting prey to a coyote.

Ten tips for preventing coyote encounters:

1. Keep small pets (cats, small dogs and other pets) indoors or walk them on a leash from dusk until dawn. Coyotes are afraid of YOU. Making noise or throwing things will scare the coyote away.
2. Feed your pets indoors. Or if you feed them outdoors, do so during the day and be sure you never leave pet food out at night.
3. Make sure trash is not left outside in bags and that all trash cans have secure lids. Coyotes don't want your garbage - they want the other wild animals that like to forage in garbage cans.
4. Install motion sensitive lights in your back yard and around your house.
5. Don't leave fruit, berries or
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News of Interest From Cook County Commissioner Gregg Goslin

News of special interest to Barrington Township residents:

■ **Improvements in nearby Deer Grove East:** The Deer Grove East restoration project has come a long way since work began October 1, 2009. As the heavy work winds up, which has to be done when the ground is frozen, there has been measurable progress in this restoration effort.

The last of the reforestation area clearing (17.95 acres) has been completed and crews are finishing up chipping and removing the remaining wood that is on the ground and grinding stumps down to ground level. The last of the planned drainage tile abandonment work has been completed and the drainage tiles in the project area were disabled. Wetland types that are being restored and enhanced include open water, sedge meadow, and wet prairie.

The 5-year restoration of Deer Grove East will ultimately allow Deer Grove East Forest Preserve to retain additional groundwater and reduce the risk of flooding to nearby communities, provide opportunities for environmental education programs, and increase public awareness of the importance of natural areas. All of the restoration work implemented to date and planned for the next 5 years will not diminish or otherwise impact the existing FPDCC improvements (trails, parking areas, picnic shelters) at Deer Grove East. The restoration project is funded through a grant from Openlands in conjunction with the Army Corps.

■ **Earth Day Celebrations at Crabtree Nature Center, April 17 & 18 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Hike the stations along the walkway to learn how easy it is to “be green.” For more information about Earth Day events or volunteer opportunities, call Commissioner Goslin’s office.

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

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

Get the Scoop Before You Dig



Before you turn that first spade of dirt for a new deck, fence, pool or any other outdoor project, remember to call J.U.L.I.E. at 1-800-892-0123. One free call does it all to protect you from accidentally digging where utility lines are buried.

J.U.L.I.E. representatives will come to your home free of charge and mark the location of buried telephone, cable, gas, electric, and water and sewer lines. The law requires that you notify J.U.L.I.E. before doing any outdoor digging for new construction projects.

J.U.L.I.E. personnel will give you a “dig number.” Be sure to write it down since it serves as proof of your call. For further information, call J.U.L.I.E. or visit www.illinois1call.com.

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compost on the ground or uncovered. Pick up fruit that falls to the ground.

6. Keep compost piles securely covered. Cover new compost material with soil or lime to prevent it from smelling. Never include animal matter in your compost; it attracts coyotes. If burying food scraps, cover them with at least 12 inches of soil.

7. Don’t overflow bird feeders. Hang them high or in areas that are not accessible to coyotes.

8. NEVER feed coyotes or any wildlife. Coyotes that are fed by people often lose their fear of humans and develop a territorial attitude that may lead to aggressive behavior.

9. Clear brush and vegetation to remove habitat for small animals that may attract coyotes and to remove areas where coyotes can hide while stalking their prey.

10. Always keep pets on a leash when walking in parks, forest preserves or residential areas.



Residents in the unincorporated area who feel that a coyote or other wild animal may have rabies should contact Cook County Animal Control at (708) 974-6140, or visit www.urbancoyotereseach.com. Animal Control personnel will tranquilize the animal and check for rabies.

Community Events & Information of Special Interest

Build Your Own Rain Garden

Members of the Citizens for Conservation Community (CFC) Education Committee will discuss beautiful rain garden projects in their own Barrington-area yards. Learn how simple it is to build your own rain garden. Protect our groundwater, reduce pollution, and reduce flooding while enjoying a colorful, low-maintenance garden. The program will be held on April 24 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Barrington Area Library, 505 N. Northwest Highway. The program is free and open to the public, but reservations are appreciated. Call CFC at (847) 382-SAVE. Come for coffee at 9:00 a.m. and stay for questions afterwards.

Calling All Green Thumbs -- Please Plant an Extra Row for the Giving Garden

Last year, Barrington Township gardeners donated hundreds of pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables that were given to very grateful Food Pantry clients, most of whom rarely if ever have the opportunity to enjoy the delights of food fresh from a home garden.



This program, known as the "Giving Garden," is a way for those who love to grow things to share their delicious home-grown harvest with those who otherwise would not have access to such wonderful fresh vegetables.

If you would like to participate in the 2010 Giving Garden,

simply drop off your homegrown fruits and vegetables at the Township office, 602 S. Hough Street in Barrington. We will happily distribute them to our Food Pantry clients.

Are You Registered to Vote?

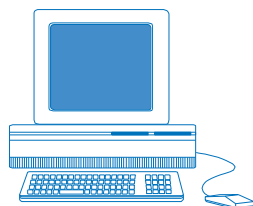
If you have moved, changed your name, or will turn 18 years of age prior to the upcoming November 2, 2010 election, you will need to register or re-register to vote.

Registering is quick and easy. Just stop by the Barrington Township office between 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, and 1:00 -4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with two forms of identification.

Look for Us on the Web!

Within the next couple of weeks, Barrington Township will have a website. Our website address is www.barringtontownship.com. You will be able to find important information regarding the Township and the Assessor's office. In addition, our newsletter, the *Barrington Township Reporter*, will also be available online.

Check it out.



Take Charge of Your Health

The Barrington Area Council on Aging, in partnership with AgeOptions and Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, is offering "Take Charge of Your Health!" a free health education class for adults 60 and over.



The six-week class will be held Fridays, April 2 - May 7 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Friday, April 16 from 10:30-12:30 a.m. All classes will be held in the Community Room at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, 450 W. Highway 22, Barrington. The program is based on Stanford University's Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, which has proved effective in improving the health outcomes of participants.

Topics covered in the six-part course will include: Coping with fatigue, frustration, pain and isolation that may be related to ongoing health conditions; Exercising to maintain and improve strength, flexibility and endurance; Using medications; Communicating with family, friends and health professionals; Practicing good nutrition; Evaluating new treatment options. For more information or to register, call Sue or Diane in Social Services at BACOA at (847) 381-5030.

From the Assessor's Office

Update on Tax Bills and Exemptions

By now all Barrington Township residents should have received and paid your first installment tax bill for the 2009 tax year. As you may have noticed, this bill was 55% of the previous years tax bill as opposed to 50% as it has been in the past. This was due to legislation passed in Springfield. When you receive your second installment bill in the fall, please check your bill carefully to make sure you are receiving any exemptions you are entitled to. Exemptions are listed on the second installment bills.

Senior Freeze Exemption applications were due March 3. If you are a senior who qualifies for the Senior Freeze Exemption and did not receive an application, please call the Barrington Township Assessor's office. To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older, reside full time in your residence and have a total household income of \$55,000 or less.

Please call the Barrington Township Assessor's office at (847) 381-5632 for further information on any property tax related matter. We will be happy to assist you.

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**Barrington
Memorial Day
Parade & Services
Monday, May 31**

Services to honor all veterans
will be conducted at:

7:30 a.m.
White Cemetery, Cuba Road

8:00 a.m.
St. Paul Cemetery,
East Main Street

8:30 a.m.
Barrington Center,
Sutton Road & Route 68

9:00 a.m.
Union Cemetery

10:30 a.m.
Parade will step off from
Cook Street, proceed west on
Main Street, then turn left on
Dundee Avenue to
Evergreen Cemetery

Thanks to the Veterans of
Foreign Wars Barrington
Memorial Post #7706 and the
Barrington American Legion
Post #158 for organizing
these events

**Here's How to Keep Drainage
Ditches Clean And Free Flowing**



The unincorporated areas of Cook County in Barrington Township use ditch and culvert systems to handle drainage. They are designed to collect moisture from the road pavement and elevated properties, and drain it into storm sewer basins at strategic locations. To function as intended, these ditch and culvert systems depend on mutual Township and resident cooperation. The Township is responsible for maintaining drainage pipes that cross under roads and the storm sewer system that the basins drain into.

Township residents are responsible for their driveway apron and the culvert that runs beneath it. That means keeping the pipe clear of obstruction to allow water to flow freely through it, and repairing the driveway apron should the culvert heave, creating a bump in the apron. Water pressure from a garden hose should be sufficient to clear a culvert of debris if done on a regular basis. If debris is allowed to become packed, a contractor with more powerful equipment may be required.

In addition, residents are responsible for maintaining the ditch in the front of their property by simply raking out leaves and grass clippings that may accumulate. It is important to grow and maintain a grass covering in the ditches to prevent silt from accumulating and clogging culverts and drainage pipes.

This mutual resident and Township cooperation will help assure that the entire drainage system operates at its maximum capacity for the benefit of both you and your neighbors, and help keep costly drain system and road repairs to a minimum.

SPRING CHIPPING: Chipping in the unincorporated area is scheduled for Thursday, April 15. • 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.

Summer Hours at the Township

From Monday, May 31 thru Friday, August 27,
hours will be:

Monday-Thursday - 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday - 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Regular hours resume on Monday, August 30

