

# Reporter

BARRINGTON TOWNSHIP



## From the desk of Barrington Township Supervisor Amy Nykaza



Dear Neighbors,

Thousands of vehicles drive by our Barrington Township office on busy Hough Street every day. No doubt many of the individuals in those vehicles would be amazed to know of the many services offered inside our little building. In terms of all that we offer to our residents, I like to think of us as being small but mighty!

Many of the services provided here at the Township are listed on the back page of this newsletter or can be found on our website, [barringtontownship.com](http://barringtontownship.com).

By far, one of the most important things we do at the Township is to provide a "safety net" for our residents who find themselves in difficult situations that require assistance from the Township.

In addition to our food pantry, we have our Angel Fund. This fund is supported by individual donations and offers emergency funding to our residents who are not eligible for financial assistance elsewhere. It is available once every 12 months per family. The fund is often the last hope for a resident who is down on their luck and facing the water or electric service being terminated, and has nowhere else to turn.

Donations to our Angel Fund can be made to: Angel Fund-Barrington Township, 602 S. Hough Street, Barrington, IL 60010.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those individuals, groups and organizations in our community that have graciously supported our food pantry and Angel Fund over the year. Your monetary and food donations have made it possible for us to serve many individuals in our Township.

If you would like additional information about any of these programs and services, please call or stop by our office. It will be our pleasure to assist you!

Amy Nykaza, Barrington Township Supervisor

## Make a difference in your community: Adopt-A-Family for the Holidays

Our food pantry will be giving special holiday meal baskets this upcoming holiday seasons. If you would like to participate, just use the check list below to help fill our baskets and drop off the items you would like to donate on or before these dates:



**Thanksgiving deadline:** November 12th, 2018

**Holiday/Christmas deadline:** December 10th, 2018

Items needed for these holiday baskets include:

- **Gift cards** to purchase turkeys or hams (Note: we are only able to accept non-perishable food items)
- **Canned vegetables:** green beans, corn, peas, yams
- **Starches:** stuffing mix, potatoes, rice, cornbread mix
- **Deserts:** cranberry sauce, cake or brownie mix, gelatin or pudding mix
- **Beverages:** coffee, hot chocolate, teas, apple cider
- **Important extras:** dinner rolls, gravy, sugar, flour, cooking oil, cinnamon, salt and pepper, aluminum foil, saran wrap

From all of us at Barrington Township, we thank you in advance for helping to make the holiday season brighter for our neighbors who might otherwise be without a holiday meal.

If you will not have the opportunity to give during the holidays, please keep us in mind during the rest of the year. Check out our website for alerts where we list items that are immediate needs for the pantry. We are always in need of the following items throughout the year:

laundry detergent and dryer sheets • shampoo and conditioner • liquid dish soap (i.e., Joy, Dawn) • Chap stick and hand/face lotions • multivitamins.



### New hours at the township offices are:

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

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

## News & Information from the Assessor's Office

### 2019 is a reassessment year in

**Barrington Township:** State of Illinois statutes require that the Cook County Assessor reassess each township every three years. Barrington Township will be reassessed in 2019 and **EVERY PROPERTY OWNER** will receive a reassessment notice. The reassessment notices will likely be mailed out in late spring or early summer of 2019. As always, residents will have 30 days from the date of the notice to file an appeal on their new assessed value. The Barrington Township Assessor's office will be able to happily assist you if you wish to file an appeal.



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- ❑ **Senior Homestead Exemption** – This exemption reduces the taxable value of your home by \$8,000.
  - Requirement – age 65 or older
- ❑ **Senior Homestead FREEZE** – This exemption freezes the Assessed Value of your home (Minimum freeze benefit = \$2,000 Reduction in taxable value of your home)
  - Requirement – Total household income must be less than \$65,000

If you have qualified for the senior freeze exemption in 2018, this reassessment WILL NOT affect you as long as you continue to fill out the yearly form and meet the low income requirements of \$65,000.

Senior Exemption/Senior Freeze Renewal forms will be mailed out mid-January 2019. The front side of the form is for the Senior Homestead exemption. The back of the form is for the Senior Freeze exemption.

**Early tax payment option for snowbirds:** Those who plan to be away for the winter can prepay their first installment tax bill, which is due on March 1st of each year. This bill is always 55% of the previous year's bill. This option is NOT available for the second installment bill. Those who wish to take advantage of this option can go to the Cook County Treasurer's website, [www.cookcountytreasurer.com](http://www.cookcountytreasurer.com) and search the option to prepay real estate tax bills.



**Want to be alerted regarding tax appeal deadlines?** Join our mailing list! 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](mailto:BARRINGTONTWP@AMERITECH.NET)

## New Law for Texting and Driving Takes Effect Next Summer



**On July 1, 2019**, people caught texting while driving will be cited with a moving violation on the first offense instead of a non-moving violation. Motorists who rack up three moving violations within a year can have their driver's license suspended.

In addition to the moving violation, the penalty for violating the law includes fines and court costs determined by a judge. A driver convicted of three moving violations in one year could have their driver's license suspended.

Currently, Illinois law prohibits the use of hand-held cell phones, texting or using other electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle. Hands-free devices or Blue Tooth technology is allowed for persons age 19 and older.

## BACOA Provides Free Tax Preparation by AARP Volunteers

Older adults are invited to schedule an appointment at the Barrington Area Council on Aging, 6000 Garlands Lane, Suite 100, Barrington for free income tax assistance.

BACOA has partnered with AARP to provide this free service and will file taxes electronically.

Assistance is by appointment only and will run from Feb. 5 through April 12, 2018. Those interested are invited to call (847) 381 5030 for complete information.

Those scheduling an appointment should bring a copy of their last income tax filing, Medicare card, Social Security card and a photo I.D.

All refunds will be directly deposited into checking accounts, so a cancelled check will also be required.

Appointments fill up fast, so call today!



## 'Fall Back' on November 4

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

And check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



# 2018 General Election is Tuesday, November 6



Illinois voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 to vote 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.

There are several deadlines to be met in the next few weeks. Don't forget about the Early Voting opportunity which continues until November 5th and is available for those wishing to exercise the right to vote prior to Election Day. If your schedule doesn't permit you to vote early, you can express your desires in person on Election Day, November 6th.

Are you registered to vote? If not, you can accomplish that process at the Barrington Township Office. Don't let your voice be silent. Vote and be counted.

**In-person only early voting** begins on October 22.

Please note that Barrington Township is NOT an early voting site. 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

**Schaumburg (Trickster Art Gallery)**, 190 S. Roselle Road

**Arlington Heights Village Hall**, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights

**Rolling Meadows Courthouse**, Room 238, 2121 Euclid Avenue, Rolling Meadows

Early voting hours are:

9am - 5pm	Monday, Oct 22 - Friday, Oct 26
9am - 5pm	Saturday, Oct 27
10am - 4pm	Sunday, Oct 28
9am - 7pm	Monday, Oct 29 - Friday, Nov 2
9am - 5pm	Saturday, Nov 3
10am - 4pm	Sunday, Nov 4
9am - 5pm	Monday, Nov 5 (9am-7pm Arlington Heights)

If you need further information about early voting, or if you are unsure of your polling place, go to the Cook County Clerk's website, [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com) or call the Township office at (847) 381-5632.

## Help Protect Our Groundwater by Using Less Salt



The Barrington Area Council Of Governments (BACOG) is committed to helping reduce the amount of salt going into the groundwater. There are important things you can do to help.

### Upgrade your water softening system

- For residents who still have a time clock-operated water softener, upgrade to an "on demand" unit which only regenerates when the soft water runs out. This equipment can cut chloride output by nearly 50% and save you money purchasing salt.
- Install an iron filtration system that uses chemicals other than salt to combat the iron.

### Use less salt for snow and ice removal

- Clear walkways and other areas before snow turns to ice. Shovel or plow instead of salting.
- Reduce the amount of salt used: a 12 oz. coffee cup full of salt is enough to treat an average 20 foot driveway.
- When pavement temperatures drop below 15 degrees, salt doesn't work. Switch to sand for traction and/or a different ice melter, such as calcium magnesium acetate, created for lower temperatures.

## WHERE TO VOTE –

Polling places will be open from 6:00 AM-7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Barrington Township voting locations are:

### Precinct #1:

Community Church of Barrington,  
301 E. Lincoln Avenue

### Precinct #2:

Barrington Village Hall,  
200 S. Hough Street

### Precinct #3:

Grove Avenue Elementary School,  
900 S. Grove Street

### Precinct #4:

Willow Creek Community Church,  
67 E. Algonquin Road

### Precinct #5:

The Presbyterian Church,  
6 Brinker Road

### Precinct #6:

St. Michael's 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

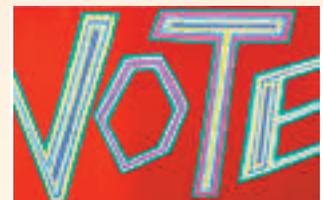
### Precinct #11:

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.

All polling places are handicapped accessible.

Questions about your polling place location? Call the Township office, (847) 381-5632.





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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 with a signed form from your doctor.
- **Free notary service**
- **Voter registration**
- **Food pantry**  
 Available once a month to qualified township residents. Donations of food and household items are appreciated.
- **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.
- **PACE Dial-A-Ride**  
 This service is available to senior citizens and disabled individuals, provides door-to-door transportation to locations in Barrington Township, Cuba Township, Village of Barrington, and portions of Lake Zurich and surrounding communities. Fare is \$2.00 each way. Reservations must be made one day in advance. 800-2735939, (TTY) 888-454-4724 for reservations and further information.
- **Reduced Fare Taxi Program for Seniors, Disabled & Veterans**  
 Available to senior citizens, disabled and veteran residents of Barrington Township. Township will pay one half of fare up to a maximum of \$5.00 for local taxi trips.

**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.

**GiGi's Playhouse: 2350 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates: 847.885.PLAY:**

GiGi's playhouse mission is to change the way the world views Down syndrome through national campaigns, education programs, and by empowering individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community. GiGi's Playhouse is the ONLY international network of Down Syndrome Achievement Centers created to provide FREE life-changing therapeutic and educational programs for all ages.



GiGi's Playhouse offers 30+ unique programs that serve the needs specific to individuals with Down syndrome, from infant through adult. Programs are operated by 99% volunteers. Signature programming includes speech and language development, social development, gross motor development, academic support, health and wellness and much more. Programs celebrate purposeful progressions rather than developmental milestones which often come later, or in different order, for children and young adults with Down syndrome.

GiGi's Playhouse has its roots in Barrington Township, and they have been serving this community since 2003. Nancy Gianni, founder and Chief Belief Officer (and GiGi's mom!), lives in our township and has built the organization off the generosity of friends, family, and community leaders from the township for over the last 14 years.

**The Build Team – Repairing Homes. Restoring Hope.** The Build Team was born out of the shared vision of five Barrington area business and professional leaders to give back to the community. Since 2014, they have made essential home repairs for about 20 low income residents that have enabled these individuals to remain in their homes.



These projects to "Repair Homes and Restore Hope" for families have been completed by 94 volunteers who have contributed in excess of 5,500 hours of volunteer service. All projects are cost-free to the families, and have been paid for by the generosity from individual contributions and grants.

The combined experience and expertise of the volunteer Board of Directors made The Build Team possible. Go to the website, [www.thebuildteam.org](http://www.thebuildteam.org), to request assistance or volunteer to help.