



# DISABILITY SERVICES ABLEGRAM

JULY AND AUGUST 2021

## MOVIE NITE!



Load up the car and bring your family and friends, blankets and lawn chairs for a free summer outdoor Movie Nite with Disability Services!

Movie Nite is sponsored by Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) and Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club and will be held Saturday, July 31st in the Township of Schaumburg’s parking lot. The animated movie “Luca,” (rated PG) will begin promptly at dusk, seating begins at 7:30 p.m. Masks are required for individuals not vaccinated. Social distancing between parties will be required.

Movie will be shown with closed captions on a 11’x20’ inflatable screen with outdoor speakers and FM radio transmitters to listen and watch the movie like an old-fashioned drive-in experience! Prepackaged movie

snacks will be available. Please bring your own drinks.

“Luca” is about one young boy experiencing an unforgettable summer with his newfound best friend, a sea monster from another world just below the water’s surface.

*Registration is required at 847-285-4541 as space is limited. Parking lot limit is 20 cars to watch the movie; others will need to park and bring blankets and chairs to watch the movie in Maple Park.*

*Transportation is available by calling 847-882-1929 by July 23.*

Event will be canceled if inclement weather and will not be rescheduled. We will contact registrants if the event is canceled.

**\*\*Movie is subject to change based on availability\*\***

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## DEPARTMENT NEWS



# FREE RIDES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

## VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG'S SEPTEMBERFEST

Sept. 4, 2021 | 9-11am

Join the Township of Schaumburg Disability Services Department for our annual Septemberfest Free Rides Program for persons with disabilities and their immediate families and caregivers on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from **9-11am** on the Septemberfest Carnival Grounds.

**Registration is required by email at [disabilityservices@schauamtownship.org](mailto:disabilityservices@schauamtownship.org) or 847-285-4541 by September 1, 2021 or until the first 500 guests register.** Registration is limited, please register early.

Please note:

- The person with the disability must reside in the Village of Schaumburg or the Township of Schaumburg.
- All persons with disabilities must have an able-bodied adult to accompany them on the rides. No exceptions.
- NOT ALL RIDES WILL BE OPEN! The carnival operator is a separate entity and has sole discretion on which rides will be open.

The event is dependent on weather and may be cancelled or delayed. The event will not be rescheduled if cancelled. This program is not open to the public. Free Rides is hosted by the Village of Schaumburg, sponsored by Fantasy Amusement Company, Inc. and coordinated by the Township of Schaumburg Disability Services Department. Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, this event may be cancelled and is subject to change. Significant changes will be communicated to registrants. Any questions or concerns, please contact Township of Schaumburg Disability Services at 847-285-4541.



VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### **FBI AND SOCIAL SECURITY SCAM PROGRAM JULY 27 | 11AM**

Learn about the most common scams from Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and how to protect yourself and your family. Program will be presented virtually and in person. Call 847-285-4541 to register as seating is limited. Masks will be required if attending in person.

Join online at Zoom.us, enter Meeting ID: 471 587 2835 and passcode: 8840030.

Join by phone by calling 312-626-6799, enter Meeting ID: 471 587 2835 and passcode: 8840030.

### **SECRETARY OF STATE MOBILE UNIT**

**AUGUST 13  
10AM-2PM**



Have you been avoiding the long lines at the DMV? Wait no more! The Secretary of State's Mobile Unit will be at Schaumburg Township with no appointments required! Services available include: driver's license renewal, State ID's cards, duplicate license, corrected license vision screening and vehicle renewal stickers. Visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) for fees and required documentation.

Real ID applications and driver's tests will NOT be administered.

### **LOW VISION ROAD PRODUCTS SHOW AUGUST 25 | 10AM-3PM**

The Chicago Lighthouse's Low Vision Road Products Show will be at the Township of Schaumburg to demonstrate and explain a variety of low vision products to help with school, work and daily life. Shows are presented in an open-house format; open to the public and free to attend. Registration not required.

Low vision products available:

- Independent Living: talking clocks and watches, kitchen items, large-button phones and cell phones, and sunglasses of all types, including new fit-over models
- Computer Aids: keyboards, accessibility software and speech-to-text dictation programs
- Technology: voice-activated GPS, reading devices portable hand-held CCTV magnifiers

**Save The Date**  
*Elderwerks*  
**Aging Better Expo:**  
*Planning Your Future Today*  
**August 9-13, 2021**

Join us online for a week of fun and learning opportunities delivered by local experts. Our annual Expo will feature presentations on aging in place, health/wellness, insurance, legal matters and more.

**Groovin' To The Tunes**  
Each day will feature music of the decades with trivia, brain games, bingo or cooking classes. Your chances to learn, win prizes, have fun and connect with friends awaits. Mark your calendar August 9th-13th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Stay tuned for registration details on our website and upcoming newsletters.

[events@elderwerks.org](mailto:events@elderwerks.org)

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

**BURIED IN TREASURES WORKSHOP**

Starting in July, Schaumburg Township will host a virtual *Buried in Treasures* self-help workshop specifically for individuals who want to overcome excessive clutter or hoard but not sure where to start.

This 16-week facilitator led workshop is designed to help you discover the reasons for your problems with acquiring, saving, and hoarding, but also learn new ways of thinking about your possessions so you can decide what you really need and what you can do without.

This workshop is specifically for the individual who feels they want help. If you or someone you know would like more information on the Buried in Treasures workshop, please contact Sharon in Senior Services 847-285-4541.

*Community Health Nurse Janet Stachula, R.N*

A1C Testing  
 Bone Density Screening  
 Blood Pressure Screening  
 Cholesterol Screening  
 Memory Loss Screening  
 Individual Diabetes Education  
 Diabetes Support Group  
 Walking Group  
 Bridges to Memory Support Group



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**NURSE JANET HEALTH TOPICS NEW DATE AND TIME**

Beginning in July, Nurse Janet will be moving her Health Topics programs to *Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 p.m.* Unless noted, programs will be held virtually on Zoom and in person. To attend in person, call 847-285-4551 as seating is limited.

July 13	Cooking Class—Overnight Oats In person only
July 27	How Does the Liver Function
Aug 10	Grief and Mourning
Aug 24	Medication Overdose in Seniors

**NEW ITAC EQUIPMENT FOR SPEECH DISABLED**

Illinois Telecommunication Access Corporation (ITAC) expands their free equipment to include the Apple iPad with Augmentative and Alternative Communication Apps (AAC) to help individuals with speech disabilities communicate. The iPad is an easy-to-use, portable system that provides communication assistance using pre-installed communication apps .

To qualify for this equipment, certification of the applicant's speech disability from a speech language pathologist (SLP) is required on the application.

Please note this is a pilot program and inventory is limited. For more information or an application, contact Schaumburg Township Disability Services at 847-285-4541.

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES 847-882-1929

**GROCERY TRIP SCHEDULE**

<i>Stores</i>	<i>Day(s)</i>	<i>Area Served</i>
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

To schedule your shopping trip, please call Dispatch at 847-882-1929.

**PACE ADA PARATRANSIT**

PACE ADA Paratransit services are provided for customers whose disability or health condition prevents them from using CTA and/or Pace fixed route services for some or all of their travel. Pace ADA paratransit services are provided within 3/4 mile of local fixed routes. Trips are provided only at the same times and within the same geographic areas as the fixed routes.

Only persons who are certified by the Regional Transportation Authority as a person with a disability are eligible to use this service. To apply for ADA Paratransit, call the RTA's ADA Paratransit Certification program at 312-663-4357.

**TAXI DISCOUNT PROGRAMS**

The Village of Schaumburg's Taxi Discount program offers subsidies off the total cost of the cab ride for residents who are 65+ and older or persons age 18 and older with a medically-certified disability. Trips must begin or end in Schaumburg. Apply at the village of Schaumburg.

The Village of Hoffman Estates' Taxi Discount Program is designed to serve senior, disabled, and low income residents. Qualified residents will receive up to 10 coupons per month, each valued at \$7. Each ride must begin or end in the Village of Hoffman Estates. Residents need to fill out an application to register for the program and return to the Village of Hoffman Estates.

**NEED A RIDE?****(847) 882-1929**

Township transportation is available to older adults (age 55+) and people with permanent disabilities (age 18+)

**Hours**

Monday - Friday  
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

**Cost**

One-way ride | \$1  
Round-trip | \$2  
Bus pass | \$15 (18 rides)



## SOCIAL SERVICES

**MEDICATION ASSISTANCE TOOL**

Medications can be expensive! One great resource is the Medicine Assistance Tool created through the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), which is a search engine that can assist in learning more about resources that are available for your specific medications. Visit [medicineassistancetool.org](http://medicineassistancetool.org) for resources available for your prescriptions.

**VETERAN SERVICES**

Veterans Service Officer Shynae Murphy will be available by appointment only at Palatine Township (721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine) starting June 16th Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.—4 p.m. To schedule an appointment contact Shynae at 847-485-2772.

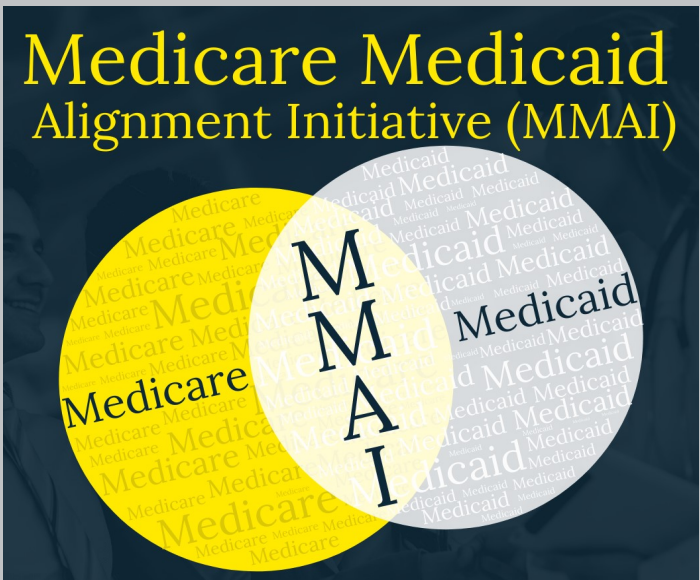
Veterans in need of further assistance can call the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-800-437-9824 to find a neighboring Veteran Service Officer.

**MMAI**

Do you have Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B, as well as Medicaid with no Spenddown? 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.

MMAI plans will not cost more than your regular Medicare and Medicaid coverage and most plans will cover all services at no cost to you.

Disability staff are certified Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Counselors and are able to help discuss MMAI options. Call us at 847-285-4541 to schedule an appointment today.



## MORE SERVICES AND NEWS

### **LIHEAP-DVP SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS**

Great news to all LIHEAP-DVP customers who applied this past year for benefits! The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has decided to issue a supplemental benefit to all customers who received a LIHEAP benefit this past program year. The State will automatically send this extra DVP supplemental benefit directly to your utilities—NO ACTION is NEEDED by clients.

LIHEAP is expected to begin in September—more information to follow in the September/October newsletter.

THE TOWNSHIP OF SCHAUMBURG IS CLOSED

**JULY 5**

REOPENING JULY 6 AT 8:30 AM

### **RENTAL ASSISTANCE**

If you are a resident of Schaumburg, the Village of Schaumburg has a rental and utility assistance program available as long as the financial hardship is due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information go to [tinyurl.com/rspdnxb8](http://tinyurl.com/rspdnxb8) or call 847-895-4500.



### **Financial Tools for Seniors & Dependents W/Special Needs**

**JULY 21 | 1PM**

Join the Schaumburg Township's Mental Health Committee and Jeff Garbaciak, MBA, to learn about wealth preservation planning when you have no dependents and for the final liquidity event when you have dependents with special needs.

Please check the MHC Facebook page at [facebook.com/SchaumburgTownshipMHC](https://facebook.com/SchaumburgTownshipMHC) for updates if this presentation will be held in-person at the Township or virtual.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are looking for skilled and talented volunteers for the front desk position in the Senior and Disability Services Departments:

Front Desk - Positive and professional volunteers to help with our Department front desk area between the hours of 8:30 a.m. -5 p.m. This person will greet clients, answer phones and other administrative tasks for a minimum of two hours per week. If you are interested, please contact Helen Bisioulis at 847-285-4541 or [hbisioulis@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:hbisioulis@schaumburgtownship.org).



**Township of Schaumburg  
Department of Disability Services**


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Deaf Services Videophone: 224-520-9763

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**DISABILITY SERVICES' RESOURCE FAIR!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25!**

Disability Services will be hosting a Community Resource Festival on Saturday, September 25 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. outside at the Township of Schaumburg. Join us and meet other local disability service providers who will be there with information about their services along with a carnival-like game at each table.

Other entertainment, sensory-friendly touch a trucks, raffle prizes and more to make this a great event you don't want to miss!

Complete event details in the September-October Ablegram issue! Don't miss it!

**TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS**



SUPERVISOR  
Timothy M.  
Heneghan



TRUSTEE  
Robert N. Fiorio



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Scott M. Kegaris