

# The Town Crier

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SCHAUMBURG

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



Top row left to right: Trustee Matthew Steward, Supervisor Timothy Heneghan, Clerk Robert Vinnedge, Assessor John Lawson, Trustee Robert Fiorio. Bottom row left to right: Trustee Demetrius Gibson, Trustee Lauren Saternus, Highway Commissioner Scott Kegarise.

## Fresh and Familiar Faces Join Township Board

The next term of Township of Schaumburg Elected Officials was sworn in on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The new Board is comprised of a mix of new and familiar faces. We are looking forward to working together to serve the residents of the Township. Read on to learn about each member and visit our website to check out their full biographies.

**Supervisor Timothy Heneghan** has served on the Board since 2001, first as Trustee, then as Clerk and now as Township Supervisor. He is the current president of the Township Officials of Cook County. During his time at the Township, Supervisor Heneghan has initiated several programs including the popular Veteran's Honor Roll and bolstered the Township's passport services program.

**Trustee Robert Fiorio** has resided with his family in the Township for over 30 years and has 40 years executive experience in the transportation industry, as a small business owner, a committee chairman for Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois and a former Schaumburg Athletic Association volunteer coach for over a decade.

**Trustee Demetrius Gibson** moved to the Township of Schaumburg in 2006. He has a comprehensive business background in the food industry. He works tirelessly in areas of Diversity & Inclusion and cultural awareness and is a current member of the Cultural Awareness Commission for Hoffman Estates.

**Trustee Lauren Saternus** has lived in the Township of Schaumburg for over a decade. She is a school psychologist and an involved community member having served for many years as the Township's Mental Health Committee Chair.

**Trustee Matthew Steward** is a lifelong resident of the Township of Schaumburg. He is an attorney and adjunct professor. He is also President of the Board of Directors for Resources for Community Living, a local nonprofit helping adults with developmental disabilities live independently.

**Clerk Robert Vinnedge** served the Township first as a volunteer on the Senior Services Committee, then was elected Trustee and eventually elected Clerk. He is the past President of the Trustees Division of the Township Officials of

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## Pack the Bus School Supply Drive August 7<sup>th</sup>



The Township of Schaumburg will be hosting our annual Pack the Bus school supply drive to support District 54 low-income students on Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 3 PM at Target at 2621 W. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg. New supplies can be dropped July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Township and at Cook County Commissioner Kevin B. Morrison's Office (1325 Wiley Rd., Suite 141, Schaumburg) or at the August 7<sup>th</sup> event. Online purchases can be delivered directly to the Township at One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. Monetary donations are always welcome. Closer to the event, additional drop-off locations may be added. Please check our website for the complete list on July 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information on how to donate, check our website and social media or call at (847) 884-0030.

## JUN

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## JUL

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June

- 16- Mental Health Speaker Series- Finding Meaning and Purpose During COVID-19 Through Meditation **p.5**
- 16- Movie - Misbehavior\* 1pm
- 29- Breakfast with Kim & Caryn- Southern Cafe\*

### July

- 5- Township is closed
- 14- Movie - Wonder Woman\* 1pm
- 18- Mental Health Speaker Series- Financial Tools for Seniors and Dependents with Special Needs **p.5**
- 27- Breakfast with Kim & Caryn- Richard Walkers\*
- 29- Disability Services Drive-In Movie Night\*

### August

- 7- Pack the Bus **p.1**
- 11- Movie - A Rainy Day In New York\* 1pm
- 18- Mental Health Speaker Series- Self Talk **p.5**

## RECURRING EVENTS

- 2nd Tue- Northwest Suburban Pregnancy/Infant Loss Support Group 7pm\*\*\*
- 2nd Tue- Senior Wills Appointment Only\*
- 2nd/4th Wed- Diabetes Support Group 10:30am\*\*
- 3rd Mon- Caregiver Support Group 11am\*
- 3rd Tue- Deaf Social/Support Group 10:30am (July/August)\*\*\*\*
- 4th Tue- Fibromyalgia Support Group 7pm
- 4th Wed- Bridges to Memory\*\* 2pm
- 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.

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

## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

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

## 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.





### Abilities Expo June 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

The Township of Schaumburg Disability Department is exhibiting as an organizational sponsor at the Abilities Expo June 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center. This year, the event will be in-person. Admission is free. Join us at the Expo where people with disabilities can see state-of-the-art technology, connect with peers and learn from experts. Register online at [abilities.com/chicago/vregister.html](https://abilities.com/chicago/vregister.html). Expo hours are Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 5 PM and Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 4 PM.



### Sign up for Senior Services News

Did you know there are multiple, **FREE** ways to find out what is happening in the Senior Services Department? Stay in touch with our:

1. **Weekly eNewsletter:** Every Friday at 9 AM receive an email from Schaumburg Township Senior Services with details on the following week's events and other relevant information. Sign up online at [schaumburgtownship.org](https://schaumburgtownship.org).
2. **Bi-monthly Print Newsletter:** Mailed out every January, March, May, July, September and November, our print newsletter provides detailed information about events and programming for two months, highlights of benefit programs we can assist with, and spotlights local agencies that may be helpful. Register with Senior Services in-person, via phone ((847) 285-4541) or via email ([seniorservices@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:seniorservices@schaumburgtownship.org)).

Need help signing up? Give us a call for assistance so you can stay up to date!



## IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING IS BACK!

The Township is bringing back in-person programming with thought and care. Join us for bingo, chair yoga, tai chi, health topics and more! Additional programs will be added throughout the summer.

Capacity limits apply. The Township will continue to follow guidance from local and federal health agencies. Due to COVID-19, in-person events are subject to change. Call 847-285-4541 for more information or to register. Sign up for the eNewsletter to get weekly updates on programming!



## Need a Ride? The Township Can Pick You Up!

The Township of Schaumburg offers \$1 one-way rides for Township residents who are older adults (age 55+) or who have a permanent disability (age 18+). We offer rides within the Township or 7 miles beyond our boundaries for medical purposes only. All buses are lift-capable.

Appointments can be scheduled for a variety of purposes spanning from medical, dental and vision to grocery shopping, hair cuts or social outings. All riders must be registered with the Transportation Department. Verification of age and residency is required and residents with a permanent disability must have a form signed by their physician. Please call (847) 882-1929 to register or inquire more about our services!

## Protect Yourself from Identity Theft and Fraud

You may have seen in the news the rise in identity theft and fraud cases—particularly in regards to unemployment fraud. A common scam is for people to file fraudulent unemployment claims in your name. According to the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), there are several ways to spot unemployment fraud such as if:

- “You receive a debit card or an unemployment insurance letter (UI Finding) and have not filed a claim for benefits.
- You are notified by your employer that a claim for benefits has been filed when you have not been separated from employment.
- You attempt to file a claim online and one already exists.
- You receive IRS correspondence regarding unreported UI benefits.
- You receive notice of a state or federal tax offset.”

Talk to your employer if you feel you have fraudulent unemployment claims and report to the police if you feel identity fraud has occurred. Check out the below website for how to report unemployment fraud to the IDES. Need additional resources? Give the Township a call at (847) 884-0030.

Source: [https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Reporting\\_Unemployment\\_Insurance\\_Fraud.aspx](https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Reporting_Unemployment_Insurance_Fraud.aspx)

## Township Seeks Volunteers

The Township of Schaumburg is looking for volunteers to help in Senior and Disability Services! We are looking for positive and professional volunteers to help with our Department front desk area between the hours of 8:30 – 5 PM. This person will greet clients, answer phones and other administrative tasks for a minimum of two hours per week. If you are interested in volunteering at our Senior and Disability front desk area, please contact Helen Bisioulis at (847) 285-4541 or [hbisioulis@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:hbisioulis@schaumburgtownship.org).

We are also looking for skilled volunteers willing to lead classes or activities for older adults once or twice a month. This volunteer will instruct a group of residents in an activity such as arts and crafts, photography, creative writing, a foreign language, jewelry making, woodworking, ancestry research, etc. If you are interested in volunteering to lead a class, please contact Kim Kettel at (847) 285-4541 or [kkettel@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:kkettel@schaumburgtownship.org).

Multicultural and multilingual volunteers greatly needed.

## Annual Town Meeting



*Moderator Bob Schmidt leads the annual Town Meeting.*

The Township held its 170<sup>th</sup> and 171<sup>st</sup> annual Town Meetings on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Vinnedge presented Township reports discussing 2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 department highlights. The next Town Meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## Mental Health Committee Accepting New Members and Associate Members

The Mental Health Committee (MHC) currently has one membership vacancy and is also accepting new associate members. MHC members are volunteers who give their time and skills to build awareness of the mental health assistance needs of our community. 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](mailto:mhc@schaumburgtownship.org) for more information.

## Mental Health Speaker Series Underway

The MHC is hosting an ongoing monthly speaker series. Due to COVID-19, the presentations have all been virtual thus far but the Committee intends to bring presenters to the Township in-person this summer! Please check the MHC Facebook page for updates on the series ([facebook.com/SchaumburgTownshipMHC](https://facebook.com/SchaumburgTownshipMHC)). The upcoming speaker topics are:

- **June 16<sup>th</sup>** Sudesh Kannan, PhD: *Finding Meaning and Purpose During COVID-19 Through Meditation*
- **July 21<sup>st</sup>** Jeff Garbaciak, New York Life Insurance Company: *Financial Tools for Seniors and Dependents with Special Needs*
- **August 18<sup>th</sup>** Daxa Sanghvi, Kenneth Young Center: *Self-talk*

## Kenneth Young Center

May was both Mental Health Awareness Month and Older Americans Month, while in June, we celebrate Pride Month for the LGBTQ+ Community. Each are a time to learn and raise awareness for the resources available to our community members in leading happy and healthy lives. Kenneth Young Center (KYC) is proud to partner with the Township to offer counseling and support programs for youth, adults and seniors.

If you or someone you know is seeking support, please contact KYC at (847) 524-8800. Looking to get involved during these important months of awareness? Join KYC's June 26<sup>th</sup> 5K run/walk at [give.kennethyoung.org/2021](https://give.kennethyoung.org/2021) to help raise funds for critical community programs while celebrating 50 years of building healthier communities together.

## Clerk's Corner Township Clerk W. Robert Vinnedge



Did you know that the Township can help with first-time passport applications and renewals? We also take passport-approved photos for \$10. The Passport Office is open Monday – Friday from 9 – 4 PM. All the forms and needed information can be found on the Township's website at [schaumburgtownship.org](https://schaumburgtownship.org). To find the most updated processing times visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov). Don't hesitate to call us at (847) 285-4561 with questions!



## Honor Township Veterans at an Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting

Schaumburg Township Clerk Vinnedge and the Board of Trustees honor community veterans each month at the Board of Trustees meeting. Township veterans can be recognized for their service by completing an application and returning it to the Clerk's Office with a copy of their DD-214 record. 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 building or at [schaumburgtownship.org](https://schaumburgtownship.org).

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Cook County and presently the President of the Clerk's Association. He is also the longest serving President of the Schaumburg Township Historical Society.

**Assessor John Lawson** has been the Township Assessor since 2004. He is an active 37-year veteran of law enforcement and has implemented programs such as

Coffee with the Assessor to better assist residents looking to appeal their property tax bills..

**Highway Commissioner Scott Kegarise** has served first as a Trustee and now as Highway Commissioner in his tenure at the Township since 2005. He is an Air Force veteran, small business owner and 40-year volunteer in Schaumburg.



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



Summer has arrived and the snow has retreated to the northland. Fishing rods, rakes and yard tools have replaced the implements of winter. The front of your shed or garage now contains the lawn mower, which is being prepared for summer service. Grass will soon begin to grow restricting water flow through the swales. Please mow to a three inch height where possible.

By the time you receive this mailing there should have been another informational piece delivered on swale maintenance and our branch removal program for the unincorporated areas. Branch pick-up will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays from May through September for unincorporated residents. Information on brush collection can be found on the Township website.

Please take this opportunity to order your rain barrels. The 55 gallon barrels are available to all Township residents for \$55. Visit our website for ordering and delivery information: [schaumburgtownship.org/departments/highway-department/](http://schaumburgtownship.org/departments/highway-department/) Please be good neighbors by maintaining your property and mowing your lawns.



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



### ***Second Installment Property Tax Bills Deadline Extended to Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>***

Second installment property tax bills will be mailed in July by the Cook County Treasurer's Office. While 2020 second installments are due August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, late charges won't be applied until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

### ***Cook County Assessor Property Tax Appeals***

Property tax appeals are a process by which a property owner can contest their property valuation. Typically appeals for our area with the Cook County Assessor's office are in August. The Township will post exact dates as soon as they are finalized on our website, social media pages and eNews. Be sure to sign up for Assessor's Office news when registering for Township eNews. Residents can also follow the Cook County Assessor's website at [www.cookcountyassessor.com](http://www.cookcountyassessor.com) under 'Appeal and Deadlines' for the final dates at the end of the summer.

### ***What Exemptions Can I Apply For?***

There are several property tax exemptions Cook County residents can qualify for, including: Homeowner; Senior Citizen; Senior Freeze; Returning Veterans; Disabled Veteran Homeowner and/or the Disabled Exemption.

Most Township residents qualify for the Homeowner, Senior and/or Senior Freeze exemptions. Interested in what you qualify for? Visit [cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions](http://cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions) to learn about each exemption and call us at (847) 884-0030 with any questions or to apply!

## Join a Support Group at the Township



Did you know that there are several support groups available at the Township that provide safe environments to share and learn from others facing similar challenges? No fees are required to attend. Due to COVID-19, each

meeting's in-person/virtual status may change. Please contact the group organizer to determine location at this time. The Township hosts the following support groups:

Northwest Community Healthcare, AMITA Health at St. Alexius Medical Center and AMITA Health Alexian Brothers Medical Center collaborate to provide bereavement support to those who have lost their child during or after pregnancy. The **Northwest Suburban Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. For more information email [jkottmeier@nch.org](mailto:jkottmeier@nch.org) or call (847) 618-8415.

The Township Community Health Nurse Janet Stachula facilitates a **Diabetes Support Group** for people with pre-diabetes or diabetes and their caregivers. The group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM. For more information call (847) 285-4551 or email [jstachula@nch.org](mailto:jstachula@nch.org).

The Township's **Deaf Social/Support Group** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM. The group is led by Deaf Services Coordinator Sarita Phadke in American Sign Language and offers socialization, fellowship and information. For more details on this support group and more visit the Deaf Services' Facebook page @TOSDeafServices, call (224) 520-9763 (VP) or (847) 285-4541, or email [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org). Registration is required with Coordinator Phadke. In-person meetings are tentatively scheduled to resume July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Director of Senior and Disability Services Becky Cordes facilitates a **Caregiver Support Group** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 11 AM. Registration is not required, but is recommended by calling (847) 285-4541. The group is offered in affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, but all caregivers are welcome.

The Township hosts a peer-led **Fibromyalgia Support Group** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Interested individuals can email the facilitator at [nwfibro@yahoo.com](mailto:nwfibro@yahoo.com) for more information and to be added to the reminder list.

Nurse Stachula also facilitates a monthly group on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 2 PM for people with memory loss and their caregivers. The group, **Bridges to Memory**, is intended to provide a safe space for people dealing with memory loss and their caregivers to engage in appropriate activities, reminiscence and socialization. Registration is required by calling (847) 285-4551.

## Regular Checkups are Crucial to Good Health

During the last year, many in the community have delayed going to the doctor for routine checks and screenings. It is important that the public keep up on those regular checkups like annual physicals, mammograms, colonoscopies, eye exams, etc., especially if you have a family history of hereditary diseases like cancer, heart disease or diabetes.

The Township nurse is able to screen for bone density, blood pressure, memory loss and cholesterol. She is also able to administer low-cost A1C tests. For more information on cost and services, please call (847) 285-4551 or visit our website at [schaumburgtownship.org/departments/community-health-nurse/](http://schaumburgtownship.org/departments/community-health-nurse/)



## Employees of the Year

We'd like to congratulate the Township employees of the year Sharon DeMarchi and Rochelle Treni. Ms. DeMarchi is a Benefit Specialist in Senior Services and Ms. Treni is a Program Support Specialist in Welfare Services and the food pantry. They both went above and beyond in an especially trying year. Thank you for making our township a great place to live and work!





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## 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

The Township has been a true leader in helping the community maneuver the COVID-19 vaccination process. This spring we worked with Rana Reagan Pharmacy, Ambria College of Nursing, Chamberlain University and volunteers to deliver doses to about 1,000 residents at the Township. The Township also collaborated with Jewel Osco, School Districts 54 and 211 to co-host two large vaccination events in February and March vaccinating about 1,500 people. Township staff and volunteers also assisted the Village of Schaumburg to schedule hundreds of residents over the phone for their first mass vaccination event at the Schaumburg Convention Center. Through these initiatives, the Township helped residents who did not have access to technology or sharp computer skills. Specifically, staff scheduled 111 residents of the Emerald Village and Poplar Creek Senior Living communities. These locations were not included in the nursing home vaccination process, leaving their residents to find an appointment themselves.

Our Transportation Department also offered low-cost rides to these events and expanded their service area to include the new Cook County vaccination site in Des Plaines, Illinois. These offerings were critical to those without transportation, those who do not drive far distances and/or those who have mobility issues.

Furthermore, we have hosted virtual programs for those who are more tech-savvy to explain tips and tricks for finding vaccine appointments. I am proud of the Township's whole-person and caring approach to this incredible undertaking. If you still need assistance in finding a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, please call us at (847) 285-4541.

