



# DISABILITY SERVICES **ABLEGRAM**

MAY AND JUNE 2022

## **SUMMER CELEBRATION PICNIC RETURNS!**



Disability Services is excited to announce the return of the popular Summer Celebration Picnic! Township residents with disabilities and their family and friends are invited to enjoy an early Saturday afternoon of outdoor fun! The picnic will be held outdoors in the Township’s parking lot on Saturday, June 18 from 11am—2pm. Admission is free.

Come and join us for activities and entertainment, a catered grilled onsite lunch with picnic favorites and bingo games for a chance to win a raffle prize! Please register by June 10 at 847-285-4541 as seating is limited. An ASL interpreter will be provided. In the event of inclement weather, the picnic will be moved inside.

The Township’s Transportation Department is available to transport guests to the picnic. Reservations for this service must be made no later than Friday, June 10. Call 847-882-1929 for transportation services to the picnic. Our Summer Celebration Picnic would not be possible without the assistance from our sponsors: Illinois Telecommunications Corp. (ITAC) , Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club, and State Reps. Michelle Mussman and Fred Crespo.

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## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### EGG HUNT RECAP!

We want to say thank you to everyone who participated in our Egg Hunt in April! Over 40 people with disabilities and their families attended and hunted for eggs. Four lucky winners found a Golden Egg and won a prize! The Easter Bunny also made a special appearance and took pictures with the guests.



### COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (CFPD)

The Committee for People with Disabilities is an advisory board to the Disability Services Department and the Township Board of Trustees. The CFPD assists in the department's goals, objectives and policies as well as make recommendations for annual grant funding to agencies that serve people with disabilities.

The CFPD meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Township. CFPD meetings are open to the public. Come and see what the committee is all about! The CFPD is seeking two new members who have a passion for people with disabilities and can bring new ideas.

### WELCOME TO THE TEAM, DIANE SAVERSON!



Diane started with the Senior and Disability Services as a temporary employee in November of 2021. After working here for a few months, she learned that the office needed a full-time receptionist. Diane enjoyed the position, the staff, and the services they provide to the community so much, that she decided to come out of retirement and apply for the position. Diane enjoys many genres of music especially gospel, jazz, and soul. She takes pride in knowing that she can still be of service to people. She is a great asset to the department!

## PROGRAM INFORMATION



### 35th ANNUAL PAINT-A-THON

If the outside of your home needs a fresh coat of paint, consider applying for the 35th Annual Paint-A-Thon program. Contact Lauren Ewan for an application or more information at [lewan@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:lewan@schaumburgtownship.org) or 847-285-4541. Applications are due July 1st.

Program is open to older adults aged 60 and older, people with disabilities and veterans. There are income and assets limits, but all are encouraged to apply. There is no cost to the homeowner and volunteer groups complete all the work.

Paint Day is Saturday, September 10, 2022.



### HEALTH PRESENTATIONS

Deaf Services is hosting Health Education for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing by Northwest Community Healthcare Nurse Janet. Both presentations are in-person at the Schaumburg Township building.

- May 5th at 10:30am —Diet and Nutrition
- June 9th at 10:30am—Stroke Awareness

An ASL interpreter will be provided. Please register one week prior to each presentation as seating is limited. Register with our Deaf Services Coordinator, Sarita Phadke, at 224-520-9763 (Video Phone) or [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org).

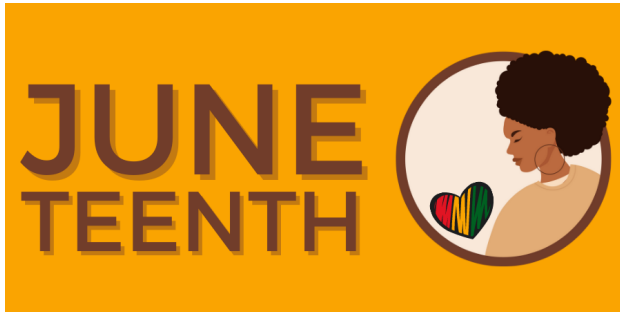
### ABILITIES EXPO JUNE 24–26

Come and visit Disability Services at Booth 310!

The Abilities Expo is returning to the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center June 24-26 to showcase the latest assistive technology, products, recreation and more for people with disabilities, older adults, parents, caregivers and professionals. Expo hours are Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25 from 11am–5pm and Sunday, June 26 from 11am-4pm. Admission is free. Register online at <https://www.abilities.com/chicago/vregister.html>.

Disability Services is participating as an Organizational Sponsor at this year's Expo. Transportation to the Abilities Expo is available on Friday, June 24 with our Transportation Department at 847-882-1929. Riders must schedule their ride by June 17.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

**JUNETEENTH**

The Township is collaborating with the Schaumburg Township Library and other area organizations to host a Juneteenth Celebration on June 19, time TBD! Check our website for more information closer to June 19 to learn more.

**WALKING GROUP**

Get out and enjoy the beautiful weather with the Walking Group and Nurse Janet. Group meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Volkening Lake from 8:45 am—9:45am. All levels are welcome and registration is not required. Volkening Lake is located at 900 W. Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg.

**VETERANS SERVICES  
AVAILABLE AT TOWNSHIP**

Veteran Services Officer, Shynae Murphy, is back at the Township on Monday and Thursday from 9am-2:45pm. Walk-in service only and closed from 12-1pm. If you have any questions, please contact Shynae at [Shynae.Murphy@illinois.gov](mailto:Shynae.Murphy@illinois.gov) or 847-485-2772.

**FREE CELL PHONE AMPLIFIERS**

If you have difficulty hearing on your cell phone, Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) can provide you a FREE cell phone amplifier! Disability Services is a center where you can test the two cell phone amplifiers available. To apply, please download an application at <https://www.schaumburgtownship.org/uploads/pdf/disability/forms/ITAC-Application.pdf> along with a copy of your cell phone bill. We can assist you in sending all your documents and cell phone amplifier selection to ITAC. Call 847-285-4541 for more information.

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES 847-882-1929

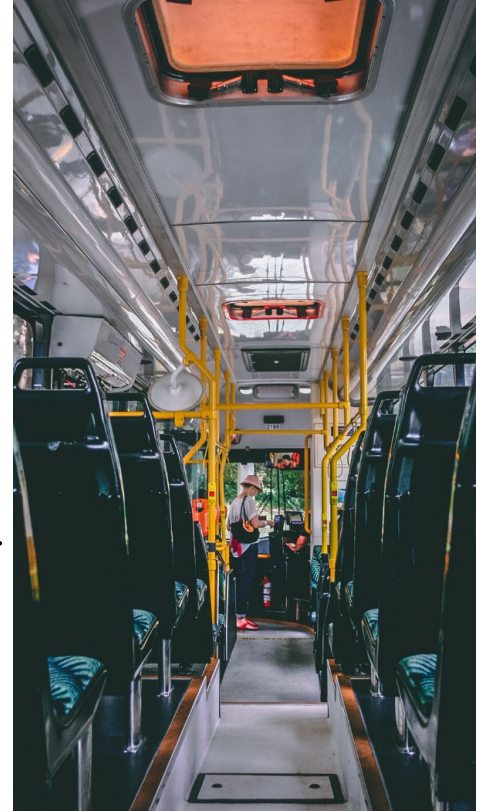
### TOWNSHIP RIDERS INITIATIVE PROGRAM (TRIP)

The Township Riders Initiative Program (TRIP) provides transportation outside of Schaumburg Township to Barrington, Elk Grove, Hanover, Maine, Palatine, and Wheeling Townships for medical purposes only. Service is for residents who are 60+ and people with disabilities ages 18+. PACE is the transit carrier and provides a lift-equipped van or small bus.

The fee for this service is \$5 each township border crossed with a maximum \$10 fee per one-way; \$20 round trip. TRIP hours are Monday—Friday 5am-9pm and Saturday, 7am-4pm. Reservations must be made 14 days in advance. Our transportation department will schedule your ride with PACE.

Residents need to register with our Transportation Department at 847-882-1929 in order to use this service.

Other medical locations TRIP provides are Stroger Cook County Hospital, Hines Veterans Hospital, Northwestern Hospital, Lovell Federal Healthcare, UIC Medical, and Advocate Good Shepard.



### GROCERY TRIP SCHEDULE



Stores	Day(s)	Area Served
Walmart & Target	Mondays & Fridays	Whole Township
Jewel, Mariano's & Aldi	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	Based on resident's location in the Township
Valli	Tuesday	Whole Township

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### **BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM**

The Benefit Access Program provides a license plate renewal fee discount and the RTA Ride Free transit pass for people with disabilities and older adults 65+.

Program is based on income eligibility and applications need to be completed online through the Illinois Department on Aging's website. Staff in the Disability Department can assist you in completing your application.



### **LIHEAP ENDS MAY 31**

Reminder for those who have not applied for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), last day to apply is Tuesday, May 31. Contact us for your appointment and list of required documents to apply.

### **KENNETH YOUNG CENTER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental, emotional, work, school, or relationship problems, you can talk to a counselor at Kenneth Young Center (KYC). At KYC, you'll be connected to the program you need, which might offer individual, group, or family counseling, or case management.

Services are charged on a sliding scale fee according to what you can afford, and if you have insurance.

Call KYC at 847-524-8800 for more information or an appointment to help you or someone you love today!



### **LETTER CARRIER'S FOOD DRIVE**

After a two-year hiatus, we are very happy the largest one-day national food drive event is back in action! The National Association of Letter Carrier's annual food drive is Saturday, May 14, 2022. Letter carriers will collect non-perishable food items placed by your mailbox when they deliver mail along their postal routes. The Schaumburg Township Food Pantry will receive these donations from the Letter Carrier's Food Drive to support our 700 household who use the food pantry monthly.

Let's work together to **STAMP OUT HUNGER** in our community!

## MORE SERVICES AND NEWS



### **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

Are you or someone you know caring for a family member with Alzheimer's or dementia? Then join the Caregiver's Support Group meeting on the third Monday of every month from 11am-12:30pm. This group is currently meeting via Zoom. First time attendees should contact Becky Cordes to register and get the Zoom information at 847-285-4541.

The Caregiver's Support Group is in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association.

### **CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY**

Township of Schaumburg will be closed on Monday, May 30 for the Memorial Day holiday. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 31. We honor the countless men and women who died preserving our freedom.



### **MINDS MATTER MENTAL HEALTH FAIR**

May is Mental Health Awareness month and Township of Schaumburg Mental Health Committee is hosting its annual Minds Matter Mental Health Fair on Tuesday, May 3 from 4-7 pm. Several agencies and organizations that provide mental health services will be available to explain about their programs and services and answer any questions. There will also be guest speakers on various mental health topics. Registration is not required.

### **MAY 6 FIRST FRIDAY EVENT**

Join First Friday events with the Village of Hoffman Estates' Commission for People with Disabilities! Meet new friends while having a good time.

Our next First Friday is Friday, May 6 from 6:30-8pm at the Village of Hoffman Estates. Please register with Sue Lessen at [suzanne.lessen@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:suzanne.lessen@hoffmanestates.org).

First Friday is open to all adults and adolescents with disabilities and their friends ages 14 and older.



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## DISABILITY NEWSLETTER

Stay in touch with Disability Services by subscribing to our e-newsletter to receive the most up-to-date information the 1st and 15th of the month.

Register at [www.schaumburgtownship.org](http://www.schaumburgtownship.org) on the main page to “subscribe to our mailing list”. Enter your information and select Disability Services.

Programs and services are always changing and this is a great source to get the most updated information!

## TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



SUPERVISOR  
Timothy M.  
Heneghan



TRUSTEE  
Robert N. Fiorio



TRUSTEE  
Demetrius J.  
Gibson



TRUSTEE  
Lauren Saternus



TRUSTEE  
Matthew J.  
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COMMISSIONER  
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