

OCTOBER 2022



THE TOWN CRIER

COATS FOR KIDS OCTOBER 24 - 28

Help us bring joy and confidence to children in the Township through our annual children's winterwear donation drive Coats for Kids. October 24 - 28 we will be collecting new coats, snow pants, winter boots, hats and gloves for low-income students in District 54. New items can be dropped off at:

- **Township of Schaumburg:** 1 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates | Monday-Friday 8:30-5pm
- **Cook County Commissioner Kevin B. Morrison's Office:** 1325 Wiley Rd, Suite 141, Schaumburg | Monday-Friday, 9-5pm
- **Triphan Center:** 1685 West Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates*
- **Willow Recreation Center:** 3600 Lexington Drive, Hoffman Estates*
- **Schaumburg Township District Library:**
 - Central Library 130 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg**
 - Hanover Park Branch 1266 Irving Park Road Hanover Park**
 - Hoffman Estates Branch 1550 Hassell Road Hoffman Estates**



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GO GROCERY SHOPPING WITH THE TOWNSHIP

Township Transportation Services offers low-cost rides to residents that are 55+ or 18+ with a permanent disability. They make regular trips to stores like Walmart, Target, Jewel, Mariano’s, Aldi and Valli. Transportation is available Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 3:30pm. Call 847-882-1929 to register and schedule rides.

GET FREE UTILITY ASSISTANCE WITH LIHEAP

Rising heating and electric bills can create a burden on any family. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps eligible low-income households with their utility bills. Qualified residents can receive a utility bill credit based on the size and income of the household and can apply for free with a Township staff member. Disability, Senior and Welfare Services staff are able to assist with LIHEAP appointments. If you are 55+ or are a person with a disability call 847-285-4541. All other residents should call 847-285-4503.



TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 27 FROM 3 - 7 PM



Enjoy an evening of frightful fun on October 27 from 3 – 7 pm at the Township (One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates). Participation is easy! Our parking lot will be filled with Halloween-themed decorated trunks. Drive the lot to collect candy through your car window and enjoy the ghoulish creativity from local organizations and agencies. The event is for residents only and is FREE. Learn more at schaumburgtownship.org.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY AND TOY DONORS NEEDED

Provide some hope and happiness this season by “adopting” families experiencing hardships in our annual Adopt-A-Family Program. The Township matches eligible residents in-need with caring individuals and businesses. Donors receive a wish list from the family, go shopping, wrap the gifts, and deliver them to the Township in early December. If you or your organization are interested in being a donor or if you are unable to adopt but would still like to contribute, please contact Marianne Rogenski at mrogenski@schaumburgtownship.org or 847-285-4630 by October 28.





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- **Schaumburg Community Recreation Center:**
505 N. Springinsguth Road, Schaumburg |
Monday-Friday | 6am-9pm & Saturday-Sunday
6am-7pm.

For more information, contact Marianne Rogenski at mrogenski@schaumburgtownship.org or 847-285-4630.

* *Hoffman Estates Park District branch hours found at heparks.org.*

** *Library branch hours found at schaumburglibrary.org.*

THE TRUSTEE TAKE

By Trustee Lauren Saternus

This November 8, a referendum to create a Community Mental Health Board (708 Board) for the Township of Schaumburg will be on the general election ballot. If adopted, a volunteer 708 Board will conduct a needs assessment and oversee the distribution of funds for local services relating to mental health, substance use disorders and developmental disabilities for Schaumburg Township residents. There are nearly 100 such Boards in Illinois as allowed by the Community Mental Health Act, including neighboring Hanover and Bloomingdale Townships. More information about 708 boards, including some in our area, visit:

- Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois: achmai.org
- McHenry County Mental Health Board: mc708.org
- Hanover Township Mental Health Board: bit.ly/3RGpC3p
- Bloomingdale Township Mental Health Board: bit.ly/3AECMXp

WHEN TO WORRY ABOUT PERSISTENT UTIs

Urinary Tract Infections (UTI) are one of the most common types of infections. Symptoms of UTIs can be alarming and can include:

- Pain, burning or stinging when you use the restroom
- Overactive bladder and uncontrollable leakage
- Passing frequent, small amounts of urine
- Cloudy urine, blood in your urine or urine that is red or pinkish
- Urine with a strong, foul odor

If you are experiencing these symptoms, contact your doctor for testing and treatment. In older adults, the symptoms can look different and can even present as confusion or disorientation. If a senior suddenly seems confused in a matter of days, contact their physician. Nurse Janet Stachula is at the Township of Schaumburg offices Tuesday - Thursday from 8:30-4pm and can share resources on health and wellness. UTIs and other health issues are often covered in her free monthly Coffee and Conversation classes every 1st Wednesday of the month at 9am at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates. Call 847-285-4551 for more information.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Join the Mental Health Committee for the following upcoming free, virtual events and check schaumburgtownship.org for more information.



- **Mental Health First Aid Course**
November TBD
Mental Health First Aid courses teach participants how to identify, understand, respond to and help someone who is experiencing a mental health problem or crisis.
- **Emerging Minds Virtual Panel**
November 1
Emerging Minds is a virtual educational presentation on mental health issues facing teens. The topic and panelists will be announced closer to the event date.

www.schaumburgtownship.org

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 15 - DECEMBER 7

Medicare Open Enrollment occurs every October 15 - December 7, wherein recipients may enroll, change or disenroll from their Part C (Advantage) plan or change their Part D (prescription drug) plan. Plans get added and changed every year - if you have increased costs or have non-covered prescription drugs, it could be worth reviewing options. The Township has several Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselors who can provide free, unbiased Medicare information and education. Appointments can be made at 847-285-4541 and are required. Phone appointments and limited evening appointments available. You can also call 800-MEDICARE or the State of Illinois SHIP Hotline at 800-252-8966 for assistance. We look forward to assisting you!

AARP INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Each year the Township partners with AARP to provide FREE income tax assistance. AARP Tax Aide helps low- to moderate-income taxpayers file their state and federal returns. Appointments are typically available from early February - April. Call the Township's AARP Tax Aide Direct Line 847-285-4597 starting January 24 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are required and will be scheduled in date-order. Participants are required to have all documentation needed to process your taxes before calling to schedule an appointment. Due to COVID-19, this program is subject to change. Up-to-date information will be available in mid-January at schaumburgtownship.org. If you are interested in volunteering for AARP Tax Aide or have questions, please contact Senior Services at 847-285-4541.



SENIOR AND DISABILITY HOLIDAY ADOPTION DONORS NEEDED

Help share holiday cheer by adopting someone in need this year! The Holiday Adoption Program for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities is in search of donors to be matched with a senior or person with disabilities in our Township to purchase items on their holiday wish list. If you or your organization are interested in being a donor or if you are unable to adopt but would still like to contribute, please contact Becky Cordes at bcordes@schaumburgtownship.org or 847-285-4541 by October 28.

SENIOR & DISABILITY SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

How to Self-Enroll in Medicare Part D

October 20 | 6pm | FREE
No registration required

Join Senior Services SHIP Counselors to learn how to self-enroll in Medicare Part D. The presentation will include a step-by-step guide in how to use the plan finder on medicare.gov.

Breakfast Social

Join Senior Services staff and friends for breakfast and conversation! Registration is required to ensure we have enough tables reserved. Individual checks. Call 847-285-4541 to register.

- **Richard Walker's** | 1300 N. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg | October 25 | 8 am | Register By: October 18
- **Checkers** | 506 W. Wise Rd, Schaumburg | November 29 | 8 am | Register By: November 22
- **Maxfield's** | 700 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg | December 27 | 8 am | Register By: December 20

Senior Holiday Party

December 9 | 10:30am | \$30*
Register By: November 29

Our annual holiday party at Chandler's Banquets will include lunch, raffle prizes and great entertainment. Seating limited.

Holiday Floral Make & Take

December 16 | 1 pm | \$20*
Register By: December 9

Kaleidoscope Floral will lead another make and take class for the holidays. All supplies provided—except garden shears/scissors. No experience necessary.

***Payment due at registration for all programs via cash, check or credit card (4% service fee).**

CLERK'S CORNER : W. ROBERT VINNEDGE**SHORTER PASSPORT PROCESSING TIMES**

In September the U.S. Department of State announced shorter processing times for passport applications. Standard processing is now 7-10 weeks, and expedited processing is available at 4-6 weeks for an added \$60*. The Township Passport Office is open Monday-Friday from 9-4pm. No appointment is needed, and a check or money order is required with every application. Call 847-285-4561 with any passport questions.

**Processing times as of printing.*

**CONNECT WITH LOCAL CRISIS SUPPORT THROUGH 988**

People experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis now have a way to connect with local crisis counselors by calling or texting 988, the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Individuals who are experiencing a crisis or their loved ones can call 988 to find 24/7 confidential support. Callers will be connected with a trained counselor who will listen, understand their situations and share needed resources.

Much like 911, the 988 lifeline is available throughout the United States and can be reached by anyone at any time, with calls to this national hotline being directed to a network of local providers. Kenneth Young Center is honored to provide 988 services to help safeguard individuals and families in our communities.

Crisis response is absolutely critical to ensuring health and safety. To learn more about the mental health and substance use prevention programs, groups and outpatient services that Kenneth Young Center has to offer to Township residents, please call us at 847-524-8800 or visit kennethyoung.org.

VETERANS' HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS

Lieutenant Colonel Walter Chyterbok
U.S. Army 1969 - 1999



Lieutenant Colonel Walter Chyterbok was honored at the August Board of Trustees Meeting. If you are interested in applying for the Veteran Honor Roll, please visit our website for the application and requirements.

SERVICES FOR UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS

Did you know the Township offers a variety of services to Unincorporated Cook County residents in the Township that mirror some municipal services to incorporated residents? For example, the Township manages the garbage and recycling contracts for unincorporated Cook County residents in the Township and the Road and Bridge District staff maintain many unincorporated roads, including snow plowing in these areas. Unincorporated Township residents only need to get permits from the Township for certain construction projects such as new homes, additions and driveways. For other construction, unincorporated residents may have to reach out to the county for additional permits.



FROM THE DESK OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER: SCOTT M. KEGARISE

Fall has arrived and with the change of weather comes new challenges for your road district - snow, ice, wet leaves and general slippery conditions. Please remember over-salting has a deleterious effect on our environment and wildlife.

During this past summer several anonymous letters were submitted to the Township Road District regarding property conditions. First an understanding of Road District responsibility can be helpful to understanding our response. The Road District is responsible for 33 feet from centerline. We are not able, without the property owner's authorization, to venture further onto one's property. If a yard is overgrown our only option after cutting the right of way is to notify the owner to perform the maintenance. Failure of the property owner to comply will subsequently result in notification to the ordinance department of Cook County.

Neither the Township or Road District have a code enforcement officer, nor an ordinance related to grass height for unincorporated residents.

The anonymous writer of the complaints assumes that nothing was done regarding their issues and further chides elected officials for their supposed do-nothing attitude. Because the writer failed to sign their complaint, we could not notify them of the resolution. Not only were the issues addressed but a considerable amount of time by three agencies was spent in an attempt to resolve them. If you have any questions about the Road District, please call 847-884-1727.

Please remember with fall comes snow and black ice. Drive with those conditions in mind. Maintain proper following distance with snowplows or emergency vehicles. Stay safe and warm.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSESSOR: JOHN R. LAWSON, M.S., C.I.A.O.****COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW APPEALS**

Township residents will be able to appeal their property taxes a second time during the Cook County Board of Review Residential Property Tax Appeals period, typically held at the end of the year. Residents can appeal with the Board of Review regardless of previous reductions with the Cook County Assessor's Office or previous lack of comparable properties. The Township Assessor's Office can help process appeals electronically and in person once the appeals period begins. Residents can watch for open appeals dates at cookcountyboardofreview.com or via the Township website (schaumburgtownship.org), social media or eNewsletters.

TOWNSHIP CALENDAR



Please visit the township's website at www.schaumburgtownship.org for the most up-to-date event information.

RECURRING EVENTS

1 ST Tuesday	MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE 7 pm
1 ST Wednesday	COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** 9 am DEI TASK FORCE 7 pm
2 ND Tuesday	NORTHWEST SUBURBAN PREGNANCY/ INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP*** 7 pm SENIOR WILLS* Appointment Only COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 7 pm
2 ND & 4 TH Wednesday	DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP** 10:30 am

* RSVP required at 847-285-4541

** RSVP required at 847-285-4551

RECURRING EVENTS

3 RD Monday	CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP* 11 am
3 RD Tuesday	SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES COMMITTEE 7 pm
3 RD Wednesday	DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP **** 10:30 am BRIDGES TO MEMORY** 2 pm
4 TH Tuesday	FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP 7 pm
4 TH Wednesday	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 7 pm

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

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



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

TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Main Number	847-884-0030
Assessor's Office	847-285-4567
Clerk's Office	847-285-4561
Disability Services	847-285-4541
Senior Services	847-285-4541
Welfare Services	847-884-0030

Community Nurse:	847-285-4551
Deaf Services - Videophone:	224-520-9763
Food Pantry:	847-285-4503
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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Equal Opportunity Employer Male/Female/ Handicapped/Veterans. Schaumburg Township meets all ADA accessibility requirements.

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.

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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

As the Township closes out another incredible year of service to our residents, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some recent building projects and look ahead to some we have planned in the coming year. The Township recently updated our HVAC system and roof to improve efficiency throughout the building. Our LED lighting project is also slated to be completed within the next year, which will save the Township thousands of dollars a year in lighting costs. Environmentally, we can expect an annual reduction of 38 metric tons of CO₂ from the project - that's the equivalent of taking 8 cars off the road annually. The Township is undertaking a lobby renovation project, which will create a more functional, inviting and safe space for our residents and staff. Following this summer's community assessment, the Township Board of Trustees will roll up our sleeves to formulate a thoughtful strategic plan – setting in motion the future of service in the Township. This year will bring many changes but will create a healthier environment as well as increase cost savings to be used on more services to our most vulnerable neighbors.



(Left to right) Rich Township Supervisor Calvin Jordan, Rich Township Clerk Sugar Al-Amin and Supervisor Tim Heneghan attend a Township of Cook County (TOCC) monthly Clerk's Meeting.