



DISABILITY SERVICES ABLEGRAM

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2021



Disability Services is hosting a Community Resource Festival on Saturday, September 25th from 9– 12 pm at the Township of Schaumburg at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates.

Local disability service providers will be onsite offering information about their services and programs that are available to the community and to connect residents to those services and programs.

Come learn about what's available for your family in our community and have some fun! Carnival-type games, balloon artist, raffle prizes and sensory-friendly touch-a-trucks will make this an event you don't want to miss!

The resource fair will be moved inside the Township building if inclement weather. If the resource fair is moved indoors, face masks will be required and social distancing will be practiced.

****Please note:** the Township will ask all patrons to wear masks in our building until further notice. This includes all in-person programs at the Township or outside the Township. The Township is following the guidance outlined by the CDC and state health agencies. The CDC recommends that masks be worn indoors by all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, in areas of substantial or high transmission of COVID-19.

We appreciate your flexibility as we work to keep everyone healthy and safe.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST



Join us for a Zoom program on Special Needs Trust presented by attorney Katie Casey from Dutton Casey & Mesoloras Law Firm on

Special Needs Trusts were designed to protect people living with a disability on how to hold and protect assets and to maximize their quality of life, their access to benefits, and to good care.

This presentation will explain the different types of trusts, their uses, benefits and more.

Please register at 847-285-4541.

To Join on Zoom:

Online: Zoom.us

Meeting ID: 471 587 2835

Passcode: 8840030

Phone In: 312-626-6799

Friday, October 1 at 10am.

Living with a disabling condition can be not only challenging, but also expensive.

HALLOWEEN BOWLING

Put on your Halloween costume and join us for some fun bowling on Thursday, October 21 from 4-6pm at Poplar Creek Bowl.

\$15 fee includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, slice of pizza and soda.

Registration is limited to the first 30 people. Masks will be required while at the bowling alley and social distancing will be practiced.

Poplar Creek Bowl is located at 2354 W. Higgins Road in Hoffman Estates.

Last day to register is October 8.



PROGRAM INFORMATION

MORKES CHOCOLATES TRIP

Friday, October 8

Bus Departs Township: 9:30am

Return to Township: 2pm

Who doesn't love chocolate?! Come and join us on this trip to Morkes Chocolates and make some candy treats. Afterward, we will lunch at Barnabys Pizza. Lunch is on your own, please bring money for lunch. Masks will be required on the bus and at Morkes Chocolates.

\$18 fee includes admission and transportation. Registration is limited to the first 20. Last day to register is October 5.

Morkes Chocolates Trip

October 8 | 10am | \$18



FAIR HOUSING VIRTUAL SERIES

Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance (CAFHA) and Disability Services are hosting a three-part series on fair housing and renters' rights beginning in September. Each monthly session will be one hour long including a brief overview of housing protections, resources for assistance, and Q&A.

Please register at 847-285-4541 and note the different Zoom Meeting IDs and Passcodes for each session.

Session 1: Fair Housing Rights Part 1 - CAFHA will facilitate this session in partnership with Progress Center for Independent Living

- September 16th from 3:30-4:30 pm via Zoom
- Meeting ID: 815 2994 8762
- Passcode: 579445
- Phone In: 312-626-6799

Session 2: Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance - CAFHA will facilitate this session in partnership with North Suburban Legal Aid

- October 19th from 3:30-4:30pm Via Zoom
- Meeting ID: 828 1933 4162
- Passcode: 015457
- Phone: 312-626-6799

PROGRAM INFORMATION

RTA VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Staff from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Mobility Services will be on Zoom Monday, October 4 at 10am to discuss accessible public transportation.

It is important that older adults and people with disabilities stay informed about accessible transportation options to get to appointments, travel and more! Several topics will be covered so be sure to join! Zoom information below.

Please register at 847-285-4541.

Join online at Zoom.us

Enter Meeting ID: 471 587 2835

Enter Passcode: 8840030

Phone In: 312-626-6799



NURSE JANET'S HEALTH TOPICS

See below Nurse Janet's Health Topics for September and October on Tuesdays afternoons at 2:30pm. Health Topics are held virtually on Zoom and in person. To attend in person, call 847-285-4551 as seating is limited. Masks will be required.

Sept 14	Common Lab Values
Sept 28	Healthy Cooking Class: Brown Rice and Veggie Bowl
Oct 12	Eye Safety
Oct 26	Mental Illness

ADOPT-A-FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Township of Schaumburg's Adopt-A-Family Holiday program makes the holiday season a little bit brighter for those in need by being "adopted" by generous community donors who help to fulfill their holiday wishes!

The program is open to all individuals with a disability and their family who want to apply; there are no income requirements. Applications are available in the Disability Services Department. Last day to apply is October 29th.

If you are interested in "adopting" a person with a disability this holiday season, please contact Lauren Ewan at 847-285-4541 or lewan@schaumburgtownship.org. Each donor is matched with a person with a disability and their family and purchases the items on their wish list.

SOCIAL SERVICES



**CALL 847-882-1929 FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
TO TAKE YOU SHOPPING!**

GROCERY TRIP SCHEDULE		
Stores	Day(s)	Area Served
Walmart & Target	Mondays & Fridays	Whole Township
Jewel, Mariano's & Aldi	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Based on resident's location in Township
Valli	Tuesday	Whole Township

**DISABILITY SERVICES
E NEWSLETTER**

Sign up on our website!



Get Township news right to your email. Sign up for our eNewsletters today at schaumburgtownship.org

MEDICARE WITH CINDY!

Every 1st Wednesday of the month at 1pm
Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
Volunteer Cindy brings you new information on Medicare. Medicare isn't as simple as it seems, but Cindy will provide you with knowledgeable tips, tricks, and tools to help you understand Medicare.

Zoom Meeting ID: 471 587 232835

Passcode: 8840030

Phone In: 312-626-6799

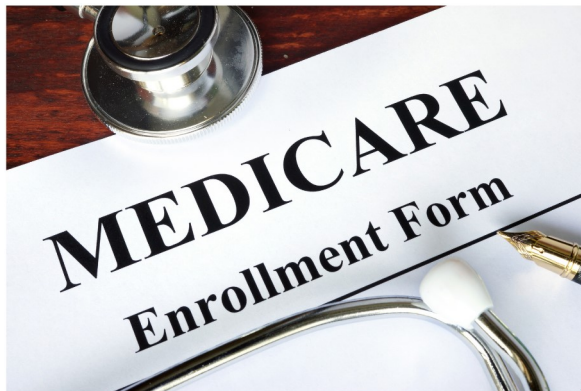
Sept 1	New to Medicare
Oct 6	Medicare Enrollment

**JEWEL OSCO WALK-IN FLU
CLINIC—NO APPOINTMENT
NECESSARY**

FLU CLINIC
SEPTEMBER 30 | 11-3PM



SOCIAL SERVICES

**MEDICARE PART C/D OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Every year from October 15th through December 7th, this is the time for Medicare beneficiaries to review Medicare Advantage plans and/or Medicare Prescription Drug plans for the 2022 year.

Call 847-285-4541 for an appointment with a SHIP counselor. Medicare beneficiaries can also review plans themselves on Medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE.

SOCIAL SECURITY EXPANDS COMPASSIONATE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM

Social Security Administration (SSA) has added 12 new Compassionate Allowances conditions. The program quickly identifies severe medical conditions and diseases that meet Social Security's standards for disability benefits.

See the full list of Compassionate Allowances conditions at www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances.

SECRETARY OF STATE UPDATE

Beginning the week of September 7th, the Schaumburg Secretary of State location will require appointments to apply or renew driver's licenses and ID cards due to the long lines they are experiencing.

Visit www.cyberdriverillinois.com or call the appointment helpline at 844-817-4649 to schedule an appointment. Even though appointments will be required, older adults, people with disabilities, and those who are pregnant will still be allowed to walk-in.

LIHEAP/PIPP

CEDA's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to assist eligible low-income households to pay for winter energy services. LIHEAP provides a one-time benefit to eligible households to be used for energy bills (i.e. ComEd and Nicor). Program begins September 1.

LIHEAP includes the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) which will also be available starting September 1, for LIHEAP eligible households. Under PIPP, eligible households pay a percentage of their income towards their utility bill, supplemented by a monthly benefit. Participating households are eligible for a reduction in outstanding bills for every on-time payment they make. Applicants will be served on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted.

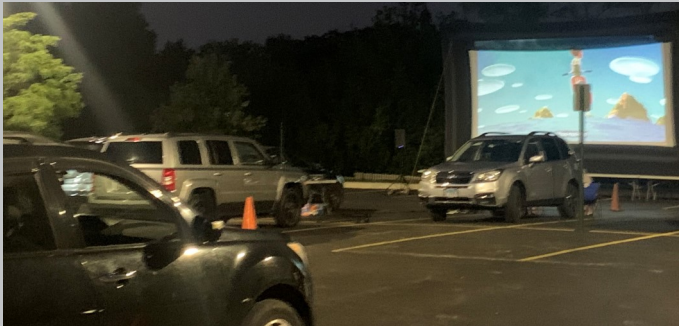
Please call 847-285-4541 for an appointment and a list of documents needed to apply.

Household Income Guidelines

1 person—\$2147
 2 persons—\$2903
 3 persons—\$3660
 4 persons—\$4417

MORE SERVICES AND NEWS**THANK YOU ITAC AND THE
SCHAUMBURG-HOFFMAN LIONS
CLUB FOR SPONSORING MOVIE
NITE!**

Guests enjoyed “Luca” under a perfect night with movie snacks. Thank you ITAC and the Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club for sponsoring this special event.

**WONDER WOMAN**

September 8 at 1pm

Watch in-person (\$2) or on Zoom

When a pilot crashes and tells of conflict in the outside world, Diana, an Amazonian warrior in training, leaves home to fight a war, discovering her full powers and true destiny. (PG 13)

**DISABILITY SERVICES RECEIVES
ADA PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Bill McLeod presented a proclamation to the Township of Schaumburg's Disability Services Department recognizing the Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day on July 31st.

MEDICAID SPENDDOWN CHANGES

Illinois Senate Bill 100 was signed into law that changed Medicaid Spenddown from 3 months to 6 months' timeframe. The Department of Human Services (DHS) cannot cancel the client's case, if Spenddown was not met for that many consecutive months.

Medicaid Medical provides free or low-cost health insurance to income-eligible people. To see if you qualify for Medicaid or Medicaid Spenddown, give us a call today!



**Township of Schaumburg
Department of Disability Services**

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Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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Disability Services Direct: 847-285-4541

Deaf Services Videophone: 224-520-9763

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CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Township of Schaumburg's Caregiver Support Group offers a safe place for caregivers of family members to talk about their experiences and seek support from others.

The Caregiver Support Group will be meeting in-person on Monday, September 20 and October 18. Registration is required as space is limited. Face masks will be required and social distancing will be practiced.

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