

# Cuba Township

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Thomas W. Gooch, Hwy. Commissioner

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Roberta A. Svacha, Trustee

### Clerk, *PRISCILLA H. ROSE*

The next scheduled election is March 20, 2012, which is the presidential primary. **Any** change of address requires new voter registration, which can be done at the Township office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Two forms of identification are required— one must be a government issued photo id, and one must have your current address.

Several programs exist to assist voters away from the polls on election day:

The **Temporarily Absent Student** program is designed for students away at school.

The **Snowbird Program** is designed for those that are away from Cuba Township during the spring and/or fall elections with a permanent away address.

The **Permanent Voting by Mail** Program is designed for those voters who chose to receive their ballots by mail instead of voting at the polls on election day. This service is available for all elections and remains in effect for every election unless cancelled.

Registered voters can sign up for any of these voting programs at the Township office during regular business hours—Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CUBA  
TOWNSHIP

Township board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township office, 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington. All meetings are open to the public

Office hours  
Monday-Friday  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

# Cuba News

Fall 2011

Supervisor, *DAVID F. NELSON*

As we view summer in the rearview mirror, the buzz of the mosquito is a faint, annoying memory. With record level summer rainfall producing unprecedented mosquito populations, Cuba Township enhanced the existing larviciding program to include 3 sprayings for adult mosquitoes. On August 12, 19, and 26 Clarke Mosquito provided adult spraying in unincorporated sections of the Township to coordinate with the spraying done by the Villages of Tower Lakes, North Barrington and Lake Barrington.

A fonder summer memory is the produce that has been donated to the Cuba Township food pantry by many generous local gardeners and *Smart Farm*. This produce was shared weekly with our food pantry recipients along with other perishable food items donated by Trader Joe's in Lake Zurich and the Fox River Grove Panera. The pantry provides perishable items weekly and non-perishable items monthly to families and individuals who have been screened by our Community Liaisons. If you or someone you know could benefit from the services of the food pantry, please call the Cuba Township office at (847) 381-1924 to schedule an intake interview. Donations of *non-perishable, non-expired* items are always welcome. See the wish list below for items in high demand.

*Smart Farm* is a local 501 (c) (3) whose mission is to provide an educational garden for Barrington and nearby communities. Additionally, they provide fresh produce to local food pantries, including Cuba Township. We are grateful for their ongoing support of the food pantry and were pleased to participate in their first Floating Zucchini Kayak Race. Go to [smartfarms.org](http://smartfarms.org) for more information.

As taxpayers dollars are under close scrutiny, Cuba Township strives to provide efficient and relevant services to our residents. The approximate 2-3% portion of your property tax bill that goes to Cuba Township provides services as prescribed and permissible by Illinois state law in a responsive and responsible manner. Our doors are always open for you to address your concerns, comments, suggestions and, of course, compliments. Please feel free to contact us, or join us at our monthly board meetings which are held the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Township office, 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington, IL.

### FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

**Canned chicken and tuna**

**Paper goods**

**Laundry detergent**

**Pasta sauce**

**Pasta**

**Canned soups**

**Canned fruits and vegetables**

**Diapers**

**Toiletries**

**Peanut butter**

**Rice**

**Snacks/crackers**

**Coffee/tea**

**Juice**

**Gift cards to groceries and gas stations**

### SMART FARM

*Floating Zucchini Kayak Relay Race*

*Smart Farm's Floating Zucchini Kayak Relay Race was held on August 28, 2011.*

Representing Cuba Township was— The Cuban Missile Team- *Lettuce Beet You-* manned by Bill Powell, Jenny Powell, Rusty Rose and Sharon Sickal. Although they failed to win the kayak relay event, their creative skills prevailed as they took first place in the creative use of vegetables contest with their creation titled "Garden of the Sea".

Many thanks to our kayakers/ food creators for participating in and contributing to a successful event for **SMART FARM!**



L to R: Rusty Rose, Jenny Powell, Sharon Sickal, Bill Powell

# CUBA TOWNSHIP SERVICES

**Handicapped parking placard applications** are available at the Township office. Once approved by a physician, the Township can provide a temporary parking card for up to 90 days. If a permanent card is required, obtain a temporary from the Township, then mail the application to the Secretary of State’s office for a permanent card.

**R.T.A. applications** for reduced fare passes for senior citizens aged 65 years and older and the disabled are available at the Township office. Proof of age is required- a driver’s license or state identification card is acceptable. The pass is good for reduced fare on fixed bus and rail services provided by the CTA, Pace and Metra. The Township will take the required picture and complete the application. It will be received in approximately 4 weeks. The photo is no charge for Township residents- \$2 for non-township residents. Seniors that qualify for the Circuit Breaker program are eligible for free rides on the RTA and should contact the Illinois Department of Aging at 800-624-2459 or go online at [www.cbrx.il.gov](http://www.cbrx.il.gov) to apply.

**PACE/Dial a Ride** program is subsidized by the Township for seniors and the disabled. The service offers local curb-to-curb service for \$1 each way. For enrollment, reservations and information please call 800-451-4599 or 815-363-4305. Reservations can be made 24 hours in advance and 7 days in advance for medical appointments.

**Half fare taxi program** is available for Township residents who are 65 years of age or older. The Township will subsidize half of your taxi fare up to \$7.00. Please stop in the office to sign up for this program. Proof of age and residency is required.

**Notary public services** are offered at no charge.

**The Cuba Township food pantry** is available to any Township resident indicating a need. An intake interview is required. Please call the office for more information. Donations are always welcome.

**The General Assistance and Emergency Assistance** programs offer limited financial assistance to Township residents. Income guidelines determine eligibility. Additionally, limited financial assistance is available through the Salvation Army. Please contact the Township office for more information.

**LIHEAP (low income home energy assistance program) and SHARING** applications are available at the Township office. These programs offer limited financial assistance, based on income, for heating and electric bills. Funding for these programs begins September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for seniors, the disabled and families with young children and continues through the heating season. November 1<sup>st</sup> is the first application date for all other qualifying households. Please contact the Township office for more information.

**Township vehicle stickers** are available at no charge for residents living in unincorporated areas of the Township. There is no charge for the stickers and they are not required- they are offered as a courtesy.

**Passport processing services** are offered at the Township office by *appointment only*, Monday through Friday, 10am to 3pm. Processing takes up to 8 weeks. Identification (usually a driver’s license) and proof of citizenship (birth certificate or naturalization papers) are required. Please call the Township office at 847-381-1924 to make an *appointment*. More details on requirements, fees and documentation are available at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

**A drop-off box for used eyeglasses** is in the Township office. Eyeglasses are collected by the Lions club and given to health care professionals for distribution to the needy.

**Warning sirens** are located throughout the Township to warn residents of dangerous weather. The sirens are owned and maintained by the Township with cooperation from the local fire department. The sirens are designed to be heard *outside* to warn residents to seek shelter.

**Mosquito abatement services** are provided for the Township through a contract with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. Larviciding is done throughout the Township to prevent the hatching of mosquito eggs. Emergency spraying is performed if the West Nile Virus is detected in the Township. Please call Clarke’s hotline at 800-942-2555 for more information.

**Voter registration** is available at the Township office for any Illinois resident. To register, a person must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age by the date of the next election, and a resident of the address at which they are registering at least 30 days prior to the election. Two forms of identification are required- one must show your name and current address and one form of identification may be a piece of mail for a contractual service addressed to you at your residence. The Township office is open for voter registration Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm.

**Early and Absentee Voting** is available at the Township office prior to every election. You must be a Cuba Township resident to vote at the Township office.

**The Cuba Cares fund** is a 501 (c) (3) charitable fund. Monies donated to this fund are used to help residents need who do not qualify for other assistance. After determination of need, disbursements are made to a vendor to assist in maintaining self-sufficiency. Funds are available to any Township individual or family only every 12 months. All monies donated are tax deductible; the fund is administered at no expense to the Township and no taxpayer funds are used to maintain it. To make a donation or inquire about assistance, please contact the Township office. All information regarding disbursements or inquiries is confidential.

**The Community Room** is available to any Township resident for small group meetings of a not-for- profit nature. Please contact the Township office for specific details on use and for availability. Cuba Township reserves primary user rights of the room.

**Retired flags** can be dropped off at the Township office. The local VFW post and American Legion will collect the flags and dispose of them at periodic sanctioned ceremonies.

**Free mulch and firewood** is available seasonally through the Cuba Township Road District. Please go to [www.cubaroads.com](http://www.cubaroads.com) for information on Road District services or call 847- 381-7793.

Please click on “assessor “on the Township’s home page [www.cubatownship.com](http://www.cubatownship.com) for services provided by the **Cuba Township Assessor** or call 847-381-1120.

## Assessor, *REBECCA M. TONIGAN*

**As assessment notices (the “Blue Letter”) begin to appear in mail boxes, most taxpayers have a lot of questions.**

**Questions like-**

**I’ve heard 2011 is “the Quad”, what exactly does that mean?**

General assessment years (also known as the quadrennial assessment year or the “quad”) occur every four years per state statute. During the “quad” year, Assessors review the assessments of all properties within the township, making changes as needed to ensure fair and uniform assessed values. Any prior reduction in assessed value made by the Board of Review does not carry forward in a quad year. The quad provides the Assessor the opportunity to adjust assessments to re-establish equity among all properties.

**What can I do if I think my assessment is wrong?**

Call my office. You may have information about your property that I need to consider and I may have information about the market and assessment process that you need to consider. If, after we talk, you still think that your assessment is incorrect, you may file an appeal with the Lake County Board of Review and request a hearing in person, by phone or by letter. The forms are available in my office, on the county website at [www.lakecountyil.gov](http://www.lakecountyil.gov), or at the Chief County Assessment Office in Waukegan. My office is happy to explain and assist in this process.

**Do I need to hire someone to contest my assessment?**

NO...the entire process is very “user-friendly”. The county website, in addition to providing assessment information, provides valuable tools for analyzing your assessment for accuracy and fairness. For those who want a clearer overview and understanding of the Property Tax System, the county offers “Public Information Meetings”. These presentations outline the appeal process and demonstrate the county website tools. And for those who are “computer challenged” or just want more specific help, the county also offers “Tax Assessment Help Centers” where you can actually work one-on-one with a county or township assessment official who will assist you in evaluating your individual property tax assessment utilizing the county web applications. In recent years there has been a tremendous increase in the number of companies offering their services to appeal assessments. Many of these companies do little more than make use of the same tools available to you at the county website.

**I understand that the best evidence of fair cash value is a professional appraisal done for “ad valorem” purposes. What is that and how is it different from my refinance appraisal?**

An “ad valorem” appraisal is an appraisal done for the purpose of establishing fair cash value as of the assessment lien date, January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current assessment year. A finance appraisal is done for a lending institution to ensure that your property has sufficient value to secure a loan without undue risk to the lender. It is important to remember that all appraisals are “opinions of value”. Rarely, if ever, is there one absolute value for a property. Rather, there is typically a range of possible values. And this is why the reason for an appraisal can influence the appraiser’s final opinion of value. Appraisals done for financing are attempting to define the low end of the range of value that exists for every property, thereby protecting the lender from possible loss. As a result, finance appraisals tend to be lower than appraisals done for tax purposes. For that reason the Board of Review, in their rules, says that the “best evidence of fair cash value...is a professional appraisal done for ad valorem purposes”. The Property Tax Appeal Board actually takes it a step further by requiring that, “If an appraisal is relied on, testimony of the appraiser must be presented if the appraisal and opinion of value are to be given much weight in the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board accords little weight and credibility to appraisals submitted without testimony”.

**The appeal process is an important safeguard for the taxpayer.** Its intent is to protect the taxpayer and ensure fair and equitable assessments. However, in the current declining market, the appeal process is actually creating inequities, not curing them. Why? Because Assessors and the Board of Review are operating with different rules. Assessors are required by law to consider three years of sales when determining assessments, but the Board of Review specifically states that sales closest to the assessment date (January 1<sup>st</sup> of the assessment year) are preferable. In a still declining market, this is a decided advantage for those filing appeals with the Board of Review. Taxpayers who file appeals are receiving reductions in their assessed value that taxpayers who do not file are not receiving. The results are inequitable assessments and an unfair shifting of the tax burden from those who appeal to those who do not.

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### Do You Have Expired or Unused Pharmaceuticals?

Recent testing has shown an increasing number of drinking water sources around the country contain pharmaceutical components. Currently the levels are not known to affect human health, but studies show that some aquatic species are negatively reacting to pharmaceuticals contaminating their water. The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) advocates taking steps now to protect our groundwater from contamination before it becomes a health issue.

**Don’t flush or toss!**

Flushing old and unused medication creates an easy avenue for groundwater contamination. Septic tanks and wastewater treatment plants are unable to remove all pharmaceutical components during treatment. The water released from the treatment plant or your septic system still contains remnants of flushed medication. Through recharge, this water can make its way from the ground surface down to the groundwater, contaminating the water we pump into our homes for drinking. Putting your medicines in the trash is not a safe alternative. Landfills create a liquid composed of everything in the landfill, including pharmaceuticals. This liquid may be treated at a wastewater treatment plant but will still contain pharmaceuticals that can contaminate our water.

**Where can I dispose of my pharmaceuticals?**

Dispose of your pharmaceuticals at a reputable take back program. The Barrington Police Department, in cooperation with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, collects expired and unused medications the first Saturday of every month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building, 400 N. Northwest Highway, Barrington. Residents of the BACOG region are fortunate to have a collection facility in their midst – take advantage of it and protect our drinking water! If you have questions, contact the Barrington Police Department at 847-304-3300.

New state legislation passed in 2011 will also address public health and safety in disposal of pharmaceuticals and allow for additional locations for collections in the future.



Barrington Area Council of Governments  
[www.bacog.org](http://www.bacog.org)

# Cuba Heritage

By Barbara Benson

To continue a series about noteworthy people who have lived and/or farmed in Cuba Township, I turned to an article which appeared in the *Chicago Sunday Tribune* on May 23, 1937, headlined, “BARRINGTON DISTRICT PROVES LURE TO FARM MINDED DWELLERS OF CHICAGO AND SUBURBS”. The article detailed how city people had purchased over 14,000 acres of land around Barrington in the previous 4 years, a lot of it in Cuba Township. Much of the information in the article was derived from the maps published by the Glenview real estate company of Wyatt and Coons, through the work of surveyor and engineer E. J. L. Walther.

The purchase of large parcels of land by successful businessmen in Chicago for country residences and “gentlemen’s farms” had begun in the early twentieth century, most notably in Cuba Township the 500 acres west from where Barrington High School now is, by H. Stillson Hart, 300 acres at the corner of County Line and Ridge Roads by George Van Hagen, and the almost 700 acres around Honey and Grassy Lakes by William Grace, all circa 1907.

By the mid-1930’s, the *Tribune* article could document many more substantial acquisitions of Cuba farmland. For instance, Maurice Karker, president of the Jewel Tea Company after its headquarters were built in Barrington in 1930, owned a 225 acre farm south of Route 22, the land being on both sides of Harbor Road where the Brookside East and West subdivisions are now. Karker had prize cattle and pigs, and since he lived in Glencoe, a manager occupied the old farmhouse which stood on the west side of the property. North of Route 22, Miss Isabelle Bates, who took an agriculture course at the University of Illinois, farmed 225 acres, which was later purchased by the Quaker Oats Company, most of the land becoming the site of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.

A large landholder of the time in Cuba Township was James R. Cardwell, president of the Cardwell-Westinghouse Company. In 1924 he had purchased three farms totaling 700 acres adjacent to the Barrington Hills Country Club, and named his property Oak Knolls Farm, building a beautiful residence which is still there. An active participant in the equestrian activities of the countryside, he began holding an annual Gymkhana on his property in 1937. His daughter, Virginia Reinhart was one of the founding members of the Fox River Valley Hunt, and later she became Master of the Hunt, as, at a later date, did her daughter Vicki Fitch.

Also, in the area of Oak Knoll and Merri Oaks Road, B.J. Grigsby of the Grigsby Grunau Radio Company, owned 198 acres and built an estate of Tudor style buildings, a main house, stables and manager’s houses. This is now Tudor Oaks Farm, but with a large parcel donated by Grigsby’s daughter Peggy Richards, to Citizens for Conservation, who have accomplished a remarkable native prairie restoration there. The estate itself, with its well-preserved buildings, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places over 20 years ago.

In the northern area of the Township, a previous article was about John Roberts of Roberts and Oakes Packers and his 500 acre estate along the road later named for him. Also north, and along the Fox River, Max Hurd, who was then vice-president of the Link Belt Company, owned a magnificent 315 acre property, his house overlooking the river. While subdivided over the years, the remaining acreage now belongs to the Lake County Forest Preserve District as part of the Grassy Lake-Fox River Preserve system.

At the time of the *Tribune* article, G. C. Criswell owned 45 acres completely surrounding Indian Lake, now Lake Barrington Shores. He farmed year round and built a stone manor house, demolished only in the past few years.

Further to the east there was notable ownership of large parcels: Henry G. Zander, Sr. former president of the Chicago Real Estate Board, and also former head of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, owned a 60 acre parcel south of Honey Lake, where he lived year round. This would now be part of Oaksbury. South of route 22, Sheldon Clark, an oilman and widely known yachtsman, had an 88 acre year round estate, and Emil Wetten, an attorney and one time candidate for mayor in Chicago, farmed 220 acres on which he kept a summer estate. In the case of these properties, some further research is needed to indentify if any of the residences still exist.

The *Tribune* article provided some interesting information about land prices in our area at that time. “Barrington prices at present range from \$150 to \$250 an acre, with some land being held at \$300. In small estates property has climbed as high as \$1,500 an acre for ten acre tracts. Even in 1932 when there was practically no market, ten acres were sold at \$800 an acre.”

The article continued with a note about the realtors: “The three most active real estate firms in the Barrington area, who negotiated most of the deals are Wyatt and Coons, who have their office in Glenview; D.C. Schroeder, a pioneer resident of Barrington, whose father was one of the town’s settlers, and Samuel S. Ross”. D. C. Schroeder was the son –in-law of Sanford Peck, who in the early years of the twentieth century had maintained a real estate office in the Railway Exchange Building in Chicago. Peck, one of the early residents of West Lake Street in Barrington, had brokered the sales of farm property to George Van Hagen and H. Stillson Hart and other substantial parcels in 1907. His grandson, Don Schroeder, still maintained a real estate office on East Main Street into the 1980’s. He sold to Starck Realtors, which is now merged with Prudential Real Estate.

As many of the estate properties began to be sold and subdivided in the 1950’s, we are fortunate that most of the new residents valued the beauty of the landscape and the open spaces, which were preserved through the estate owners acquisition of the early farms, and many of these later residents have dedicated themselves to maintaining and



## Update regarding changes to the SENIORS RIDE FREE program

In February 2011, Governor Pat Quinn signed legislation changing the requirements of the *Seniors Ride Free* program. Beginning September 1st, the program is limited to low-income seniors who meet the income requirements set by the Illinois Department on Aging Circuit Breaker program. Seniors who are not eligible for the Circuit Breaker program will be eligible for a Reduced Fare Permit to ride CTA, Pace and Metra buses and trains.

To continue to be eligible for the *Seniors Ride Free* program, low-income seniors must first apply directly through the Illinois Circuit Breaker Program. Please contact the Illinois Department of Aging at 800-624-2459 or online at [www.cbrx.il.gov](http://www.cbrx.il.gov). Current annual income limits for the Circuit Breaker program are \$27,610 or less for an individual, \$36,635 or less for a two-person household, and \$45, 657 for a household of three or more people.

In advance of the changeover, you should have received a new Free Ride permit if you are currently enrolled in the Circuit Breaker Program, or a Reduced Fare permit if you do not meet the income requirements. If you have

## PASSPORT APPLICATIONS TAKEN AT CUBA TOWNSHIP

Cuba Township is pleased to be a passport acceptance agency. Our staff can accept applications for processing for any individual. **Appointments are required.** For more information on required documentation and fees, please go to [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). You can also contact the Township office at (847) 381-1924 for information and to **make an appointment.**



## CUBA TOWNSHIP’S WHITE MEMORIAL CEMETERY LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS LEGAL NOTICE

### *SECOND NOTICE*

**NOTICE** is hereby given to all and any persons, wherever situated, pursuant to Section 9 of the Illinois Cemetery Protection Act, 765 ILCS 835/9, for the purpose of finding any person or persons who have or may claim to have an interest of whatever kind, including but not limited to ownership, assignation, or as heir-at-law, next-of-kin, or specific legatee under will of an owner or assignee, in certain interment rights in the **White Memorial Cemetery**, a cemetery of Cuba Township, in Lake County, Illinois, located at Prestwick Drive, near the intersection of Cuba Road and Barrington Road, Barrington, Illinois. The interment rights are described as follows:

Description of Gravesite by Lot and Block	Last Known Owner	Last Known Transfer Date
Block B, west of lot #68, graves 1- 6	Caswell	unknown
Block B, lot 68, graves 2 - 6		unknown
Block B, lot 67 graves 1- 6		unknown
Block B, lot 15B, graves 3,4, 5	M. Dodge	unknown
Block B, lot 16B, graves 1,2,3,4	Ohnsman	unknown
Block B, lot 10, graves 1,2,3,5,6	J. Newcomb	unknown
Block B, lot 11 grave 6	B. L. Hopkins	unknown
Block B, lot 63, graves 1 - 6	Rudolph L. Nagler	unknown
Block B, lot 62, graves 1,2,5,6	V. Bliss	unknown
Block B, lot 25, graves 7 - 12	J. L. Schryver	unknown
Block B, lot 26B, graves 1 - 6	W. Lytle	unknown
Block B, lot 60, graves 3,4,5,6	Lewandoski	unknown
Block B, lot 26A, graves 4,5,6,	August Hawk	unknown
Block B, lot 27, graves 3,4,5,6	Rindal	unknown
Block B, west of lot #10, graves 1 - 6		unknown
Block A, lot 47 ½, grave 6	P. Davidson	unknown
Block A, lot 45 N ½, graves, 1,2,3,4	S. Schryver	unknown

Any person or persons who have or may claim to have any interest in the above interment rights must **contact Ms. Priscilla H. Rose, 28000 West Cuba Road, Barrington, Illinois 60010; Phone 847-381-1924, by January 3, 2012.**

Be advised, that should no claim of interest be made to the above internment rights or any of them, then the cemetery’s board of managers may file a petition in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court for Lake County, Illinois, seeking to have the court find the interment rights to have been abandoned, and, once found to be abandoned, sold at public sale.

Dated: October 4, 2011

/s/ Priscilla H. Rose  
Priscilla H. Rose, Cuba Township Clerk

The elected officials of Cuba Township  
are pleased to present the 11th annual

# Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 22, 2011**

**1- 4 p.m.**

**28160 W. Cuba Road, *The Grove***

Food, games, live music and fun for all!  
No reservations required—  
please call the Township office at  
(847) 381-1924 for more information

*Back this year-*  
**BAKE SALE**

*All proceeds from the Bake Sale will benefit the  
**Cuba Township Food Pantry***

*Your donation of baked goods will be appreciated  
and can be dropped off at the Township  
office on Friday, October 21st, 9 a.m.—4 p.m.*

*Donations of non-perishable items for the pantry  
will also be accepted at the Fall Festival*



Highway Commissioner, **THOMAS W. GOOCH**

**Pay raises at the Road District?** Not this year. Normally every year we try to give the employees here at the Road District a COLA raise to keep up with the cost of living. That would have been slightly over 3%. Frankly, they deserve such a raise and they certainly earn it with the work they do. However, with things as tough as they are for all of you, I decided that we could tighten our belts too, so no raises were awarded this year. By the same token, my salary is set six months before my term of office begins every four years and all raises are set as well to occur automatically each year during the four year term. During this past term the township board determined that I would receive a cost of living raise or 2.5% whichever is less each year, so under the terms of that ordinance I, too, would have qualified for a raise. I decided in April to reject that raise and have kept my salary the same as it has been during past years. It wasn't that much of a raise, but symbolically it means something and frankly as hard as everybody is having it these days it seemed like the right thing to do, particularly when my people went without. So if you have any extra cookies during the winter, dropping them off at the garage is certainly a welcome idea.

Our mulch deliveries will cease for the season on October 7th and not resume until spring. However, mulch will always be available for you to pick up at the yard, please remember no commercial vehicles or hired contractors.

Firewood pick ups will commence on Fridays only between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the normal place behind the garage beginning on October 7, 2011. Please remember we restrict the quantity of firewood you can pick up on any one Friday to a trunk load which works out to about 20 pieces of wood. This is designed to give you firewood for weekend fires, but makes sure there is enough firewood available for everyone. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate those who are attempting to heat their homes with the quantity of firewood they need.

We do have large logs available by prior arrangement and appointment at the mulch pile. Most of this is not hardwood but is suitable for burning in stoves and wood burning furnaces. You will have to cut it yourself and load it. Please call to schedule a time if you are interested. I am willing to come down on a Saturday or Sunday and open the yard for you if it makes it easier. Just contact Anne here at the Road District office at 847-381-7793 and she will get the information to me.

As the construction season is shutting down and we are preparing for snow operations, I am working to schedule a "town style meeting" here at the Road District with you and me and representatives of the Villages we serve to talk about what is on your mind road wise for next year. The plan is for **8 a.m. on November 5, 2011** at the Road District garage, located immediately west of the Township offices. I should think we would be done by 10 a.m. easily. I'll provide coffee, juice, tea and donuts in that order. We can talk about roads, your concerns regarding roads, the Road District services, Village plans for next year's construction season and whatever. Now is the time to bring them to my attention and we will see what we can work in to next year's construction season. With diminishing assessment values and my desire not to increase tax rates, our budget will be decreasing again next year as our revenue sources will decrease, but I believe I can make everything work and certainly intend to try. So please come down and visit on Saturday morning November 5, 2011 at 8 a.m. and we will talk about your concerns.

By the time you read this newsletter we will be less than 30 days away from snow season. Please give us a break when you see our trucks out plowing and salting and remember the materials put down can damage your automobile so keeping a safe distance behind a salt truck is a smart thing to do. Also bear in mind that those trucks weigh over 50,000 pounds fully loaded and are not as easily maneuverable as a car. The snow plow itself weighs over 3,000 pounds. Truck versus car is never a good combination, so please do your best to help us out.

I believe I have some of the most responsible drivers, including myself, as any Township Road District, County or State Highway Department could have. I want to keep it that way. So if you see any instance of what you consider poor driving I would certainly like to hear from you directly.

Should you have concerns during the winter I am available to you for things of an urgent nature 24/7. My cell phone is 847-951-7575. If it is something important, please don't worry about the hour of the day or the day of the week. Sometimes roads get slick unexpectedly and your phone call is always welcome to report it.

We had a very busy construction season and photographs of some of our projects will be posted on the Road District website during the latter part of September or early October. Please visit it and take a look. And again, any questions, comments or concerns call us here at 847-381-7793 and my cell is always available to you after hours and on weekends 847-951-7575. Stay warm.