

Reporter

BARRINGTON TOWNSHIP



**From the desk of
Barrington Township
Supervisor Amy Nykaza**



Dear Neighbors,

Barrington Township welcomes Jackie Stephens as our Administrative Assistant. Jackie comes to Barrington Township with many years of township experience. She is multi-faceted and will be able to jump in where ever necessary at the township, including in the Assessor's Office.

In addition to assisting with document notary, sale of unincorporated vehicle stickers, senior assistance or answering calls with questions about the township and its services, Jackie runs our food pantry.

Barrington Township is able to assist our residents in need of food and household items. Residents who live within township boundaries are able to utilize the food pantry once a month if they are in need of assistance.

Barrington Township has received many generous donation from individuals and community groups or businesses throughout the year. We are grateful for the many donations during the holiday season, but there is a need for pantry donations throughout the year. These donations make it possible for the township to assist our residents.

The generosity of our community never ceases to amaze us. We need to restock our pantry shelves with some of these items. Please help if you are able.

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| Ketchup - small bottles | Mayonnaise-small jars |
| Mustard - small bottles | Jelly |
| Instant Potatoes | Chicken broth |
| Saltine Crackers | Salad Dressings |
| Salt and Pepper | Instant Coffee |
| Toilet paper | Paper towels |
| Toothpaste | Laundry Detergent (small) |
| Shampoo & Conditioner | Liquid hand soap |
| Vegetable oil | Pancake syrup (small bottles) |
| White and Brown Rice - small bags (not instant) | |
| Monetary donations & gift cards are also gratefully accepted | |



**We Fund These Agencies To
Make Their Services Available and
Affordable for You**

Barrington Township is proud to support a wide variety community-based agencies and organizations, all of which are available to serve our residents. In this issue of the **Township Reporter**, we are highlighting two of these agencies.

Children's Advocacy Center: Recognizing the right of all children to a safe childhood, The Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County continuously strives to reduce trauma and provide support to child victims of violence and their families. The Center serves as a community resource to facilitate the identification, intervention and prevention of child abuse.



The Center, based in Hoffman Estates, serves more than 650 children and their families each year with the caring support they need to move forward with their lives and heal from abuse. All services are free of charge in both English and Spanish. Visit their website at www.cachelps.org

Access to Care is a non-profit primary health care program for low-income, uninsured and UNDERINSURED individuals living in suburban Cook County and Northwest Chicago.



Access to Care serves those individuals who are not eligible for public health programs, including individuals who do not meet the immigration status requirement of being a legal resident for five years or more. It serves individuals with family incomes under 300% of the federal poverty guidelines. It can be used as a supplement to high deductible insurance plans. The program also covers senior citizens who have Medicare Part A, but due to financial reasons are unable to afford Part B.

The program is a unique public/private partnership, providing affordable diagnosis and treatment for illness to individuals and families for a small co-payment per doctor visit, procedure or prescription medication. Public funding and private providers form the public/private partnership.

Over 120,000 people have been served since the inception of the program in 1988. Visit the website: www.accesstocare.org

Amy Nykaza, Barrington Township Supervisor

News & Information from the Assessor's Office

2017 Exemption changes: Our Assessor's Office files numerous exemptions for residents that are subtracted from the home's Equalized Assessed Value (EAV), resulting in deductions from the dollar amount of the tax bill. In 2017, a new law increases exemption savings for the Homeowner and Senior Citizen Exemptions.

The Homeowner Exemption, available to eligible taxpayers/residents of any age on their primary home, increases from \$7,000 to \$10,000 in EAV. The Senior Exemption, for taxpayers/residents 65 years or older, regardless of income, increases from \$5,000 to \$8,000 in EAV.

In addition, the Senior Freeze Exemption for low-income seniors expands eligibility by increasing allowable total household income to **\$65,000**, from the previous limit of \$55,000. There is also a new minimum \$2,000 EAV deduction for the Senior Freeze, which will help offset increases in assessed value and help ensure that more seniors benefit from the Senior Exemption.

All exemptions and corresponding savings will appear on each year's Second-Installment Tax Bills. For further information on exemptions, visit our website at www.barringtontownship.com

2018 Assessment Appeal information: We have been tentatively scheduled to open for appeals in June 2018. If you would like to be added to our email list to be alerted to the date to file for appeals, please email your name, address, phone number and email address for information on these important dates. Email the information to us at barringtontwp@ameritech.net

SPECIAL NOTE!!! To those seniors who are current on their Senior Freeze applications: If your value is frozen, it may be in your best interest not to file an appeal on the current 2018 value. It may jeopardize your frozen assessment value. Call our office at (847) 381-5632 if you have questions.

Are You Feeding Your Medications to the Fish?

You could be -- if you are flushing or tossing medications

An increasing number of drinking water sources contain traces of pharmaceuticals. Currently, the levels are not known to affect human health, but studies show that these contaminated water supplies are negatively affecting aquatic life. Additionally, putting antibiotics into the environment aids in the development of drug-resistant germs. The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) advocates taking steps to protect our community's groundwater from pharmaceutical contamination.

Do not flush or toss!

Flushing old and unused medication creates an easy avenue for groundwater contamination. Septic systems and municipal wastewater treatment plants do not remove all pharmaceutical components, and the water released from a treatment plant or a private septic system contains remnants of flushed medications that may enter the groundwater.

Tossing medications in the trash the trash is not safe either. Landfills produce a liquid by-product that is comprised of everything in the landfill including pharmaceuticals, which can enter waterways or leach directly into the ground and our drinking water.

Safely dispose of pharmaceuticals at these locations

Dispose of your pharmaceuticals at an official take-back location. The Barrington Police Department, along with many other police departments and public service buildings in the BACOG area, collect unused pharmaceuticals.



Barrington Memorial Day Parade & Services Monday, May 28



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,
Route 62 (west of Sutton Road)

10:30 a.m.

Parade will step off from the Veterans Memorial, proceed west on Main Street, left on Dundee Avenue and right into Evergreen Cemetery.

Please remember: this is a solemn ceremony. No bikes, roller blades, skateboards, floats, banners, posters, or animals will be allowed in the parade or at the cemetery.

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

Summer Hours at the Township

From Tuesday, May 29 thru Friday, August 31, hours will be:

Monday-Thursday -

7:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday - 7:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Regular hours resume on Tuesday, September 4

From Town Clerk Bob Alberding Primary Election is Tuesday, March 20

Illinois voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 to select candidates for Governor as well as a variety of other local and state offices. Polls will be open from 6:00 AM until 7:00 PM.



In-person early voting is open now through March 19. Local early voting sites are located at:

Barrington Hills Village Hall, 112 Algonquin Road, Barrington Hills
Palatine Village Hall, 2000 E. Wood Street, Palatine
Hoffman Estates Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates
Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights
Rolling Meadows Courthouse, Room 238, 2121 Euclid Avenue, Rolling Meadows

For those who will be casting their ballots on March 20, Barrington Township voting precinct locations include:

Precinct	Location (all locations are ADA accessible)
001	Community Church of Barrington, 301 E. Lincoln Ave.
002	Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough St.
003	Grove Ave. School, 900 S. Grove Ave.
004	Willow Creek Community Church, 67 E. Algonquin Rd.
005	The Presbyterian Church, 6 Brinker Rd.
006	St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave.
007	Village of Barrington Hills, 112 Algonquin Rd.
008	Willow Creek Community Church, 67 E. Algonquin Rd.
009	St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave.
010	Willow Creek Community Church, 67 E. Algonquin Rd.
011	Willow Creek Community Church, 67 E. Algonquin Rd.
012	This precinct is now part of Precinct 10 and votes at Willow Creek Community Church, 67 E. Algonquin Rd.

If you are unsure of your polling place, go to the Cook County Clerk's website, www.cookcountyclerk.com or call the Township office at (847) 381-5632.

10 Tips for Septic System Owners

1. Have your system inspected every three years by a qualified professional
2. Have your septic tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years
3. Avoid pouring harsh products (e.g., oils, grease, chemicals, paint, medications) down the drain
4. Discard non-degradable products in the trash (e.g., floss, disposable wipes, cat litter) instead of flushing them
5. Keep cars and heavy vehicles parked away from the drainfield and tank
6. Follow the system manufacturer's directions when using septic tank cleaners and additives
7. Repair leaks and use water efficient fixtures to avoid overloading the system
8. Maintain plants and vegetation near the system to ensure roots do not block drains
9. Use soaps and detergents that are low-suds, biodegradable, and low- or phosphate-free
10. Prevent system freezing during cold weather by inspecting and insulating vulnerable system parts (e.g., the inspection pipe and soil treatment area)



For more SepticSmart tips, visit www.epa.gov/septicSMART

Source: US Environmental Protection Agency

Information for Senior Citizens And Those Who Care for Them

"A Day Out:" Care partners of older adults with mild cognitive-related issues are invited to a free observation/evaluation session of the Barrington Area Council on Aging's "A Day Out" Respite Program. The observation/evaluation session will help determine if the program is a good fit for a loved one.

BACOA's "A Day Out" Respite Program provides an engaging and interactive program for older adults with mild cognitive-related issues while also providing a much needed break for care partners and families.

The program offers a host of different therapies known to help those with early dementia or Alzheimer's Disease. Pet, nature, dance and music therapies are all integrated into the respite program.

The program is offered Mondays, Thursdays and the first three Fridays of each month at the Lutheran Church of the Atonement, 909 E. Main Street, Barrington. Call (847)-381-5030 to schedule your free observation and evaluation session

The Barrington Area Council on Aging offers a special **Cuisine Club** for active adults interested in trying out local restaurants in a group. This is an opportunity to enjoy lunch with new and old friends for a set price. Lunch is at 12 noon and cost is generally \$20-\$30 and includes a beverage, gratuity and tax.

The next excursion will be to ZaZa's Tavola Italiana in Barrington on April 17. Call 847-381-5030 to sign up.

Dispose of yard waste properly

As you tackle the spring cleanup and summer maintenance in your yard and garden, remember to dispose of grass clippings and other yard waste properly. Be sure maintain the ditch in front of your property by raking out leaves and grass clippings that may accumulate to keep the culvert free of obstructions.



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Check it Out! At the Township

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



- **Handicap parking placards**
 Temporary placards (up to three months) are issued through the Township. Applications are available at the Township office or can be printed online via a link on our website. Permanent parking placards are available only through the Secretary of State's office.
- **Free notary service**
- **Voter registration**
 Taken daily at the Township, 8:00AM -4:00PM Monday through Friday.
- **Food pantry**
 Available to qualified Township residents. Donations of food and household items are appreciated.
- **The Angel Fund**
 This emergency fund is available to qualifying Township residents who are not eligible for financial assistance elsewhere. It is available once every 12 months per family. The Angel Fund is funded by individual donations. Contributions can be made to: "Angel Fund-Barrington Township" and sent to the Barrington Township, 602 S. Hough St., Barrington, IL 60010.
- **RTA reduced fare applications**
 for seniors, disabled individuals & veterans
- **Tax Assessor services**

Call the Township at (847) 381-5632 or visit our website at www.barringtontownship.com for further information.

Getting Around

If getting from here to there is difficult or impossible for you, a variety of transportation options are available to Barrington Township residents.

PACE DIAL-A-RIDE

This service, which is available to disabled individuals and senior citizens, provides door-to-door transportation to locations in Barrington Township, Cuba Township, the Village of Barrington, and portions of Lake Zurich and other surrounding communities. The fare is \$2.00 each way.



Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Reservations must be made one day in advance; doctor visits may be booked a week in advance.

Call 1-800-273-5939, (TTY) 1-888-454-4724 for reservations or further information.

RTA REDUCED FARE PERMITS

Individuals 65 years or older, as well as those with a qualifying disability, are eligible for a reduced fare permit. Specific proof of disability must be provided. Individuals applying for a reduced fare permit may either apply in person or by downloading the application from the website, www.rtachicago.org

Call (312) 913-3110 to find an in-person registration site near you, or for further information.

REDUCED FARE TAXI PROGRAM FOR SENIORS, DISABLED & VETERANS

Barrington Township's reduced fare taxi program provides cost-sharing for local taxi trips for senior citizens, disabled residents and veterans. The Township will pay one-half of the fare up to a maximum of \$4.00. For example, if the total fare is \$10.00, the Township will pay \$4.00 and the participant will be responsible for the remaining balance of \$6.00. Complete information about the reduced fare program is available on the township's website, www.barringtontownship.com

Do You Have Old Flags or Eyeglasses?

If you have a worn or tattered flag, please drop it off at the township. We properly dispose of flags that are no longer needed. Old eyeglasses dropped off at the township are recycled by the Lions Club .

Go to our website, www.barringtontownship.com or call (847) 381-5632 for further information.