



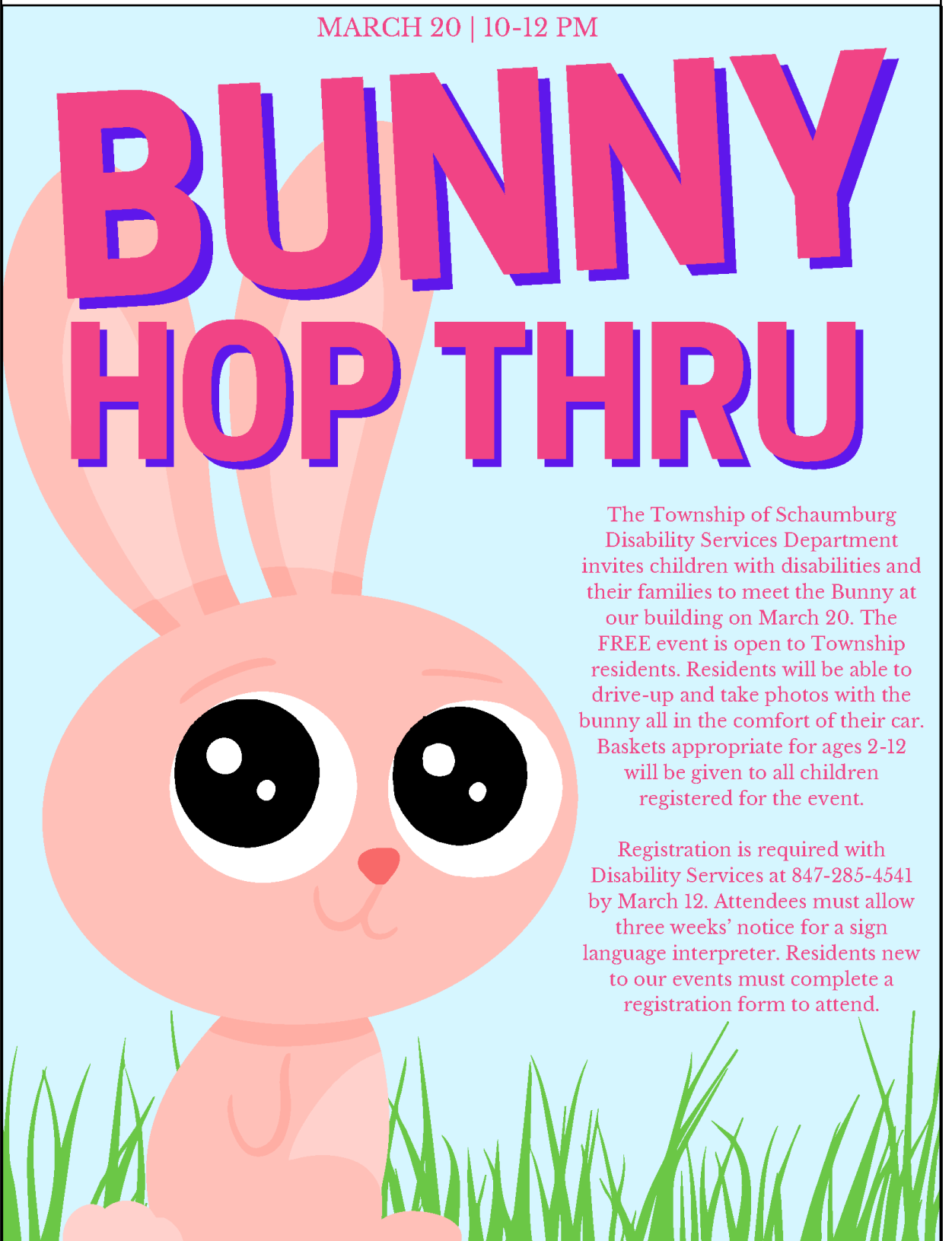
**TOWNSHIP OF
SCHAUMBURG**

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISABILITY SERVICES ABLEGRAM

March—April 2021

MARCH 20 | 10-12 PM

BUNNY HOP THRU



The Township of Schaumburg Disability Services Department invites children with disabilities and their families to meet the Bunny at our building on March 20. The FREE event is open to Township residents. Residents will be able to drive-up and take photos with the bunny all in the comfort of their car. Baskets appropriate for ages 2-12 will be given to all children registered for the event.

Registration is required with Disability Services at 847-285-4541 by March 12. Attendees must allow three weeks' notice for a sign language interpreter. Residents new to our events must complete a registration form to attend.

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Department News and Programs



Community Health Nurse Janet Stachula, RN

- **A1C Testing:** By appointment | \$12 fee (cash only)
- **Bone Density Screening:** By appointment | FREE
- **Blood Pressure Screening:** By appointment | FREE
- **Memory Loss Screening:** By appointment | FREE
- **Diabetes Support Group:** 2nd/4th Wednesday 10:30-11:30am
RSVP with Nurse Janet for call information. | FREE
- **Walking Group:** Every Tuesday and Thursday 8:45-9:45am
Meet at Volkening Lake (900 W Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60194). Weather Permitting. RSVP with Nurse Janet. | FREE



Township of Schaumburg Committee for People with Disabilities (CFPD) Openings

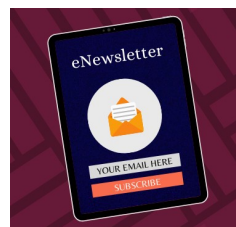
The Committee for People with Disabilities (CFPD) is accepting new members! If you reside in Schaumburg Township and are a person with a disability; a primary caregiver or guardian of a person with a disability; or a person with advance skill, knowledge, or experience serving people with disabilities you are eligible to apply. For more information or to request an application contact Becky Cordes, Director of Disability Services, at 847-884-0030 or bcordes@schaumburgtownship.org.

Interested applicants must pass a background check and provide a resume.

The CFPD is a nine-member volunteer group that serves as an advisory council to Disability Services and the Township of Schaumburg Board of Trustees.

The Committee seeks to:

- Promote and advocate for an inclusive and optimal quality of life for residents with disabilities.
- Support services and programs available to persons with disabilities.
- Assist in the development goals, objectives, and policies for Disability Services.
- Provide outreach to community about services and opportunities.
- Make recommendations for annual grant funding to agencies who serve persons with disabilities and their care partners.



eNewsletter Launched

We have officially launched the Disability Services eNewsletter. The eNewsletter goes out every 1st and 15th of every month and has the latest news pertaining to people with disabilities, programming information, services and more! To keep up to date with the latest happenings, make sure to subscribe to our eNewsletter at www.schaumburgtownship.org. Make sure to scroll to the bottom right of the main page until you see “subscribe to our mailing list”. If you are having difficulties signing up give us a call at 847-285-4541!

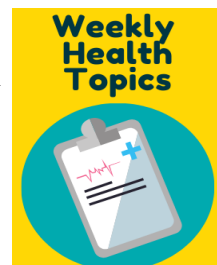
Weekly Health Topic

Every Thursday at 1pm in-person or via Zoom

Mar 4—Staying Safe in Cold Weather
Mar 11— Anti-inflammatory Diet
Mar 18 —Nurse Janet on Vacation
Mar 25 —Demystify the myths of Senior Living with Andrea Donovan

Apr 1 —Cooking Class: Easy Chicken and Salad Meal
Apr 8 —Reading Labels
Apr 15 —How to Avoid Sugar Cravings
Apr 22 —Getting the Best Care: Why Hospitals May be the Worse Place for an Aging Loved One with Margaret Fitzpatrick ICU RN, Author, Speaker, Advocate
Apr 29 —Forgetfulness

To join, call Nurse Janet at 847-285-4551 to register and obtain the password.



Programs

Supportive Housing Waitlists 101 and How You Can Use the Existing DD Waiver to Fund Supports

Date: March 11
Time: 1pm - 3pm

Join Connect to Community on March 11th for a webinar on supportive housing. The webinar will explain the basics of supportive housing and how people with intellectual and developmental disabilities can control their housing. The webinar will also explain the different types of supportive housing waitlists available in Illinois and the type of waivers needed for funding supports in individually controlled housing. Presented by Todd Fuller, Statewide Housing and Employment First Coordinator and Jennifer Gentile, Deputy Director of Clinical Services. To register for this webinar go to <https://tinyurl.com/b9gwem27>.

The Answer Inc. & Chicago Autism Network Presents: Autism & Special Needs Expo

Date: March 27
Time: 10am - 1pm

The Answer Inc. and Chicago Autism Network presents this virtual expo of Illinois' special needs resources. The expo will have the information necessary to benefit yourself and your child. There will be resources on therapy providers, extracurricular activities, employment programs, housing, IEP coaches and education advocates, sensory product vendors, and more. The event is completely free for attendees. For more information you can call 708-296-5651 or 773-681-1714 or go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/autism-special-needs-expo-tickets-134611451475>.

Medicare with Cindy

Date: March 3 & April 7
Time: 1pm

Join SHIP counselor Cindy the first week of every month in learning the ins and outs of Medicare. The topics that will be covered during her presentations include how to use the Medicare.gov website and creating a "my Medicare" account, explaining durable medical equipment, and preventative care. Don't miss out on Cindy's informative talks! Her first talk on March 3rd will cover the Medicare.gov website and all the great tools and tips on there.

Community Recycling Event

Date: April 24
Time: 9am - 2pm

Bring your old documents, clothes, paints, and small electronics for this recycling event hosted by The Village of Schaumburg at the Wintrust Field West Lot, 1999 S. Springinsguth Rd. Schaumburg, IL, on April 24th from 9am-2pm. There is a two box limit for document destruction. The event will also be collecting vegetable oil, batteries, books, bikes, eyeglasses, and more! For more information about the event go to www.schaumburg.com/recyclingevent or call 847-895-7100.

If you are a Schaumburg resident there is an earlier Document Destruction Event on April 10th from 9am-12pm you can attend.



CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Every 3rd Monday via Zoom
11-12:30 PM

Sign-up for our FREE group for those providing care to another.


The group will meet virtually via Zoom, and while registration is not required, please call 847-285-4541 for the call information. Participants are welcome to join Zoom online or by phone. Offered in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter.

Transportation Services

Retail Trips Resume

Transportation Services has resumed retail shopping trips to Target and Walmart. Residents will be dropped off at 11am and picked up at 1pm. Below are the Target and Walmart schedules for March and April. Residents can also schedule grocery trips to Jewel-Osco, Aldi, Mariano's, and Valli Produce on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. To schedule a ride call Transportation Dispatch at 847-882-1929.

*Services are subject to change due to COVID-19.

March 2021		Township Transportation Available
Monday—1st Friday—5th	Walmart 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood	<p>Township Transportation services are available for people with permanent disabilities who are 18 years of age or older. Transportation can go up to 7 miles past the Township boarder to get you to your appointments. Please call Transportation Dispatch at 847-882-1929 for more information, to schedule your ride, or to register. There is a \$1 fee per ride.</p> 
Monday—8th Friday—12th	Target 2621 Schaumburg Road Schaumburg	
Monday—15th Friday—19th	Walmart 801 Meacham Road Elk Grove Village	
Monday—22nd Friday—26th	Target 1235 Higgins Road Schaumburg	
Monday—29th	Walmart 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood	
April 2021		
Friday—2nd	Walmart 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood	
Monday —5th Friday—9th	Target 2621 Schaumburg Road Schaumburg	
Monday—12th Friday—16th	Walmart 801 Meacham Road Elk Grove Village	
Monday—19th Friday—23rd	Target 1235 Higgins Road Schaumburg	
Monday—26th Friday—30th	Walmart 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood	

Township Riders Initiative Program (TRIP)

The TRIP program partners with five different townships (Barrington, Elk Grove, Hanover, Maine, Palatine, Schaumburg, and Wheeling) to allow riders access to more areas for medical appointments. It is \$5.00 per township line up to \$10.00 one way. To schedule a ride contact Transportation at 847-882-1929.

Social Services

Medicare Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI)

Do you have Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B, as well as Medicaid with no spend down? If so and you are aged 21 or older, you are eligible for the Medicare Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI) that allows you to access all of your benefits in one plan.

The Township's Senior Services and Disability Services staff are certified Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Counselors and are able to help with MMAI options. Call us at 847-884-0030 to schedule an appointment today.

Access to Care

If you have no medical insurance or a high deductible plan you may qualify for Access to Care. The program provides access to primary care physicians and prescription assistance. Access to Care is not health insurance but can provide the assistance needed to access healthcare services. The program is available to all residents residing in Suburban Cook County regardless of immigration status. Access to Care members receive primary doctor visits for \$5 copay, lab and x-ray tests for \$5 copay, and prescription assistance averaging to \$15-\$40 per medication. To apply for the program you can go online to <http://acesstocare.org/application/> or contact Welfare Services at 847-884-0030 for assistance.

Furnace Assistance

Furnace Assistance provides repairs to heating systems that are not operational or have been red tagged by their utility companies. The program is designed to restore the home's heating system back to a safe and effective operation. Assistance is only available to home owner approved households that have or are eligible to receive a LIHEAP benefit. These services are free of charge for income qualifying households. For more information or to see if you qualify call the Township at 847-884-0030.

Weatherization Program

Home owners may be eligible to receive Weatherization assistance. Weatherization helps to make the home as energy efficient as possible by enhancing indoor air quality and ventilation; replacement or repair of heating and cooling systems; sealing drafty areas; and insulation for attics, walls, basements, and crawl spaces. These services will help to keep homes warmer in winter and cooler in summer. Households must meet the income guidelines identified by the program and be able to provide supporting documentation. The home must be structurally suitable to receive energy efficiency work. Call the Township at 847-884-0030 to see if you qualify.

Comcast Internet Essentials

Comcast (Xfinity) provides internet as low as \$9.95 per month to people who receive government assistance programs like housing choice vouchers, Medicaid, SNAP, and SSI. The Internet Essentials includes 25 Mbps of internet service, no activation fees or equipment rental fees, option to purchase a computer, access to free internet training online or in person, and access to Xfinity Wi-Fi hotspots. To qualify you must live in a Comcast service area, not an existing Xfinity customer or had Comcast (Xfinity) in the last 90 days, and have no outstanding debt to Comcast that is less than 1 year old. For more information or to apply go to <https://apply.internetessentials.com/> or call 1-855-846-8376. If you need assistance applying give us a call at 847-285-4541.



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Free Cellphone Service

Safelink Wireless provides free cell phone service to qualifying individuals. The service plan would provide 350 minutes plus 4.5GB of data each month. A compatible cell phone is required to access services. To qualify you must either:

- Receive SNAP (food stamps), Medicaid, HUD Housing Choice Voucher, or SSI
- OR
- Income is less than 135% of the federal poverty level

For more information or to apply go to www.safelinkwireless.com or call us at 847-285-4541 for assistance.



ITAC Program

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation's (ITAC) program offers amplified phones, cell phone amplifiers, and accessories to qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. There are five phones and two cell phone amplifiers to choose from and every three years you are eligible for another piece of equipment.

For more information or to test the phones call us at 847-285-4541. If you are unable to come in to test the phones, clients can still apply for the program and choose a device over the phone.

Illinois State Library Talking Book and Braille Service

The Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS) provides free books and magazines in cassettes, braille, and descriptive video. Active Talking Book participants can download digital books on to their smartphones or tablets. Free equipment is also available in the form of Digital Talking Book Machines that can play flash memory cartridges and high-volume players for those who are hard of hearing. For more information and to see if you qualify for this program call the Schaumburg Township District Library at 847-923-3388.

Home Accessibility Program

Illinois Housing Development Authority Home Accessibility Program provides low-income homeowners with remodeling assistance to make the home more accessible. The program can provide the following improvements: grab bars, chair lifts, handicap accessible showers, lowering cabinets, lowering counter tops, widening doorways, ramps, walk-in showers, and more. Eligible homeowners can qualify for a grant up to \$25,000 for home modifications that will be forgivable after 5 years. For more information call North West Housing Partnership at 847-969-0561 or visit their website at <http://www.nwhp.net/nwhp-programs/>.

Library Open to the Public

The Schaumburg Township District Library is now open to the public. Services available in-person include browsing, use of public computers, printer services, and more. The number of computers available for use are limited and appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are welcome based on availability. To book an appointment for computer use go to <https://www.schaumburglibrary.org/technology-reservations> or call 847-923-3352. The Library requires people 2 years of age and older to wear a mask. Disposable mask are available to patrons who do not have one. If you are unable to wear a mask for health reasons contact 847-923-3200 ahead of your visit so the Library staff can make appropriate accommodations.

Food Available

Schaumburg Township's food pantry is available to all Township residents. Residents can select their own food from the pantry once a month or can arrange for transportation to have food delivered. For more information or to schedule an appointment call 847-884-0030.

Food Pantry Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30 am—1:30 pm
Tuesday, Thursday: 12—4 pm

COVID-19 Vaccine

Vaccine Available

Illinois has moved in to Phase 1b (Part 1 & 2) of the Vaccination Program. Phase 1b allows for people age 65 and older, essential workers, and people with disabilities to be vaccinated. To better streamline appointment availability and vaccine updates Cook County recently created a sign up website at <https://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov/>. The website provides updates on the current Phase in Illinois, information on scheduling vaccine appointments, and vaccine distribution locations in Cook County. Appointments are updated throughout the week at various times. Many pharmacies like Jewel-Osco, CVS, Walgreens, etc. can also add people to their vaccine waitlists online or by phone.

(The Arc of IL Update 02/10/2021)

Social Security Closed to Public

The Social Security Administration offices remain closed to the public except by appointment only. Social Security has expanded many of their online services to provide as much assistance as possible. With a “my Social Security” account you can request a replacement social security card and Medicare card, view your latest statements, print proof of your Social Security benefits, print your 1099, change your address, apply for disability benefits, and appeal decisions. The Social Security website also has useful tools and articles to help assist with any common questions you might have. Visit their website at www.ssa.gov.

If the online services do not have the information you need you can call the Social Security Administration for assistance over the phone or to schedule an appointment at 1-800-772-1213 Monday through Friday from 8am-7pm or call the local Bloomingdale Social Security Office at 1-877-845-1577. Please be advised of long wait times due to a high volume of calls.

(www.ssa.gov/onlineservices 02/18/2021)

Unemployment Fraud

Recently there have been a rise in identity theft in regards to receiving unemployment benefits. If you receive a letter in the mail from Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) and have not filed an unemployment claim, follow these steps:

- Contact IDES Fraud Hotline by phone at 800-814-0513 or online at https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Contact-IDES_Form.aspx.
- Report the fraud online to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>.
- Contact the three credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, TransUnion) to put a lock on the credit file and an alert should anyone try to open any new accounts.

If you need additional assistance or guidance with reporting fraud don't hesitate to call the Township at 847-884-0030

Rebate Recovery Credit

If you did not receive any of the Economic Impact Payments (Stimulus Checks) you can claim the Economic Impact Payment on your 2020 tax return. For more information on the Recovery Rebate Credit go to <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/recovery-rebate-credit>.

Open Communities

Open Communities is a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) certified organization that provides free fair housing programs in Suburban Cook County. Their programs consist of Housing Assistance and Fair Housing Testing and Enforcement. The Housing Assistance program can provide foreclosure counseling, financial literacy, rental assistance, and rental mediation. The Fair Housing Testing and Enforcement program can assist with fair housing disputes and discrimination. For more information call 847-507-5760.



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Disability Services

- Benefit Access Applications
- Food Assistance
- Information and Referrals
 - Employment, food pantries, home health, housing, etc.
- Medicaid
- Medicare/Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
- Medicare Savings Program
- Prescription Drug Assistance
- Safelink Wireless Free Cell Phone
- Social Security
- Temporary Parking Placards for Persons with Disabilities
- Transportation
- Utility Assistance
 - LIHEAP, Weatherization, etc.
- And More!

**art on
display**

Coming Soon—Art Display in Department

Coming in early March the Senior and Disability Services waiting area will have artwork displayed from our talented artists in the Township. Subscribe to the Disability eNewsletter for information on when the display will be finished.