



**TOWNSHIP OF  
SCHAUMBURG**

**A HISTORY OF SERVICE . . .  
A COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE**

# The Town Crier



## Thank you, Township of Schaumburg!

At the Township, we are fortunate to live in such a giving community. We call upon our residents to give their time, talents and money to help complete strangers and our residents never disappoint! Our neighbors came together to provide holiday gifts for families who would otherwise go without; sponsor our holiday programs for isolated older adults and people with disabilities; stand in the cold to deliver care packages; and donate to our food pantry. We received non-stop phone calls and emails from community members wanting to help this holiday – to make someone else’s holiday brighter when this holiday has been challenging for everyone.

The Township supported 288 families, seniors and people with disabilities with holiday gifts this year. In addition, our community gave gift cards and Thanksgiving meals and organized food drives for our food pantry. In total, we gave out 555 turkeys and hams during the holidays. Individuals, community groups and businesses made financial donations to the pantry. There were 147 donors in this year’s Adopt-a-Family program. Sixty donors were new to the Township and 35 donors adopted multiple families or individuals. Two of our donors were once Adopt-a-Family recipients themselves and wanted to give back to another family going through a tough time.

With all the uncertainty of this year, we have never been more appreciative of the support of our donors and volunteers. We are proud of our community’s generosity. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and big hearts.



*Clockwise, from top: Schaumburg Firefighters Benevolent Association delivers their Adopt-a-Family donation; Senior and Disability Services Director Becky Cordes hands out holiday gift bags; Trustee Diane Dunham and Village of Schaumburg Trustee George Dunham unload a food pantry donation (photo taken before COVID-19 pandemic); Trustee Char Kegaris and Santa help unload Adopt-a-Family donations; Danielle Pickett with her Adopt-a-Family donation; Lavelle Law Founding Partner Kerry Lavelle presents Diana Nelson a \$25,000 check to the Schaumburg Food Pantry; Trustee Jeff Mytych hand delivers holiday gift bags; and Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) donated nearly 2,000 pounds of food to the Township Pantry.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February

- 10- Movie - The Farewell\* 1pm
- 15- Township is closed

### March

- 2- Property Tax 1st Installment Due p.6
- 10- Movie - Driveways\* 1pm

### April

- 14- Movie - Emma\* 1pm
- 30- Native Plant Sale p.5

### May

- 12- Movie - Mickey and the Bear\* 1pm
- 31- Township is closed

## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

The Township is hosting FREE virtual programs every weekday! The schedule changes week-to-week and challenges mind, body and spirit. Join us! Details on page 3.

In addition, every Thursday Nurse Janet hosts a health topic at 1 pm.\*\*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic many events and programs are subject to change, check our website and social media pages or call (847) 884-0030 for updated information.

## RECURRING EVENTS

- 1st Tue- Mental Health Committee  
7 pm (Apr. Meeting on Apr. 13).
- 2nd Tue- Northwest Suburban  
Pregnancy/Infant  
Loss Support Group  
7 pm\*\*\*
- 2nd Tue- Senior Wills  
Appointment Only\*
- 2nd Tue- Committee for Persons with  
Disabilities  
7 pm
- 2nd/4th Wed- Diabetes Support Group  
10:30 am\*\*
- 3rd Mon- Caregiver Support Group  
11am\*
- 3rd Mon- Senior Citizens Services  
Committee  
7 pm
- 4th Wed- Bridges to Memory  
(Suspended until in-person  
programming can resume.)\*\*
- 4th Wed- Board of Trustees Meeting  
7pm

\*RSVP required at (847) 285-4541

\*\*RSVP required at (847) 285-4551

\*\*\*Email [jkottmeier@nch.org](mailto:jkottmeier@nch.org) for details.

## FEB

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6

## MAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

## APR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

## MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

## 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

 [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org)

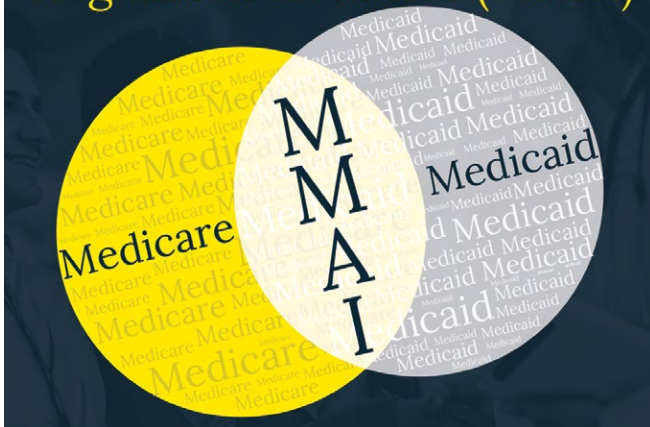
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Please note: If you attend a Township function your image may be used for promotional purposes.

## 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.

MMAI covers a wide range of items like prescription drugs, nursing home services, and certain services to help people stay in their homes through the Community Care Program, Home Services Program, or Supportive Living Facilities. It also includes services such as dental, vision, and transportation services and may include benefits for OTC medications, gym memberships, and incentives for receiving preventative healthcare services.

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

## FREE SENIOR SERVICES VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING EVERY MONDAY-FRIDAY

Engage your mind, body and spirit with our daily virtual programming schedule.

Sessions include:

- Bingo
- Tai Chi
- Trivia
- Movies
- Health Topics
- And More!

Join ONLINE



Dial by PHONE



To better manage security of these events, please call (847) 285-4541 to register and get the event password.

For the current schedule and access to future events, check our website, sign up for the Senior eNewsletter or contact Senior Services at (847) 285-4541.

Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, all events are subject to change.



## Transportation Services Continue Despite Restrictions



The Township of Schaumburg transportation fleet has remained flexible due to the fluid COVID-19 restrictions. The Township provides \$1 one-way rides for older adults (age 55+) and people with permanent disabilities (age 18+) to dialysis, medical appointments, grocery stores and more. If you have a question about our safety precautions or current operations please call us at (847) 882-1929. Rides are available Monday – Friday from 8:30 – 3:30 PM.

## Deaf Services Available at the Township

Did you know that Schaumburg Township offers services to the Deaf community? Our Deaf Services Coordinator is fluent in American Sign Language and is available to help residents apply for benefit programs to help pay utility bills and address food insecurity. She is also a certified SHIP Counselor who can help residents with their Medicare questions. Along with helping residents with benefits, the Deaf Services Coordinator hosts support groups, bingo, educational programs and holiday events for the Deaf community. You can find more information about the Township's Deaf Services on our website, where you can also sign up for the bi-monthly Deaf Services newsletter, Deaf Line. Please also like/follow us on Facebook at @TOSDeafServices for real-time updates on events, services and news items.



*Deaf Services Coordinator Sarita Phadke signs about our counseling and advocacy services.*



**Jeffrey MYTYCH**

**Diane DUNHAM**

**Nimish JANI**

**Charlotte KEGARISE**

By Trustee Nimish Jani

Many of us were more than happy to see 2020 go, but I'd like to reflect on all of the amazing accomplishments the Township was able to achieve under some of the hardest challenges of our time. The Township not only remained open for the duration of our emergency shutdown orders but in some cases increased services due to community need. Specifically, the food pantry saw a nearly 500% increase in April 2020 alone. From March 2020 – December 2020, there were 12,959 food pantry visits. In 2019, there were 7,494 food pantry visits in the entire year. In the early days of the pandemic, we saw as many as 850 cars a week in our drive-through pantry. We gave low-cost rides to 6,458 dialysis and critical medical appointments during the pandemic. Staff made 7,041 wellness calls and delivered 800 care packages and facemasks. We developed a robust virtual programming schedule that helped keep the most vulnerable among us healthy and connected to their community. Furthermore, the Board of Trustees voted to keep next year's Town Fund levy flat and reduce the General Assistance levy to do what we can to help our residents with the long-term impacts of the COVID-19 crisis I've been so impressed by our agility and ingenuity to solve complicated problems for our residents and I hope that 2021 will prove to be a brighter year.

## Township Wins National Photo Contest



*The Township of Schaumburg WON first place in the National Aging and Disability Center for Transportation's 4<sup>th</sup> annual photo contest! The national contest asked for photos that tell a story about transportation programs and illustrate the importance of mobility connections to older adults, persons with disabilities and caregivers. The Township won first place for the photo of our bus driver delivering food to*

*homebound residents. We also earned an honorable mention for the photo of one of our dialysis riders utilizing our services during the pandemic.*



*Trustee Nimish Jani and Supervisor Tim Heneghan unload a food pantry donation in late 2020.*



**JUNE 5**  
**COMMUNITY SHRED DAY**  
**DETAILS ONLINE**

## Native Plant Sale

The Schaumburg Community Garden Club will be holding their annual Native Plant Sale in 2021. Due to COVID, we will be handling PRE-ORDERS only. You can view photos of native wildflowers, grasses, perennials and shrubs online at [www.schaumburggardenclub.org](http://www.schaumburggardenclub.org). The pre-order deadline is Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Pre-orders can be picked up on May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Spring Valley Nature Center, 1111 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg. Upon placing your pre-order, a time for pick-up will be assigned. We will be following all COVID-19 guidelines as related to masks and distancing. Let's keep gardening!



## Clerk's Corner

### Township Clerk W. Robert Vinnedge

#### FREE Notary Service Available at the Township

Did you know the Township of Schaumburg provides a FREE notary service? We notarize a variety of documents. Some commonly notarized items are power of attorney, last will and testament, pension forms and more. The full list of documents the Township is able



to notarize is listed on our website at [schaumburgtownship.org/departments/clerk-office/notary-public-service](http://schaumburgtownship.org/departments/clerk-office/notary-public-service). Please call us if you are curious about a document not found on this list. We are happy to help!

At the time of printing, appointments are encouraged for notary services. Documents must be signed in the presence of the notary public and photo ID is required. All parties signing the document must be present. To make an appointment please call (847) 285-4561 or (847) 884-0030.

*Disability Services* Sign up for the Disability Services eNewsletter for up-to-date information on spring events. Available now!

## Mental Health Committee Supports Local Mental Health Providers

To improve access for all residents, the Township of Schaumburg supports local agencies providing mental health services. These include:

- Kenneth Young Center, providing a range of services for children and adults  
–[Kennethyoung.org](http://Kennethyoung.org) :: (847) 524-8800
- Life Span, serving individuals who have experienced domestic violence  
–[Life-span.org](http://Life-span.org) :: (312) 408-1210
- The SHARE Program, residential and outpatient addiction rehabilitation  
–[Leydenfamilyservice.org/share](http://Leydenfamilyservice.org/share) :: (847) 882-4181
- Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault, serving survivors of sexual violence  
–[Nwcasa.org](http://Nwcasa.org) :: (847) 806-6526

The Mental Health Committee is actively seeking to expand its associate membership. For more information, contact us at [mhc@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:mhc@schaumburgtownship.org).

## KYC: Loving Others Starts with Loving Yourself!

During quarantine, self-care has had to look different than before the pandemic. During this “season of love”, don't forget to care for yourself too!

- Create a routine that adds structure to your day. The comfort of the routine adds stability and even helps you sleep better!
- Focus on healthy nutrition, even if it's one meal a week that adds extra vegetables and fruits into your body. Drinking more water will help make you feel healthier and more alert.
- Even if you're not going to the gym or spending time outside, make sure to move your body. Exercise releases important endorphins that help keep both your body and mind well!
- Ask for help whenever you need it. The last year has been hard for everyone and having a trusted resource for support can help provide the tools you need to not just survive, but thrive. Kenneth Young Center is available at the Township building. Give us a call at (847) 524-8800.

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



Sandhill Cranes fly north and the constant chatter of the flock reaches down from thousands of feet above to remind us that spring is soon to arrive. The snowstorms of winter will be but a distant memory with plans soon made for outdoor activities, picnics, boating, fishing, swimming and more.

Township plows are still moving to keep your streets clear. Please remember to give them a respectable following distance. Be careful to place any ornamental stones or figurines a safe distance away from the road to avoid obstructing the plows. Similarly, place any new mailboxes off the roadway so that they do not create a safety hazard.

As the weather warms, please note that rain barrels are still available for purchase at the Township website: [schaumburgtownship.org/departments/highway-department](http://schaumburgtownship.org/departments/highway-department). Brush pick-up will begin for unincorporated residents in May and will continue on the first and third Mondays through September. Large brush piles may be removed in multiple pick-ups.

I would like to thank our dedicated staff who repeatedly go above-and-beyond to provide top shelf service to our Township residents. The Township was especially vital to the community this past year and was even able to step in to help the county salt bridge decks when needed, resulting in safer roadways.

We hope to be able to put COVID-19 in our rearview mirrors soon and move forward with lessons learned and a greater resolve to work together to recover from this devastating time.

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



### *Senate Bill 685 Takes Effect: Automatic Exemption Renewals*

Don't forget homeowners who currently receive the Persons with Disabilities Exemption, the Veterans with Disabilities Exemption and the Senior Freeze Exemption will not need to re-apply in 2021. New, qualified applicants that did not receive these exemptions in 2020 will need to apply in 2021.

### *Cook County Board Approves Two-month Late Fee Waiver*

The Cook County Board of Commissioners approved to waive late fees on both 2021 property tax installments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The first installment is due March 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the application of late charges moved back to May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### *First Installment Cook County Property Taxes*

First installments of Cook County property taxes are due March 2<sup>nd</sup>, with late fees waived until May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Residents can review and pay their property tax bills at [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com). Simply click on the purple box titled "You Property Tax Overview" and enter your property's unique property index number. Additional payment options are:

- Online at [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com), with a checking or savings account
- At 400 Chase Bank locations in Illinois
- By mail, in the enclosed return envelope postmarked no later than March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Mortgage escrow (Taxpayers should confirm payment with their mortgage-paying firm.)

## *Thank you, Volunteers!*

If there is one thing we learned in 2020, it was the value of good help. Our Township volunteers have lent hands in the food pantry, answered phones, assisted with Medicare enrollment, helped plan/run events, delivered Bingo cards and care packages, and more! When our food pantry returned to a client choice operation in July, many of our dedicated volunteers returned as well. Pantry volunteers were especially essential in feeding the extreme increase in households needing food assistance due to the pandemic. We would like to thank our devoted food pantry volunteers and all of our other volunteers who have helped us provide much-needed services during an unprecedented year!

## COVID-19 Vaccine Information

The COVID-19 vaccine has arrived and many of you have questions. Some of the questions swirling around are:

- How does it work?
- How effective is it?
- How many doses is it?
- Is it safe?
- Does this mean we can stop wearing masks?

We cannot stress enough that these are longer conversations you should be having with your doctor, with your personal health in mind. Please consult your doctor with any questions on whether this vaccine is right for you.

At the time of printing, Northwest Community Healthcare had access to information about the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines contain a synthetic mRNA which is genetic information that instructs our cells to synthesize the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein. After our cells make copies of the protein, they destroy the genetic material from the vaccine. Our bodies recognize that this protein is foreign and white blood cells are produced that will remember how to fight the virus that causes COVID-19, if we are exposed to it in the future. It cannot change a person's DNA.



*Northwest Community Healthcare Township Nurse Stachula receives her COVID-19 vaccination. Please contact your doctor for information about vaccine availability.*

The Pfizer vaccine showed a 95% efficacy rate seven days after the second dose and the Moderna vaccine showed a 94% efficacy rate 14 days after the second dose. You should expect to receive two doses of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

Safety data from 38,000 participants has shown that most common mild adverse reactions were injection site pain, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, joint pain and fever. The average onset was 1 – 2 days with the duration being 1 day. Scientists and doctors will continue to monitor long-term effects for the next several years.

Given the widespread impact on health and safety, the global medical and research communities have placed unprecedented collaborative focus on developing a COVID-19

vaccine. When approved by the FDA, for emergency use and authorization, it had to pass clinical trials and rigorous testing to help ensure it is both effective and safe.

Lastly, getting the COVID-19 vaccine does not change or negate other policies or practices to prevent transmission of COVID-19, including wearing a mask, physical distancing and daily assessment of symptoms.

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ENERGY BILLS  
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE  
DENTAL CARE  
AND MORE!**

**AARP**<sup>®</sup>  
FOUNDATION

## FREE Tax Preparation

The Township will host AARP Foundation Tax-Aide services from February 2nd - April 9th. This program offers free, individualized tax prep for low to moderate income taxpayers. Appointments are on a first come first served basis and are limited. Call now for an appointment at 847-285-4597.

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**Scott M. Kegaris, Highway Commissioner**

Schaumburg Township is in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Equal Opportunity Employer Male/Female/ Handicapped/Veterans. Schaumburg Township meets all ADA accessibility requirements.

## ECR-WSS

### Residential Postal Customer, Local Schaumburg Township Illinois

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

### Pantry Renovation

The Township of Schaumburg has completed its pantry renovation – increasing the shopping space and adding a donations sorting area. Though the project was kick-started in 2019, an expanded pantry has been a dream of the Township's for many years. In 2020, we saw an incredible increase in the use of the pantry as families struggled with the economic impact of COVID-19. Our new design allows for more distance between shoppers, more privacy for clients, more options on the shelves and more appointments throughout the day. To further assist residents, the Township of Schaumburg Board of Trustees decided to reduce the General Assistance property tax levy for the upcoming year.

We could not have done this renovation without our thoughtful staff who ushered the project along from start to finish. I would especially like to thank our community donors and volunteers who helped keep the pantry stocked during the busiest pantry year yet. Thank you to our clients for their patience while we completed the construction. Finally, thank you to the Board of Trustees, Diane Dunham, Jeff Mytych, Nimish Jani, and Char Kegaris for supporting this effort.

If you are in need of food assistance please call us at (847) 884-0030 ex. 1013.

