

**AUGUST 2022**



# THE *TOWN CRIER*

What is the difference between townships and villages? While sometimes they share similar names – like Township of Schaumburg and Village of Schaumburg – we offer different services to different populations. Townships cover roughly 32 square miles in Illinois, often including more than one village. Schaumburg Township encompasses parts of Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Hanover Park, Roselle, Elk Grove Village, Streamwood and Rolling Meadows. Townships focus on helping the most vulnerable in the area access some of their most basic needs – like food, utilities, rent and transportation. Townships cover the human-services gaps the community may feel living in an expansive county such as Cook County. In our township, villages manage fire and police, conduct community development, issue permits and lead capital improvement projects. Townships and villages often work together to assist residents or refer them to the correct agency to receive the help they need. While these aren't expansive lists of what townships and villages offer, it highlights some important distinctions.

## TOWNSHIPS



## VILLAGE ORDINANCES

WATER  
BILLING

POLICE

FIRE

CAPITAL  
UPGRADES

PERMITS &  
LICENSING

PLANNING &  
ZONING

## VILLAGES

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This article is the first of a series to be released in the Town Crier.

Learn more about your township and your village by visiting the websites below. While there are differences between the units of government, our township and villages work tirelessly to assist the residents that call our community home.

- Township of Schaumburg: [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org)

Villages:

- Schaumburg: [schaumburg.com](http://schaumburg.com)
- Hoffman Estates: [hoffmanestates.org](http://hoffmanestates.org)
- Hanover Park: [hphil.org](http://hphil.org)
- Roselle: [roselle.il.us](http://roselle.il.us)
- Elk Grove Village: [elkgrove.org](http://elkgrove.org)
- Streamwood: [streamwood.org](http://streamwood.org)
- Rolling Meadows: [cityrm.org](http://cityrm.org)

## DONATE EXTRA GARDEN PRODUCE TO THE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Did you know the Township will accept produce donations from residents' gardens? Fresh produce at the grocery store can be out of reach for many of our clients – especially now with inflation. Fresh produce is a nutritious, healthy choice that many clients make at our pantry when available. Your donations benefit children, seniors and families in need. Donate Monday-Friday from 8:30 – 5 pm at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates.



## PACK THE BUS IS AUGUST 6 FROM 9 – 3 PM



Don't miss our annual Pack the Bus school supply drive for D54 students in need at Target (2621 W. Schaumburg Rd) on August 6 from 9 – 3 pm. New school supplies can also be dropped off at the Township through August 8 or you can purchase supplies online and ship directly to the Township from our wishlist at <https://bit.ly/3f2YTeo>. Monetary donations are also accepted. More information can be found on our website.

## SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps) helps people buy the food they need. Eligibility and benefit amount are determined by income, expenses and the number of persons who live and eat together. SNAP benefits can be used to buy food products, with some exceptions, to supplement a household's grocery budget. Township staff can help you apply at 847-884-0030! SNAP beneficiaries can utilize the Township Pantry – though it's not required.







## THE TRUSTEE TAKE

By Trustee Demetrius Gibson

The Township is evolving and growing and we're working hard to keep pace with the increased level of activity. We've welcomed new employees, processes and systems, all with the express focus on better serving YOU.

To that end, we're in the midst of a Township Assessment Survey. The feedback will help ensure we have the voice of our constituents to guide our decisions and actions. Additionally, we're looking forward to ideas from the community itself. We know engaging with residents in this way will uncover needed information about who we serve and will lead to creative solutions for ongoing pain points. The study results will highlight areas the Township can focus on in the years to come and I can't wait to dig into the data.

I hope your next couple of months of the year are tremendous, full of joy and happiness. I encourage your participation in Township activities. Please feel free to stop by our regular monthly board meeting, which is held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise stated.

This is YOUR Township, don't hesitate to make your voice heard.

## THANK YOU, LETTER CARRIERS AND DONORS

Thank you to all who participated in the National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive - 7,354 pounds of food was delivered to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry!

## 5 TIPS TO FIND A NEW PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN

Do you need a new physician? One thing to keep in mind: It's best to choose a physician before you need one, then you can build a relationship and share your health history without having to rush during an urgent need.

1. **Ask for recommendations.** Friends, neighbors, coworkers and family members are reliable resources for your search.
2. **Check your insurance.** Some insurance plans have a list of doctors they want you to use and others may let you choose outside their "network" of doctors.
3. **Clinical expertise.** Different types of doctors can serve as your primary care physician.
4. **Location and logistics.** Consider proximity to your house, office hours, weekend availability and hospital affiliation.
5. **Make an appointment.** Visit the doctor at the top of your list. During the visit, think about whether the physician listened, spent enough time with you and gave you the opportunity to ask questions.

Call Nurse Janet at 847-285-4551 to receive help selecting a primary care physician.

## FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

The Township's Mental Health Committee is hosting a free, online-only Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training this fall in conjunction with AMITA Health. MHFA Training teaches participants how to identify, understand, respond and help someone who is experiencing a mental health problem or crisis. Registration will be available at [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org) in September.



## MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS OCTOBER 15

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15 – December 7. During this time, Medicare beneficiaries can make changes to their Medicare Part C (Advantage) or Part D (prescription) plans for the following year. Senior and Disability Services staff are trained by the Illinois Department on Aging



Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) and can provide free, unbiased education and counseling regarding all your Medicare questions. Staff can also assist you with enrollment or troubleshoot problems with an existing plan. If you are living on a limited income and struggle to pay your Part B premium or medication costs, you may qualify for some assistance through the Medicare Savings Program and/or Extra Help. Call 847-285-4541 after September 1 to schedule your open enrollment appointment. Appointments are required.

## DISABILITY SERVICES RESOURCE FESTIVAL

Disability Services will be hosting its Second Annual Community Resource Festival on September 24 from 9:30 – 12 pm at the Township (One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates IL 60169). Local disability service



providers will be onsite offering information about their services. Come learn about what's available for your family in our community and have some fun with carnival-type games, face painting, a balloon artist, raffle prizes and a sensory friendly touch-a-truck. Contact Becky Cordes at 847-285-4541 if you have any questions or are a provider who would like to have a table at the event.

## TEMPORARY DISABILITY PARKING PLACARDS

Disability Services is able to issue temporary disability parking placards. Individuals must complete an application and have it approved by their physician. Placards are issued for three months at a time, for a maximum of six months. Residents who are approved for a permanent parking placard can be issued a temporary placard until the permanent placard is received. Residents must bring their completed application and photo ID. No appointment necessary. Call Disability Services at 847-285-4541 with any questions.

## SENIOR & DISABILITY SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

### Medicare Information Sessions *No Registration Required*

Join us for free presentations on Medicare this fall by Illinois Department on Aging as Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) trained staff who can provide unbiased Medicare education and counseling. All presentations will be held at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates.

- **Medicare Part C** (Advantage Plans) August 10 | 1 pm
- **Medicare Part D** Open Enrollment September 21 | 6:30 pm
- **How to Self-Enroll in Medicare Part D** October 20 | 6 pm

### Senior Citizens Day Ice Cream Social

**August 19 | 2:30 pm | FREE**

**Registration Deadline: August 12**

Seniors are invited to socialize and celebrate Senior Citizens Day with ice cream sundaes at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates! Call 847-285-4541 to register.

### Oktoberfest

**September 23 | 11:30 – 2:30 pm | \$30 | Registration Deadline: August 26**

Help us celebrate Oktoberfest at Chandler's Banquets (401 N. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg), with music from Alpine Thunder, dancing, games, German cuisine and socialization. Cash bar will be available. Payment due at time of registration. Cash, check or card accepted. There will be a 4% fee added to all card payments. Call 847-285-4541 or visit Senior Services to register.

## CLERK'S CORNER : W. ROBERT VINNEDGE

**RABIES VACCINE AND MICROCHIP CLINIC OCTOBER 8**

The Township will host a free rabies vaccine and microchip clinic on October 8 from 10-1pm at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates. Owners must be Cook County residents and present a valid driver's license or state ID. Pets must be at least three months old and will be served on a first-come-first-served basis. Owners will be given a vaccine certificate and can order a rabies tag post event here: [cookcountyil.gov/service/rabies-vaccination-tags](http://cookcountyil.gov/service/rabies-vaccination-tags).

**VETERANS HONOR ROLL**

Schaumburg Township honors veterans each month through our Veterans Honor Roll program. To qualify, residents must meet the following requirements:

- Served During a Time of Conflict
- Honorable Discharge
- Reside within Schaumburg Township
- Submit a Copy of DD-214 Form
- Completed Veteran Honor Roll Application

Veterans can return the completed application with their DD-214 record to the Township Clerk's Office (One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates). Applications can be found on our website, or at the Township.



*Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Fredrick J. Hossfeld was honored at the June Board of Trustees meeting.*

**VETERANS' HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS**

Lieutenant Junior Grade Kenneth Hoving  
U.S. Navy 1960 - 1963

Senior Airman Jacob Wakefield  
U.S. Air Force 1996 - 2002

Technical Sergeant Frank Starkey  
U.S. Air Force 1965 - 1968

Sergeant Warren Lee Miller  
U.S. Army 1967 - 1970

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Fredrick J. Hossfeld  
U.S. Air Force 1955 - 1961

**HARM REDUCTION AND NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH**

Although substance use recovery and prevention programming is highlighted in September through National Recovery Month, the Kenneth Young Center (KYC) is honored to provide support to Schaumburg Township residents of all ages throughout the year.

For folks looking for support with substance use challenges, KYC provides clinical outpatient Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) programs as well as peer-led SMART (Self-Management and Recovery Training) Recovery services to adults and youth, with specialized SMART groups available for friends and family members and LGBTQ+ adults.

KYC also follows a harm-reduction model to reduce the risk associated with substance use. KYC can offer free training and Naloxone kits to community members. Naloxone is a nasal spray that enables breathing during an opioid overdose. KYC also provides free fentanyl test strips to check for the presence of fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid that is extremely potent in other substances. These are important tools to reduce the risk from overdose, available to all who seek to prevent overdose harm.

To learn more about these and other year-round programs that support recovery, please call KYC at 847-524-8800.



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

Have you ever been traveling a roadway and wondered who was responsible for its maintenance? Our township has many agencies responsible for plowing, maintenance and repairs. Major highways such as Irving Park (IL 19), Higgins (IL 72) and Golf (IL 58) are the Illinois Department of Transportation's responsibility. Schaumburg, Meacham, Roselle and Plum Grove roads are Cook County Highway Department roadways. The streets within your village or town are handled by the municipal public works department. Lastly, those roads in unincorporated areas are handled by the Township Road District. Many different agencies work in concert to keep roads safe. Each agency has different funding levels. For example your Township operates on a budget of approximately \$750,000 out of the \$1,600,000 that is levied.

This summer, the Township Road District was called to assist with the clean-up following the June tornado in Roselle. Township staff removed branches to clear roadways, conducted additional branch pick-ups and chipped excess storm debris. We are proud to be a valued resource to partner agencies in crisis situations.

Properly maintaining our miles of roads takes planning, hard work and a staff dedicated to excellence. Luckily our staff is always at the top of the game. The next time you're cruising the byways, remember a lot went into that smooth ride in Schaumburg Township.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSESSOR: JOHN R. LAWSON, M.S., C.I.A.O.****TRIENNIAL REASSESSMENT - APPEALS DATES AND DEADLINES**

The Cook County Assessor will reassess all Township properties this year for their triennial reassessment. Letters will be mailed to residents from the County informing of the reassessment and information on how to appeal at their local township offices. While the Township doesn't have exact appeal dates yet, residents can check the Cook County Assessor's website at [cookcountyassessor.com](http://cookcountyassessor.com) under Appeal and Deadlines for the actual date or wait for the notices to hit mailboxes. The Township will also publicize the dates on our website and social media pages.

**SECOND INSTALLMENT BILLS TO BE MAILED LATE THIS YEAR**

Second Installment Property Tax Bills will be mailed late this year, with a potential second-installment payment deadline of late 2022 or early 2023. Residents should be prepared to pay second installment bills much later than usual. Information on second installment bills can be found on [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com).

## TOWNSHIP CALENDAR



Please visit the township's website at [www.schaumburgtownship.org](http://www.schaumburgtownship.org) for the most up-to-date event information.

## RECURRING EVENTS

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

\* RSVP required at 847-285-4541

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## RECURRING EVENTS

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| 3 <sup>RD</sup><br>Monday    | <b>CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP*</b><br>11 am<br><b>SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES<br/>COMMITTEE</b><br>7 pm (September/October) |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup><br>Wednesday | <b>DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP ****</b><br>10:30 am<br><b>BRIDGES TO MEMORY**</b><br>2 pm                               |
| 4 <sup>TH</sup><br>Tuesday   | <b>FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP</b><br>7 pm   |
| 4 <sup>TH</sup><br>Wednesday | <b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING</b><br>7 pm  |

\*\*\* Email [jkottmeier@nch.org](mailto: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 |

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 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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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.

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.

## TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



SUPERVISOR  
Timothy M.  
Heneghan



TRUSTEE  
Robert N. Fiorio



TRUSTEE  
Demetrius J.  
Gibson



TRUSTEE  
Lauren Saternus



TRUSTEE  
Matthew J. Steward



CLERK  
W. Robert  
Vinnedge



ASSESSOR  
John R.  
Lawson, CIAO



HIGHWAY  
COMMISSIONER  
Scott M. Kegarise

## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

The Township of Schaumburg has been a stable resource for the community, especially since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. While some areas of our lives have returned to normal, our neighbors are still struggling. Since December 2021, the Township food pantry has seen 453 new food pantry clients. In June 2022, Welfare Services experienced a 100% increase in the number of clients they saw regarding emergency issues, including situations like utility shut-off, eviction or foreclosure. One way to help a neighbor in need is to tell them about the Township. We can help with food, utilities, rent and more. If you and your family are stressed providing the essentials, please don't hesitate to call us or stop by. The Township is here to serve.



*(Right to left) Supervisor Tim Heneghan, Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison, Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle and Village of Schaumburg President Tom Dailly receive a guided tour on Native American culture and art at the Trickster Cultural Center.*