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Spring 2019

A Newsletter for Barrington Township Residents

Reporter

Barrington Township



23rd Annual Native Plant, Shrub & Tree Sale

Saturday & Sunday

May 4 & 5, 9am – 3pm

Pre-order Pickup and “Members Only” Sale

Friday May 3, 11am – 6pm

Place your advance order online between

March 1 and April 14, 2019

*Native Perennials *Grasses*Sedges*Ferns*

Butterfly & Rain Gardens

Native Wildflowers, Shrubs & Trees

For Woodlands, Prairies & Wetlands

459 West Hwy 22 Lake Barrington

In the barn area east of Good Shepherd Hospital

Bring a wagon for your plants!

CitizensForConservation.org

For additional information

call 847-382-SAVE (7283)

Cook County 2019/2020

Vehicle Stickers

EXCITING NEWS! The Cook County Department of Revenue will be implementing a new innovative **STICKER-LESS** Wheel Tax process for the up and coming 2019/2020 Wheel Tax season! This new, improved process will go live in May 2019. Residents will no longer have to purchase or obtain a physical license to affix and display on their windshield/vehicle. They will simply remit the Cook County Wheel Tax by utilizing their renewal notification with their payment.

Payments will be accepted online, by mail, in person at DOR and at over 100+ participating ELS locations.

From the Desk of Barrington Township Supervisor Amy Nykaza

With Spring upon us and winter hopefully behind us, I thought it would be a good time to review some seasonal reminders for new construction, grading, culvert & drainage maintenance.



Dear Neighbors, with spring approaching, the construction and clean up season will begin. It is important to remember that in the township, for those that have culverts and drainage ditches, keeping up with regular culvert maintenance can extend the life of your culvert and help avoid costly repairs.

Removing silt, organic debris, trash and vegetation should be part of your culvert regular maintenance routine. Leaves and grass clippings should be removed from the ditches or culverts. Be diligent in keeping the pipes clear of obstruction to allow water to flow freely through it and to repair the driveway apron should the culvert heave, which creates a bump in the apron.

The water pressure from a garden hose should be sufficient to clear the culvert if done on a regular basis. If debris is allowed to become packed, a contractor with more powerful equipment may be required. Remember to check with Cook County Building and Zoning before your project begins.

The County may require a permit to ensure that the project complies with the codes. Depending on the project the County may also require a Grading and Drainage plan to be prepared.

Shrubs should never be planted in the ditch. Plantings of any kind obstruct the flow of water and can cause the ditch to overflow.

It is important to grow and maintain a grass covering in the ditches to prevent silt from accumulating and clogging culverts and drainage pipes.

Although ditches remove most excess rainwater, it is not unusual for a small amount of water to remain in the ditch until it is absorbed into the ground or evaporates, which can sometimes take up to 20 days. This is especially true in early Spring when water tables are higher and/or the ground may be frozen.

Enjoy all that the spring season has to offer!

Amy Nykaza

Barrington Township Supervisor

2019 Reassessment Year

Illinois statutes require that The Cook County Assessor must reassess property every THREE years. The northern townships will be reassessed in 2019. Every Property Owner in Barrington Township will receive a reassessment notice from the Cook County Assessor late spring or early summer.

Residents will have 30 days (from the date of the letter) to file an appeal. We will be available to assist you in filing your appeal or you can file online at cookcountyassessor.com



Residents 65+years

If you have qualified for the senior freeze exemption in 2018, and have filed your exemption application, this reassessment will **NOT** affect you. The county assessor's office has to reassess the property along with all the other properties in Barrington Township. This will mean that on your second installment tax bill there will be a greater senior freeze amount.

To find out more about what exemptions are available to homeowners you can call our office or visit the Cook County Assessor's website and click on exemptions.

Want to be alerted regarding tax appeal deadlines?

Email your name, address, preferred phone number and email address where you would like notifications to be sent and email that information to:

BARRINGTONTWP@AMERITECH.NET

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 7:15am – 4pm

Friday 7:30am – 12:00pm

Closed for lunch 12:00 to 1:00

Phone: 847-381-5632

2018 Assessment Appeals

If you appealed your 2018 assessed value with the Cook County Assessor or the Cook County Board of Review and received a reduction, it will be reflected on the second installment tax bill.

BACOG

*Barrington Area council of Governments

There is More Power in Numbers

The BACOG is charged with advocating for the interest of its municipal and township members. BACOG's basis for action is the "2019 Legislative Platform," adopted in February. The Platform is developed by consensus, which allows BACOG to speak with one collective voice to the area's legislators on behalf of its governments and 38,000 residents. The 2019 legislative platform includes the following positions:

- ❖ Prevent diversion by the State of revenues that local governments rely on to provide services to their communities
- ❖ Limit new laws that would increase labor and contract costs to local governments
- ❖ Consolidate 650+ locally-help public safety pension funds into one or two statewide funds for cost efficiencies; continue to urge major reforms to pension systems
- ❖ Support recycling, alternative energies, and reduction of pollution and toxic contaminants such as coal tar sealants and neonicotinoids from entering the environment
- ❖ Secure funding for environmental and groundwater protection work
- ❖ Set limits on intensive agricultural uses adjacent to residential areas, and require notice to local governments and affected property owners
- ❖ Retain local authority for land use, planning and zoning decision-making without interference by the State
- ❖ Improve transportation systems through the region, and support funding for the CNRR underpass at Route 14
- ❖ Support the creation of an independent, non-partisan State legislative redistricting map

For detailed 2019 platform visit www.BACOG.com

Pet safety >>>

Keeping your pets safe from coyotes

There are three keys to keeping your pets safe from coyotes: Never leave your pets unattended, know how to react if you are approached by a coyote and keep your home free of items that will attract coyotes.



Don't attract coyotes to your home in the first place by leaving pet food outside, composting meat or fish, leaving out garbage or having a bird feeder. Birdfeeders attract squirrels and rodents which are a preferred food of coyotes. Even if you feel that your home will not attract coyotes, never leave your dog unattended in your backyard especially at dawn and dusk. Fencing may keep coyotes out of your backyard especially if the fence is six feet in height with a roll bar across the top, but why take the chance? We now made it through breeding season for coyotes, January through March, when they are protecting their territory so larger dogs are now safer from attacks. During spring, food requirements for nursing female coyotes and their young is high. Since we are spending more time outside with our dogs during spring when coyotes are searching for food, there is a greater chance of encountering a coyote. When you take your dog out for a walk, pick your route carefully. Avoid areas with thick, heavy grass and especially areas where there are known or potential den sites. Don't wear ear plugs and stay aware of your surroundings. When you are out walking your dog always keep him on a short leash. Do not use the retractable leashes. If you encounter a coyote, if possible, pick up your dog. Raise and wave your arms as well as stomp your feet. If the coyote doesn't leave, walk don't run out of the area while keeping the animal in your sight.

~Used with permission and courtesy of Bill Pohlman, Trustee Palatine Township

From the Township Clerk

D. Robert Alberding



Be aware of a Referendum that will be on your ballot

For the April 2, 2019 election, registered voters in the Barrington 220 boundary area will have a chance to vote on a \$185 million school district referendum question. A successful referendum would:

- Improve safety and security at all Barrington 220 schools
- Update classrooms at all schools to prepare students for success
- Protect the community's investment in Barrington 220 school buildings by repairing things like roofs, windows, plumbing, electrical systems, heating and air conditioning.
- Update arts and athletics spaces, which are used year round by the school district and various community organizations.

FAQ available at www.barrington220.org/referendum

Key Dates General Election

- 3/5/19 Last day to register to vote by paper application
- 3/6/19 First day of grace period registration and voting
- 3/17/19 Last day to register to vote by online application
- 3/18/19 Early voting begins
- 3/28/19 Last day to request a mail ballot including military and overseas voters
- 4/1/19 Last day of early voting AND last day of grace period registration and voting
- 4/2/19 Last day mail ballots can be postmarked
- 4/2/19 Election day

Common questions:

- What is my Registration Status?*
- What is on my upcoming ballot?*
- Where is my polling place?*
- Where is my early voting Site?*
- Who are my elected officials?*

Find out by entering your basic resident information at :
www.cookcountyclerk.com

Early Voting dates and times:

Barrington Hills Village Hall 112 Algonquin Rd, Barrington Hills

Mar. 18 - Mar. 22 9:00 AM - 05:00 PM
Mar. 24 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Mar. 30 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Mar. 23 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Mar. 25 - Mar. 29 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Mar. 31 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Get Ready for Barrington's "Annual Town Meeting"

As April 9, 2019, approaches, it's time for the township's statutorily required "Annual Town Meeting". This is an annual event that provides an opportunity for all "Electors" (registered voters in the township) to participate in the working agenda of township business. You are invited and encouraged to attend this "grassroots" hands on democratic process. So mark the date on your calendar and we'll see you then!!

*At The Township
Barrington Township offers a variety of
services to the community and its residents*



***Handicap parking placards:** Temporary placards can be issued with physician approval up to 3 months

***Free Notary Services**

***Voters Registration**

***Food Pantry:** Available once a month to qualified township residents. Donation of food and household items are appreciated.

***PACE Dial-A-Ride:** this service is available to senior citizens and disabled individuals.

***The Angel Fund:** This emergency fund is available to qualifying township residents not eligible for financial assistance elsewhere. It is available once every 12 months per family. Restrictions apply.

***Reduced Fare Taxi Program for Seniors, Disabled & Veterans:** Residents must apply at the office.

Please call for details. 847-381-5632

Where to Vote

Polling places will be open from
6:00 AM – 7:00PM on
Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Barrington Township voting locations are:

Precinct #1

Community Church of Barrington
301 E. Lincoln Avenue

Precinct #2

Barrington Village Hall
200 S. Hough Street

Former Precinct #3

Check your polling place at
www.cookcountyclerk.com

Precinct #4

Willow Creek Community Church
67 E. Algonquin Road

Precinct #5

The Prebyterian Church
6 Brinker Road

Precinct #6

St. Michaels Episcopal Church
647 Dundee Avenue

Precinct #7

Village of Barrington Hills
112 Algonquin Road

Precinct #8

Willow Creek Community Church
67 E. Algonquin Road

Precinct #9

St. Michael's Episcopal Church
647 Dundee Avenue

Precinct #10

Willow Creek Community Church
67 E. Algonquin Road

Precinct #11

Willow Creek Community Church
67 E. Algonquin Road

NOTE: Old Precinct #12 is now part of Precinct #10. Voting is at Willow Creek Community Church, 67 E. Algonquin Rd

All polling places are handicapped accessible.
Questions about your polling place location?
Please call the Township office, 847 381 5632

We fund these agencies

To make their services available and affordable to Barrington Township Residents



Smart Farm of Barrington is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization whose mission is twofold: to grow fresh produce for neighbors in need and to be an educational resource for sustainable gardening practices and healthy eating.

Smart Farm fulfills its educational mission through hands-on learning in the garden, and through workshops offered periodically during the year, where attendees can learn about how fresh food is grown. With the help of volunteers, they have harvested close to 14,600 pounds of fresh produce during the last growing season, some of which was delivered to Barrington Township food pantry.

Phone: 847-875-2060

Email: smartfarms2@gmail.com

Directions: **DO NOT FOLLOW GPS**

Located west of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital and east of Kelsey Rd on the North Side of rte 22.

NISRA provides year round recreation activities for people with disabilities. Since 1976, children and adults of all ability levels have enjoyed socializing, building skills and having fun in hundreds of weekly programs, special events, camps and trips each year.

Our Mission

NISRA...enriching the lives of people with disabilities through meaningful recreation experiences.

Our Vision

NISRA will be recognized as a leader in providing community based therapeutic recreation services for children and adults with disabilities and maintain a positive, strong and collaborative relationship with its member districts. NISRA will also be recognized as a desirable place to work.



Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-5:00 pm
(815)459-0737 Phone
(815)459-0388 Fax
info@nisra.org



Food Pantry

Thank you to all who responded to the call of need over the holidays. Our local community came together and filled our pantry and we were able to supply twelve of our registered families with SUPER holiday meals.

The families say THANK YOU!

Please see township website for current pantry needs.

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Friday 7:30am – 12:00pm

Closed for lunch 12:00 to 1:00

Contact us at **847-381-5632**

www.barringtontownship.com



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