



DISABILITY SERVICES ABLEGRAM

MARCH AND APRIL 2022

EGG HUNT



Disability Services is hosting a FREE Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at the Township Building from 2-3pm.

This is a NEW, sensory-friendly and accessible event for children and young adults with various disabilities.

Participants will hunt for eggs filled with prizes throughout the building's main level. There will be beeping eggs for the visually impaired, and eggs tied to balloons and hidden at a higher level for those using wheelchairs and walkers. ASL interpreters will be on-site as well. The Easter Bunny will make a special visit and take pictures and greet attendees.

Please call 847-285-4541 to register by March 18 as a limited number of participants are allowed in the building.

Masks will need to be worn inside the building during the event.

The Township of Schaumburg Disability Services Department serves over 700 persons with disabilities annually. We host several events throughout the year to provide inclusive opportunities for all, including virtual programming, a spring and summer special event, the Septemberfest Free Carnival Ride program, a resource fair, and a holiday program.

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Looking for a great way to give back in your community? Then consider joining Township of Schaumburg's Committee for People with Disabilities (CFPD)!

Interested applicants should be either a person with a disability, primary caregiver/parent/guardian of a person with a disability or someone with advanced knowledge or experience working with people with disabilities.

Applicants must reside in the Township, pass a background check and provide a resume. The Township Board of Trustees approves new members.

The CFPD meets on the second Tuesday evening of the month at 7pm from September through May. Meetings are currently held on Zoom due to no in-person programming.

Contact Becky Cordes, Director of Senior and Disability Services, Assistant Administrator, at 847-884-0030 or bcordes@schaumburgtownship.org to apply or for more information.



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

April is National Volunteer Month and Disability Services would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who supported our events and programs last year!

We could not have done our Disability Resource Fair, Bunny Hop Drive Thru, Movie Nite and the department reception desk without you!

Thank you for generously donating your time and talents to our services and programs.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

TEMPORARY HANDICAP PLACARDS

Temporary disability parking placards can be issued to residents in the Disability Services Department. Residents can receive a temporary parking placard up to three months. For those who need a temporary parking placard for six months can receive the first three months and return for the second three months.



DO YOUR GRANDPARENTS HAVE TROUBLE HEARING ON THE PHONE?

Do you find yourself having to repeat and speak louder when you are on the phone with your loved ones? Did you know you can help them communicate better with a FREE amplified phone? Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation's program (ITAC) offers free amplified phones, cell phone amplifiers and other equipment for any Illinois resident who has difficulty hearing on the phone.

To qualify for the program, applicants need to be a legal resident of Illinois, have a landline and/or cell phone service and have the application completed by their doctor.

After being approved, come and test the phones in Disability Services as we are a testing center for the ITAC program.

Call us today for more information or to test the phones! It's FREE!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a delicious lunch of corned beef, potato and cabbage from Chandler's Chophouse! Drive-thru to pick up your lunch on Thursday, March 17 from 11-12pm.

Simply contact Caryn Remer to register and pay the \$10 fee at 847-285-4541.

Chandler's Chophouse is located at 401 N. Roselle Road in Schaumburg.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

ESTATE PLANNING FOR THOSE WITH A DIMINISHED CAPACITY

There is a fine line when setting up legal documents with an individual whose capacity is in question. Learn how elder law attorneys from Dutton Casey and Mesoloras assess capacity and how best to proceed in protecting the vulnerable adult from exploitation on *Wednesday, April 20 at noon via Zoom.*

Call 847-285-4541 to register and get the Zoom meeting ID and passcode.

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program**

FREE VIRTUAL MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING MARCH 30

Register for this free virtual training on Wednesday, March 30 from 10-3pm and learn how to identify, understand, respond and even help someone experiencing a mental health crisis. Register at bit.ly/335TdPY.

Township of Schaumburg Mental Health Committee (MHC) in partnership with AMITA Health is offering this free virtual class.

The Township Mental Health Committee (MHC) are members appointed by the Board of Trustees to meet the needs of those in the community who need mental health assistance.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH NURSE JANET

Come and get a fresh hot cup of coffee and join Nurse Janet at her Coffee and Conversation the first Wednesday of every month at 9:30am.

“Digestive Diseases” is the topic for the March 2nd and “How to Strengthen Your Immune System” for the April 6 session.

Coffee and Conversation is held in-person at the Township building.

To register for the sessions, please contact 847-285-4551.



EARTH DAY EVENT

Support environmental protection at the Township’s Earth Day event on Friday, April 22 from 10-12:30pm.

Representatives from Citizens Utility Board (CUB), ComEd, Nicor and more will be there to share information.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES 847-882-1929**UPDATED GROCERY SHOPPING TIMES**

The Township's Transportation Department recently changed the drop-off time to 11am and pick-up time to 12:30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

This change allows us to accommodate more medical appointments in the morning for our residents.

Contact Dispatch at 847-882-1929 to schedule your grocery trip today!

New clients must register with the Transportation Department prior to service.

RTA FARES PROGRAM ONLINE

People with disabilities and older adults can now apply, replace and renew Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Reduced Fare and Ride Free Permits online at fares.rtachicago.org.

Clients can still call the Township for assistance with both RTA programs. Call for an appointment with a caseworker or for more information.

**NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR MEDICAID CLIENTS**

Medicaid clients who need assistance in finding transportation to non-emergency healthcare services, can use Non-Emergency Transportation Services Prior Authorization Program (NETSPAP).

NETSPAP is a Medicaid program to help Medicaid participants who have limited access to non-emergency transportation to and from a Medicaid covered health care service. First Transit is the call center that the HFS contracted with to provide the review of prior authorizations for most non-emergency transportation. First Transit is NOT a transportation provider and does not arrange transportation. First Transit only maintains a list of enrolled Medicaid transportation providers for participants to select from.

Note: To use Medicaid as a form of payment, your trip must be pre-approved through First Transit.

To use this free service or for more information, call First Transit at 877-725-0569.

SOCIAL SERVICES



MEDICARE ADVANTAGE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD ENDS MARCH 31ST

Beneficiaries in Medicare Advantage plans only have until March 31st to make a one-time switch to another Medicare Advantage plan or return to Original Medicare.

Disability Services can assist clients with choosing another Medicare Advantage Plan or switch to Original Medicare. Our office offers benefits counseling services for Medicare beneficiaries all year long.

CONSUMER STIPEND PROGRAM

The Consumer Stipend Program can help individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members financially to attend conferences of their choice that are related to developmental disability issues.

The Arc of Illinois administers the program through funds from Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Interested applicants can apply at <https://bit.ly/367JWbk>

SAM'S CLUB AND MEIJER NOW ACCEPTING SNAP ONLINE

The list of grocery stores to use your SNAP benefits online recently expanded to include Sam's Club and Meijer.

Other stores that accept SNAP benefits online include, ALDI, Woodman's Market, Amazon, Walmart, Capri IGA, County Market, Fairplay Neighborhood Market, Schnucks, and Supermercados El Guero.

CELEBRATE AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH WITH "AS WE SEE IT"

In honor of Autism Awareness Month in April, check out the new TV series "As We See It" on Amazon Prime.

"As We See It" is about a group of roommates on the autism spectrum navigating life and the world around them. What's even more interesting is that all three main actors also identify as being on the autism spectrum. You can binge watch all episodes now if you have Amazon Prime.



MORE SERVICES AND NEWS

ENDING SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS



The No Surprise Act 2022 protects Americans from being balanced billed over what insurers pay. This typically happens from receiving a medical bill from services out of network. The Act also requires increased transparency in healthcare costs.

If you receive a "surprise bill" you can call 800-985-3059 or online at [CMS.gov](https://www.cms.gov) for disputes or any other issues related to the No Surprises Act.

TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM COVID-19 SCAMS

Check out the tips below to protect yourself from COVID-19 scammers. If you suspect COVID-19 fraud, report it immediately to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General at 800-447-847.

- Offers to purchase COVID-19 vaccination cards are scams. Valid proof of COVID-19 vaccination can only be provided to individuals by legitimate providers administering vaccines.
- Do not share your COVID-19 vaccination card on social media
- Do not respond to, or open links, text messages about COVID-19 from unknown individuals
- Be cautious of any COVID-19 testing site that requires your financial or medical information in order to receive a free test.

DENTAL SERVICE

If you have no dental insurance or your dental insurance doesn't cover other treatment, Midwestern University Dental Institute can help! The Dental Institute is a dental teaching school under the supervision and direction of licensed dental faculty. They offer other dental care services at significantly reduced prices.

Call 630-743-4500 for more information, pricing for dental services or to schedule an exam.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT LINE

If you having a difficult time and would like someone to talk to for support, call the Illinois Warm Line at 866-359-7953. Wellness Support Specialists are available and trained in recovery support, mentoring, and advocacy. They are ready to listen and support you!

The Warm Line is not a crisis hotline, but is a source of support. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 8am-8pm, except holidays.



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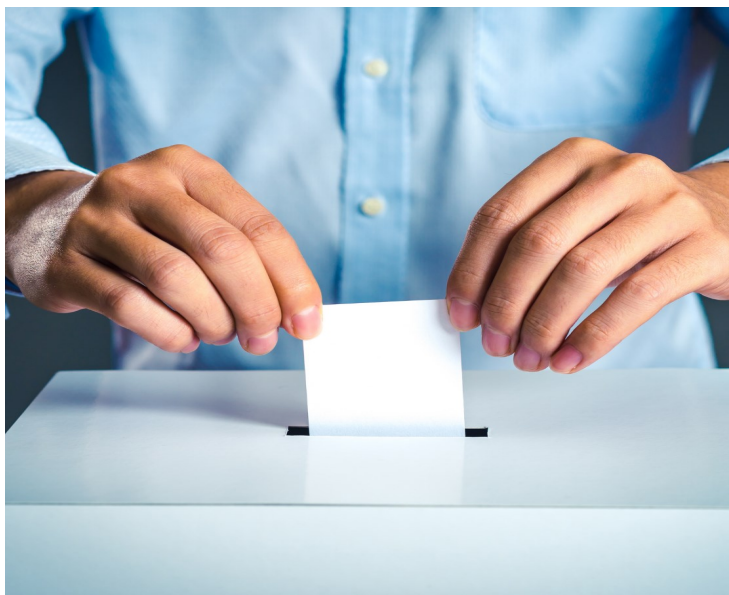
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**VOTER REGISTRATION SERVICES
AT THE TOWNSHIP**

Illinois residents can register to vote in person, online at <https://ova.elections.il.gov/> or by mail. Please note each of these methods have different deadline dates.

Visit our Clerk's office for assistance on completing the voter registration form.

Register to vote for the upcoming General Election in November!

TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



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Heneghan



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TRUSTEE
Demetrius J.
Gibson



TRUSTEE
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