

The Town Crier

**TOWNSHIP OF
SCHAUMBURG**

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A COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE



Disability Services Resource Fair

Disability Services will be hosting a Community Resource Fair 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. Come learn about what's available for your family in our community and have some fun! Carnival-type games, face painting, a balloon artist, raffle prizes and a sensory friendly touch-a-truck will make this an event you don't want to miss! Contact Disability Services at (847) 285-4541 and talk with Lauren Ewan or Becky Cordes if you have any questions or are an agency who would be interested in having a booth.



The Township of Schaumburg is kicking off the fall with a variety of incredible in-person programs. We truly have something for everyone. Read on to learn about some of our featured programs this fall and don't forget to check our website, social media and eNewsletters to get up-to-date information.

Illinois Secretary of State Mobile DMV

The Illinois Secretary of State's Office will host a mobile unit at the Township on August 13th from 10 – 2 PM. The following services will be available at the event:

- Renew, replace or correct drivers license or state ID cards
- Vision screening with drivers license renewal
- Vehicle license plate sticker sales
- Voter registration
- Organ/tissue donor information/registration

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PACK THE BUS

Join us for a school supply drive for District 54 low-income students!
Donate in the following ways:

- 1 **Pack the Bus Event:** No-contact drop-off Saturday, August 7th 9 – 3pm at Target: 2621 W. Schaumburg Rd.
- 2 **Drop-off Supplies:** No-contact drop-off through August 11th at:
The Township of Schaumburg Cook County Commissioner
1 Illinois Blvd. Hoffman Estates -or- Kevin B. Morrison's Office
1325 Wiley Rd., Suite 141, Schaumburg
- 3 **Purchase Online and Ship Supplies:** Ship supplies directly to the Township.
Access the wish list at: <https://bit.ly/3f2YTeo>
- 4 **Monetary Donations:** Monetary donations are also welcome. Proceeds will help District 54 purchase items not received.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 7- Pack the Bus **p.1**
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Self-talk **p.5***
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Concert **p.3***

September

- 6- Township is closed
- 14- Four Winds Casino Trip **p.3***
- 15- Mental Health Speaker Series-
Rehabilitation Facilities (SMHRFs) **p.5***
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October

- 2- Shred Day **p.5**
- 15- Medicare Part C/D Open Enrollment
Begins **p.3**

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

The Township will continue to host FREE virtual programs every weekday! Check the Township website for more information.

*RSVP required at (847) 285-4541

**RSVP required at (847) 285-4551

***Email jkottmeier@nch.org for details.

****RSVP required at (224) 520-9763 (VP)

RECURRING EVENTS

- 1st Tue- Mental Health Committee
7 pm (September/October)
- 2nd Tue- Northwest Suburban
Pregnancy/Infant
Loss Support Group
7pm***
- 2nd Tue- Senior Wills
Appointment Only*
- 2nd Tue- Committee for Persons with
Disabilities (September/October)
7 pm
- 2nd/4th Wed- Diabetes Support Group
10:30am**
- 3rd Mon- Caregiver Support Group
11am*
- 3rd Mon- Senior Citizens Services
Committee (September/October)
7 pm
- 3rd Tue- Deaf Social/Support Group
10:30am****
- 4th Tue- Fibromyalgia Support Group
7pm
- 4th Wed- Bridges to Memory**
2pm
- 4th Wed- Board of Trustees Meeting
7pm

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TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 | Mon-Fri 8:30-5 pm

Assessor's Office
Clerk's Office
Disability Services
Senior Services
Welfare Services

(847) 884-0030

Community Nurse: (847) 285-4551
Deaf Services - Videophone: (224) 520-9763
Highway Department: (847) 884-1727
Kenneth Young Center: (847) 884-6212
Passport Services: (847) 285-4561
Transportation Dispatch: (847) 882-1929

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Please note: If you attend a Township function your image may be used for promotional purposes.

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No registration is required for the event. Please note Real ID applications and road tests are not available. Cash is not accepted. Proper identification will be needed for each service. A list of acceptable IDs and fees can be found on cyberdriveillinois.com.

Senior Music Night – Outdoor Concert

Join us on August 19th in the Township of Schaumburg parking lot for an outdoor concert from 6 – 8 PM. The **FREE** event will feature a mix of music ranging from familiar melodies to upbeat rhythms from Denise Armour. Come dance with us! Registration required at (847) 285-4541.

Four Winds Casino Trip

The Township is returning to New Buffalo Michigan for a casino trip on September 14th. The \$45 fee will include transportation, a \$15 play card and \$10 towards lunch.

Participants will meet at the Township at 8 AM and return to the Township at 6 PM. Payment is due at registration. Register at (847) 285-4541.

Book Club

Are you interested in reading popular books of all types and enjoying the company of others? In partnership with Schaumburg Township District Library, the Township is offering a new "book club" for older adults. We'll read all genres of books, including fiction, non-fiction and biographies. Book discussions will be held in-person on every 3rd Tuesday of the month (September – November and January – May) at 10 AM at the Township. The library will offer a variety of best-selling (large print) titles and will lead fun and interesting discussions. The group will be limited to 12 participants. RSVP at (847) 285-4532.



New, Free Equipment Available for Individuals with Speech Disabilities

The Illinois Telecommunication Access Corporation (ITAC) expanded their free equipment to include the Apple iPad with Augmentative & 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. The Township is an ITAC selection center and can help Illinois residents test and order free amplified phones, cell phone amplifiers, captioned phones and more. For more information on ITAC or the AAC program, contact Schaumburg Township Disability Services at (847) 285-4541.



Medicare Part C/D Open Enrollment Begins October 15th

Every year, between October 15th and December 7th, Medicare beneficiaries can review, join, cancel or switch their Medicare Part C (Advantage) or Part D (prescription) plans. Township staff are trained by the State of Illinois Department on Aging Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) and are available to provide free, unbiased counseling. We can help with enrollment into a new plan or troubleshooting issues with a current plan. Appointments are limited and are required due to the complicated nature of this service. Please call (847) 285-4541 after September 1st to schedule an appointment. SHIP services are available year-round at the Township to help with any other questions about Medicare benefits. If you have limited income and find yourself struggling to pay for your Part B premium or medication costs, there might be help available for you.



By Trustee Lauren Saternus

As we reunite as a community, I am honored to step into my new role as trustee. Being able to safely enjoy togetherness once again provides a chance to meet new neighbors and to reimagine the opportunities we are privileged to have in Schaumburg Township.

While diving into my new post, I have enjoyed seeing familiar faces and getting to know new people. Attending my first bingo event with my daughters was such a treat, and I am so pleased to see residents enjoying each other's company at the Township again.

Even as our community emerges from a challenging time, I am committed to keeping sight of the fact that we will always have friends and neighbors who need help. Lifting up anyone experiencing food insecurity, healthcare needs and emergency financial situations makes us all stronger together.

The pandemic proved that we can adapt quickly to meet great challenges. I look forward to applying that awareness so that we do not simply return to the status quo ante, but rather seize every opportunity to build a future that is brighter for all residents. I am eager to push forward in the areas of diversity and inclusion, vocational services, and environmental sustainability. I hope you will discover what the Township can do for you and what we can accomplish together.



Financial Support Available THE TOWNSHIP CAN HELP!

The past year and a half has put many families in financial situations that they have never experienced before. There can be stress and uncertainty in knowing where to turn for help.

Schaumburg Township offers financial support through the General Assistance and Emergency Assistance Programs to help with utility bills and other hardships.

The **General Assistance Program** offers financial support to meet basic monthly needs such as shelter, utilities, food, transportation and personal items. The program is primarily available to adults with little to no income. Applicants must be a resident of the Township; a U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant; and must meet all state-administered eligibility requirements. Township staff will assess resident needs, assist in the application process and provide ongoing support.

The **Emergency Assistance Program** provides financial support through a crisis circumstance such as an eviction or utility disconnection. Emergency Assistance can be issued once in any twenty-four (24) month period to qualified applicants.

While not all residents will qualify for these programs, we encourage anyone with questions to call, as there are many programs out there to help those in financial crisis. Please call Welfare Services for more information or to schedule an appointment at (847) 884-0030. Staff can explain eligibility and help you apply!



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Clerk's Corner

Township Clerk W. Robert Vinnedge



Private First Class Richard Andrews is honored at the May Township Board meeting.

Veteran's Honor Roll

Private First Class Richard Andrews
U. S. Army 1943 – 1945

Honor a Schaumburg Township Veteran

The Township of Schaumburg is proud to honor veterans each month at our Board of Trustees meeting. Local veterans can complete an application and return it to the Clerk's Office with a copy of their DD-214 record to be honored at a future meeting. Applicants must have served in a time of conflict, have an honorable discharge and currently reside in the Township. Applications are available at the Township offices or on our website at schaumburgtownship.org.



Apply early to ensure you have your passport in time for your trip. COVID-19 severely impacted delays in processing passport applications. The Schaumburg Township Clerk's Office is open for passport assistance Monday – Friday from 9 – 4 PM. We can assist with first time applicants, renewals and passport pictures. Photos are \$10 per person. No appointment is necessary. Find detailed instructions and forms on our website at schaumburgtownship.org.



Join us for a free shred day at the Township building for Township residents on October 2nd from 9 – 11 AM or until the trucks are full. Paper shredding is limited to four boxes or paper bags per person (1 cubic ft. or 15" x 12" x 10"). No plastic bags please. Boxes must be unsealed. Paper clips, staples and rubber bands do not need to be removed. We ask that participants enter our parking lot heading southbound on Illinois Blvd. so as not to block traffic on Schaumburg Road. Residents do not need to exit their vehicles to participate. Visit our website or contact the Clerk's Office at (847) 884-0030 for more information.

Mental Health Committee Accepting New Member Vacancy

The Mental Health Committee (MHC) is still accepting applications for membership. MHC members volunteer their time and skills for the benefit of those in the community needing mental health assistance. If you live or work in Schaumburg Township and you are not employed by any agency receiving funds from Schaumburg Township, you may be eligible for membership. Please contact us at mhc@schaumburgtownship.org for more information or attend our meeting Tuesday, September 7th at 7 PM at the Township of Schaumburg building.

Continuing Mental Health Speaker Series

The MHC is hosting an ongoing monthly speaker series. Some presentations are both in-person and virtual. Please check the MHC Facebook page for updates on the series (facebook.com/SchaumburgTownshipMHC). The upcoming speaker topics are:

- **August 18th** Daxa Sanghvi, Kenneth Young Center: *Self-talk*
- **September 15th** Jenny Evaskus, S.I.R Management, Inc.: *Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facilities (SMHRFs)*

From the Desk of the Highway Commissioner, Scott M. Kegarise



Season changes are once again approaching; leaves can be just as dangerous as fresh snow on the roadway. Please ensure that your swales are kept clear of debris so that water from fall storms drains from your neighborhood.

During this summer, we have renewed several streets and patched failing asphalt on turnarounds. During my inspection rounds, I have noticed several locations where homeowners have placed landscaping boulders or rocks too close to the roadway on the right of way. These obstructions can cause a plow truck to flip when they are frozen to the ground. Please move them back so that we do not have to remove them.

Please remember to give our crews the courtesy of slowing down and do not follow closely when they are plowing.

Brush collection will continue for unincorporated Township residents through September on the first and third Mondays of the month. If available, wood chips can also be delivered on a first call-first served basis. Notice about availability of wood chips can be found on our website at schaumburgtownship.org. Rain barrels can still be purchased online or at the Township Clerk's office. Free delivery is included for the \$55, 55-gallon barrels for Township residents.

A Message from the Assessor, John R. Lawson, M.S., C.I.A.O.



Second Installment Bills Delayed; Late Fees Waived Until October 1st

Cook County property tax second installment bill mailings have been delayed. Please remember that all late fees will be waived until October 1st. Taxpayers can view or pay property taxes on the Cook County Treasurer's website (cookcountytreasurer.com) by simply entering their 14-digit Property Index Number (PIN). Residents can also view property and mailing information as well as any balance amount due. The due date could change depending on when bills are mailed. Up-to-date information will be posted on our website.

Coffee with the Assessor

The Township of Schaumburg Assessor would like to invite residents to host a Coffee with the Assessor session to discuss the ins-and-outs of property tax assessments, appeals, exemptions and more! Coffee with the Assessor can be hosted at your home or a community space, like the library, with five or more people. Learn all you need to know about the process through this FREE program. Register at (847) 884-0030 or by emailing: vmorales@schaumburgtownship.org.



NEED A RIDE?

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

Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Cost

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

Call (847) 882-1929

Are COVID-19 Vaccines Safe for Kids?

This spring the FDA gave authorization for the Pfizer vaccine for children 12 – 17 and could make them available for under 12 starting this fall. Many parents are considering the COVID-19 vaccine for their children. Here are some facts about the risks:

- Some may have heard there are rare cases of heart inflammation, myocarditis and pericarditis, linked to the COVID-19 vaccination in children. According to the CDC¹ since April 2021, there have been over 1,000 cases of inflammation reported—which pales in comparison to the hundreds of millions of vaccine doses administered. While myocarditis and pericarditis are important to consider, the benefits of the COVID-19 vaccination far outweigh the known risks of these potential side-effects. COVID-19 can cause severe and long-term health complications, hospitalization and death.
- Vaccine side effects for children are similar to those of adults, including flu-like symptoms for 1 – 3 days following the injection. Because clinical trials began last summer, it is not clear if there are long-term effects but “vaccines rarely cause long-term effects,” according to mayoclinic.org².



A Chamberlain College of Nursing student administers a COVID-19 vaccine at the Township's spring vaccine clinic.

already shown that the current vaccines are safe and effective for both children and adults. These trials are sufficiently ‘powered,’ meaning that they have enrolled enough people to be deemed statistically relevant.”

Choosing to vaccinate children is a choice parents should carefully consider. The CDC continues to recommend COVID-19 vaccines for anyone 12 and older. Always reach out to your family doctor to ask questions and voice concerns. More information and resources about vaccines can be found on the Township's website at schaumburgtownship.org.

¹[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/myocarditis.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/myocarditis.html)

²[mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/covid-19-vaccines-for-kids/art-20513332#what-vaccine](https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/covid-19-vaccines-for-kids/art-20513332#what-vaccine)

³[nch.org/news/covid-19-vaccinations-for-youth/](https://www.nch.org/news/covid-19-vaccinations-for-youth/)

Kenneth Young Center

September is Recovery Awareness Month

According to the National Institutes of Health, 1 in 10 adults in the United States lives with a substance use disorder, with up to 25% of 12 – 18 year olds reporting binge drinking behaviors within one month of being surveyed. National Recovery Month is recognized each September as an opportunity to build awareness and understanding of substance use recovery, and to celebrate the millions of Americans living healthy and productive lives after struggling with addiction. Kenneth Young Center is proud to offer both clinical and nonclinical prevention, intervention and treatment options to support individuals and families as they actively



work toward recovery. Through behavioral health support, combining mental health and substance use prevention services, clients find holistic support for both youth and adults.

Recovery is possible and KYC is here to help. If you or someone you love needs recovery support, visit kennethyoung.org or call today: (847) 524-8800.

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The Township of Schaumburg serves residents living in parts of the following communities: Elk Grove, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows, Roselle, Schaumburg, Streamwood and unincorporated Schaumburg Township.

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

Kids are heading back to school! For many in our community, the return to school means kids will begin receiving consistent meals in school-sponsored meal programs. However, families still need help to keep kids fueled outside of school. Furthermore, some families are not eligible for these programs or for federal programs like SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). At the Township of Schaumburg Food Pantry, one-third of the individuals served monthly are children. To qualify, residents must live in the Township and express a food need.

The Township offers fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy and more. These nutrient-dense foods help students remain alert, focused and attentive. The Township also stocks school-friendly foods and snacks. Our food pantry is client-choice, which allows patrons to choose the foods best for their family's dietary needs.

If you are looking for a way to make an impact on the community, consider donating to the pantry. We accept donations Monday – Friday from 8:30 – 5 PM at the north entrance of our building (One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates). Check our website and social media pages to find the most needed pantry items.

Please know that simply sharing the pantry information with someone you know who may be struggling could also make an incredible impact. To make an appointment, call (847) 884-0030 ext. 1013. We are proud to serve our community and look forward to meeting you.



Left to right: Trustee Steward, Trustee Gibson, Illinois State Senator Cristina Castro and Supervisor Heneghan gather for a photo at this summer's Food Pantry Open House.

RABIES CLINIC

AUGUST 14 | 10-1 PM



TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT
GARAGE (ONE ILLINOIS BLVD.)

1 year rabies vaccine. Details on
schaumburgtownship.org