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Fall/Winter 2021

A Newsletter for Barrington Township Residents

Reporter

Barrington Township

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 7:15am – 4pm

Friday 7:30am – 12:00pm

Closed for lunch 12:00 to 1:00

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

www.barringtontownship.com



Mark your Calendars

October 21st, 2021

Curbside Branch Pick-Up for the unincorporated area of Barrington Township.



From the Desk of

*Barrington Township Supervisor
D. Robert Alberding*



Greetings All,

As your new Township Supervisor, I want to introduce you to my intended goals and objectives related to township services. The changes I will be introducing are nothing more than a focus on YOU as our residents, and how our resources online and in-person contribute to your individual needs.

In addition to offering information and guidance, Barrington Township promotes and supports transportation services for eligible persons age 60+ and persons with a disability through our PACE program. Trip reservations can be made on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am and 6pm by calling the dispatcher at 1-800-273-5939 or (TTY) 1-888-454-4724. Rides may be scheduled for medical appointments up to seven (7) days in advance. All other rides must be scheduled by calling the dispatcher the day before the trip is requested. Transportation service hours are provided Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm (time of last pick up). Eligible riders will pay a fare of \$2.00 each way.

We look forward to providing you with programs that benefit our diverse community as a whole.

Want to be alerted regarding assessment appeal deadlines?

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

suejohnston@barringtontownship.com

A message from your Assessor:

Jacqueline Stephens, C.I.A.O.

**2022 is Reassessment Year for
Barrington Township**

You may ask what does an assessed value of your residential property mean. The Cook County Assessor's Office places a fair market value for your property. For residential properties, your property's assessed value should equal 10% of its fair market value.

How does the Cook County Assessor's Office (CCAO) come up with the fair market value? The CCAO typically uses the average of the last three years of sales similar to yours, in and around your neighborhood and creates a statistical model formula to produce a property value for your home.

I will be posting on our website, on Next Door and notifying the local Villages when we open for 2022 appeals. Please sign up for our email notification on our website at www.barringtontownship.com and stay immediately informed. The state statutes only allow this window of opportunity to file an appeal for 30 Days. The dates are determined by the CCAO and are TBD at this time.

**Cook County Assessor Implements House Bill 3289
to Auto-Renew 2021 Property Tax Exemptions**

Governor J.B Pritzker has signed into law that allows the County Assessor to implement Auto-Renewal of Property Tax Exemptions for the 2021 tax year.

**SB2244 – Increases Senior Citizens Assessment
Freeze to \$75,000**

Governor J.B Pritzker has signed SB2244 which increased the maximum income limitation for the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze to \$75,000 (from \$65,000) for taxable year 2020.

This bill also amends the Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral Act. This amendment provides that the income limitation under the Act is \$65,000 for tax years 2022 through 2025 and \$55,000 for tax year 2026 and thereafter (currently, \$55,000). Provides that, for tax years 2022 through 2025, the total amount of any such deferral shall not exceed \$7,500 per taxpayer in each tax year (currently, \$5,000). Provides that, beginning again in tax year 2026, the total amount of any such deferral shall not exceed \$5,000.

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Food Pantry NEWS!

Barrington Township has maintained a food pantry for those neighbor's in need since it's early beginnings. This was to help get through 'lean' times. Today, we serve residents of the Township who qualify for assistance based on financial need. In the Township of Barrington, 4.5% or approximately 700 of the 16,000 residents fall into this category. So, yes, even in an area that is one of the wealthiest in the US there is a need for food assistance and support. That is why the Food Pantry continues to be a mission of Barrington Township.

In an effort to make our Food Pantry more relevant, efficient, amply supplied and welcoming, we are giving ourselves a "makeover". Our current method of taking orders on the phone and pre-bagging for pick-up is switching to an in-person shopping experience. We understand that residents would rather choose their food from our shelves than having it chosen for them. If and when that change occurs, we will adhere strictly to mask mandates and social distancing while it is necessary for everyone's safety. In addition to changing the method of food delivery, we will be adding a small selection of grocery items like dairy, fresh fruit and vegetables the full year round to our Pantry. Keep watch on our website for the most current news and items we are most in need of

We encourage all residents picking up and donating food to observe these thoughtful etiquettes:

1. Food pick up and all donations must be by appointment only.
2. We will no longer accept items from "move outs" or "clean outs" of your own or another person's residence.
3. All donations must consist of recently purchased food specifically for donation to the Food Pantry. This will help eliminate the possibility of expired items in the donation.
4. We post a "wish" list on our website every month items that we are most in need of.
5. If you would like to plan a food drive to benefit our Food Pantry for the upcoming Holiday seasons, review our helpful hints and procedures that are posted on our website and call our Food Pantry Coordinator

WWW.BARRINGTONTOWNSHIP.COM

**847-381-5632 ask for Patrice Miller, Food Pantry Coordinator
patricemiller@barringtontownship.com**

Food Pantry Wish List

Low- sugar/Low Sodium items
All Purpose Flour
Vegetable Oil
Oatmeal (plain – no flavored)
Nuts (small packs or jars)
Dried fruit (small packs)
Spices (cinnamon/dried herbs)
Green Tea (regular size boxes)
Mayonnaise (small size)
Ketchup (small size)
Rice (1 lb. packages)
Corn Flakes
Powdered Milk
Bar/Bath soap
Toothpaste
Laundry detergent (small bottles)
Fresh/Frozen Chicken
Fresh/Frozen Pork
Canned Ham (small size)
Bacon or Breakfast sausage
Frozen Fish (individual sealed pk)
Butter
Eggs
Potatoes
Onions
Fresh Vegetables
Salt and Pepper
Crackers
Cookies (small packs)

From the Township Clerk: Daniel P. Fitzgerald



Hello fellow Barrington Township residents. This is Dan Fitzgerald, your new Township Clerk. Although I just started as Clerk this past May, I served as a Barrington Township Trustee for the previous 12 years. As a result, I am familiar and experienced with Township government, and I hope to continue serving our community in my new role as Township Clerk. I would like to remind our township community about some of the services that we offer at Barrington Township.

Did you know?

Barrington Township has Notary Public Service

The Township Office provides notary public service free of charge. If you have a document needing notarization, please bring it in and one of our notaries will make it official for you.

Barrington Township Issues Handicap Parking Placards

You can find the Illinois Temporary Handicap Parking Placard form on our website. Once your physician signs the approval on the form bring it by Barrington Township and your temporary 3 month placard can be issued to you.

Barrington Township is now on Next Door

Reaching out to Barrington Township is easier than ever. Follow us on Next Door and at www.barringtontownship.com event page to find the up to date news for your township.

Want to help your neighbors in need?

Township services are available to Township residents in need. There are many ways to give through your Township. Volunteer in our food pantry, donate pantry items or a gift card, or plan a food drive for the upcoming Holiday's or check out our new giving opportunities here.

Keys to a Successful Food Drive

So, your organization wants to have a food drive but where do you start? Every community has either a food pantry or food bank so these places should be the recipients of your generosity. Follow these guidelines for a successful food drive event:

- Choose the recipient or partner of the food drive. Call to find out what is needed and what type of items they accept. Not all food pantries or food banks are alike!
- Get the "wish list" from the food pantry. This is usually found on their website or call them to get their list of needs. Make sure the donors have this list readily available so that their donation matches the needs of the food pantry.
- Form a committee and appoint each person to a specific task during the food drive. Determine the dates for beginning and ending the event.
- Promote the event in the local newspaper or in your organization's newsletter.
- Collect the items, check for expired items and deliver to the food pantry at a pre-arranged time. If there is a large quantity of donations, the food pantry will want advance notice to be ready to accept it.
- Track your success by pounds of food, dollar amount or meals donated. This is useful when planning your next event.
- Thank your donors!

Following these guidelines will ensure that your food drive will be successful and meet the current needs of your recipient/partner. Food pantries depend on donations and your hard work will be very much appreciated. Good luck!

Upcoming Township Board Meeting Schedule Starts at 7pm

Tuesday, October 12th
Tuesday, November 9th
Tuesday, December 14th

Due to the current limitations of gatherings by the Governor's Executive Order, Please register for "in person" attendance by calling 847 381-5632.

The Township Office will be closed in Observance of the following 2021 Holidays:

Monday October 11th
Thursday, November 11th
Thursday, November 25th
Friday, November 26th
Thursday, December 23rd
Friday, December 24th
Friday, December 31st

NEW Giving Opportunities to your Barrington Township Food Pantry: Beginning November 1st, 2021

- Amazon Charity Gift List – lists pantry items that we need.
- PayPal - monetary donations directly into the 501 (3) (c) account for purchase of fresh meats, vegetables and fruits, dairy and breads.

Township TIPS

Need to dispose of Latex Paint?

Let the empty paint can dry, then **recycle the empty can**. Dry it up: Use kitty litter, shredded paper or sawdust to absorb the remaining paint, or pour the paint into a bag. After it dries, throw the bag or absorbent material away and recycle the empty can.

Know about SWANCC? –

Solid Waste Agency for Northern Cook County – (847) 724-9205

Helps residents dispose of electronics and other various items. Go to their website at www.swancc.org for updates on where the next drop off event will be.

Need Information on how to care for your Well and Septic?

Call Barrington Area Council of Government (BACOG) at (847) 381-7871

We help fund Agencies

To make their services available and affordable to Barrington Township Residents



Catholic Charities Northwest Senior Services (CCNW)

How can Catholic Charities get help?
Provides many supportive services to assist seniors (60+) and their family caregivers.
847-256-5500 www.catholiccharities.net/ccnw



Access to Care mission is to facilitate access to primary health care services for residents who lack such access because of financial barriers. Call or email for information on low cost health care services.

www.accesstocare.org
Phone: 708.531.0680



The Local Lions club has provided a donation box for glasses at the Township office. You may drop off your donated glasses during our office hours. The donation box is located just inside the entrance door.

Barrington Area Volunteer Connection

BAVC continues to connect willing volunteers with opportunities to help area organizations and community members. Head to www.thebavc.org for more details.



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on November 7!



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