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THE *TOWN CRIER*

TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY STEPS UP IN SEASON OF GIVING

The Schaumburg Township community showed love and support with their generous donations in so many ways this fall and winter.

Our first-ever Coats for Kids drive collected 662 brand new items including 281 winter coats and many hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, snow pants and boots. All items were given to School District 54 to distribute to low-income families as needed.

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We gave thanks this Thanksgiving for all the donated turkeys. The food pantry gave out 409 turkeys and trimmings to recipients just in time for the holiday.

The Adopt-a-Family program paired interested donors with clients who purchased items on their wish list, wrapped and delivered the gifts to the Township. Our neighbors gave gifts to 288 families, seniors and individuals with disabilities.

The giving continued with 621 hams and turkeys, many donations of new, unwrapped toys and gifts brought joy to an additional 80 families in need and 1,484 food pantry visits were made possible by the

911 food donations in November and December.

None of this could have happened without our wonderful volunteers who gave 539 hours (plus an additional 71 hours helping with gifts) of their time in November and December to sort, box, unbox, stock, move, carry, organize, arrange, display, prepare, tidy, load, unload and categorize donations for the food pantry. Without the support of our community, the Township wouldn't be able to run these amazing holiday programs and spread so much joy. Thank you to everyone who helped make a difference this year.

DENTAL SERVICES AVAILABLE AT TOWNSHIP FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS



The mission of Northwest Community Healthcare's (NCH) Mobile Dental Clinic is to provide a dental home for community members who do not have access to care due to financial barriers. The Mobile Dental Clinic provides complete dental care for the entire family. To be eligible for services,

patients must be:

- Schaumburg Township residents
- Legal US citizens or legal permanent residents
- Have an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
- Have no private dental insurance

There is a \$30 copay for adult visits. A caseworker in Welfare Services will screen patients prior to first appointments. Once qualified, patients can make appointments with Dental Clinic staff. NCH dentists and hygienists, UIC College of Dentistry students, and volunteer dentists and hygienists provide dental care. Contact Welfare Services at 847-884-0030 to apply.



UTILITY DISCONNECTION RULES

Winter rules restrict utility disconnections between December 1 and March 31 for eligible customers who use electric or gas to heat their homes. Rules apply to households approved for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), electric space heating customers and military personnel and veterans.

The cold weather rule is designed to protect eligible customers from being disconnected when the temperature is forecast to be at freezing or below.

Customers who are behind on their payments and at risk of disconnection are encouraged to contact their utility companies regarding deferred payment arrangements and other assistance programs. If your electric or gas services are disconnected, please contact your utility for reconnection details. You may also contact the Illinois Commerce Commission's Consumer Services Division for further guidance or to file a complaint. The Township Welfare Services Department is happy to help share resources regarding utilities at 847-884-0030.

Source: icc.illinois.gov/consumers/utility-energy-assistance



THE TRUSTEE TAKE

By Trustee Matt Steward

Hello fellow residents, my name is Matt Steward and I'm excited to be writing my first Trustee Take on a great program we want to continue to spread the word about!

Schaumburg Township Disability Services is a selection center to test free amplified phones and other equipment through the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC). We are the only testing center in about 40 miles, so it is an exclusive resource to our area. This is one more shining example of something the Township offers that no one else does in our immediate area. Not only that, but we were the 3rd highest ITAC center in the state, having served 132 ITAC clients to earn this distinction!

ITAC offers free equipment to Illinois residents of any age who are Deaf, Deaf Blind, Hard of Hearing or speech disabled. Staff in the Township's Disability Services Department provide free demonstrations, and interested community members can even complete a test call to see which equipment is right for them. Testing is available on a walk-in basis 9 - 5 pm Monday through Friday; though appointments are encouraged.

Clients are eligible for one free piece of equipment every three years and can keep the equipment they already have! Call 847-285-4541 for more information or for an appointment to test the free ITAC equipment. To request a demonstration at a senior living center, church, school or other venue, please contact Lauren Ewan, Assistant Director of Disability Services at 847-285-4541 or lewan@schaumburgtownship.org.



BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM: LICENSE PLATE FEE DISCOUNT & FREE RIDES

The Illinois Department on Aging's Benefit Access Program offers two benefits for seniors and persons with disabilities: a license plate fee discount and free rides on fixed-route transit systems. License plate discounts are good for two years and eligibility is determined by income, residency, age and/or disability utilizing an online application. Residents of Hanover Park who receive Benefit Access can also qualify for a discount on their water bill. Senior and Disability Services staff can assist residents with the Benefit Access application process. Call 847-285-4541 for more information and to schedule an appointment.



FREE TAX PREPARATION WITH AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE

Each year, the Township partners with the AARP Foundation to provide FREE income tax assistance. AARP Tax-Aide seeks to help low- to moderate-income taxpayers file their state and federal returns at no cost. Appointments will be available from February 7 - April 8. Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the large number of calls for this popular program, we will not have a waiting list to return calls. Please call 847-285-4597 to register. For up-to-date information, visit our website at schaumburgtownship.org and subscribe to our eNewsletter on our website. Due to COVID-19, this program is subject to change.

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TAKE PREVENTATIVE HEALTH PRECAUTIONS TO IMPROVE OVERALL HEALTH

Many of us rarely think of our overall health until there is a problem or we receive a diagnosis for a new medical condition. Health screenings are an essential aspect of preventative health for people of all ages. Think of your health just as maintenance for your car. As your car ages, you take preventative measures to keep your car running. You should do the same for your body.

Busy work, family and social schedules keep healthy adults from seeing the doctor, even though annual well-person screenings are recommended. Health screenings are based on the information you provide, so be sure to discuss your complete health history with your practitioner at every visit. This yearly visit is an opportunity to take control of your personal health and work with your provider to make shared decisions. Screening tests may differ based on you or your family's health history, current



symptoms, age or gender. Preventative screenings can find diseases early - when they are typically easier to treat. Some tests can even save your life.

The Township offers free bone density, blood pressure and memory screenings as well as low-cost diabetes screenings with an A1C test (\$12) and cholesterol screenings (\$10). All screenings are available at the Township building with Nurse Janet on Tuesday - Thursday by appointment. Call 847-285-4551 to schedule your own preventative maintenance appointment.

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF LOVE

With Valentine's Day around the corner, it's a great time to show some love! Take a moment to appreciate something unique about yourself, and value what makes you, you. Maintaining a positive relationship with yourself takes work, and is an important part of your overall wellness. At Kenneth Young Center (KYC), we understand that the people with whom we surround ourselves have meaningful impacts on how we build relationships with others as well as with ourselves. Navigating those relationships can be challenging, especially for youth, and may be even more difficult for LGBTQ+ young people who may not live in supportive environments. KYC is honored to provide safe spaces and informed behavioral health care for all people to build affirming relationships and explore their authentic identities. For more information about our services and resources, please call KYC at 847-524-8800 or visit us online at kennethyoung.org.



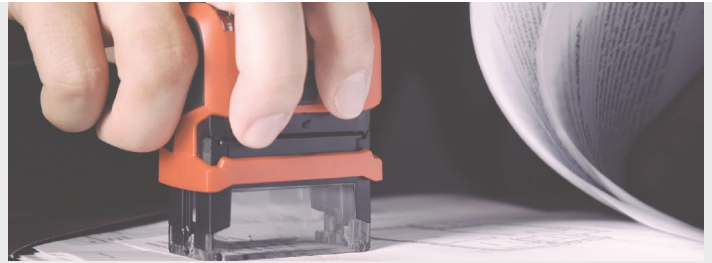
LET TRIP GET YOU TO YOUR NEXT APPOINTMENT

Schaumburg Township, partners with Pace and Elk Grove, Hanover, Palatine and Wheeling Townships to provide the Township Riders Initiative Program (TRIP) to its residents. The Program offers transportation service from PACE within the boundaries of Barrington, Elk Grove, Hanover, Maine, Schaumburg, Palatine, and Wheeling Township for medical purposes only. Specifically, TRIP will provide rides to Stroger Cook County Hospital, Hines Veterans Hospital, Northwestern Hospital, Lovell Federal Healthcare and UIC Medical. Rides to Advocate Good Shepard are also available on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday only. TRIP is available Monday-Saturday and is \$5.00 per township line crossed during a single trip with a maximum of \$10.00 per one-way. For more information on TRIP and other transportation services, contact 847-882-1929.

CLERK'S CORNER : W. ROBERT VINNEDGE**VOTER REGISTRATION**

The Clerk's Office has several deputy registrars able to assist with voter registration. Please bring two forms of ID with your correct address, such as a driver's license and utility bill. In addition to helping you register to vote, staff can also assist in locating your polling place and/or precinct. More information including an online voter registration portal and printable registration forms can be found at cookcountyclerk.com. Statewide election dates in 2022 are:

- June 28: Primary
- November 8: General Election

**FREE NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES**

Please remember the Township of Schaumburg offers FREE notary public services to residents from 8:30 - 5 pm on Monday-Friday in the Clerk's Office. Be sure to check our website for what to know before you go at: schaumburgtownship.org/departments/clerks-office/notary-public-service/

**IN OUR OWN VOICE PRESENTATION
FEBRUARY 24**

Join the Mental Health Committee and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) for In Our Own Voice on February 24 at 7 pm at the Township of Schaumburg (One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates). The presentation and discussion covers what it is like to have a mental health condition and is presented by people with lived mental health experiences. Please register for this event on eventbrite.com/e/228418083637.

**FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
TRAINING MARCH 30**

The Township's Mental Health Committee is hosting a free, online-only Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training March 30 from 10 - 3 pm 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. Register at bit.ly/335TdPY to attend online.

**NATIVE PLANT SALE**

The Schaumburg Community Garden Club will welcome online pre-orders, only, for their Annual Native Plant Sale this spring. On March 1, their website schaumburggardenclub.org, will show all native wildflowers, grasses, perennials, trees and shrubs available for purchase and will accept plant pre-orders. The pre-order deadline is April 29. Pre-orders can be picked up on May 21 and May 22. Information regarding pick-up location and time will be shared at the time of your online order. Native plants have so much to give – all we have to do is plant!

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

The Road District is busy salting and plowing unincorporated roads. Did you know the Township has an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Palatine wherein their staff plow several streets north of Algonquin Road in exchange for several semi loads of salt? This results in a cost savings for Township taxpayers and cleaner streets for unincorporated residents. Thank you to both Dave Schackelton and Nick Chapas for another year of stellar service to our residents. We have recently replaced cameras in the Township parking lot as well as the remote cameras. It won't be long until paving and brush pickup will be upon us. In this fiscal year, we will be aggressive in paving approximately 12 streets or three miles of road. By our initial estimate, we anticipate spending at least \$600,000 - reducing our funding reserves. We have been very prudent with expenditures over the last few years, which will enable us to provide some funding to the Township Transportation Department, while maintaining the superior level of service that our residents have come to expect. Stay well and drive safely.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSESSOR: JOHN R. LAWSON, M.S., C.I.A.O.



AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF '21 EXEMPTIONS

Please note that homeowners who currently receive the Persons with Disabilities Exemption, the Veterans with Disabilities Exemption and the Senior Freeze Exemption will not need to re-apply in 2022. Prior to the passage of this bill, homeowners needed to re-apply every year to receive the exemption. Residents who did not receive any of these exemptions in 2021 but do qualify will need to apply in 2022.

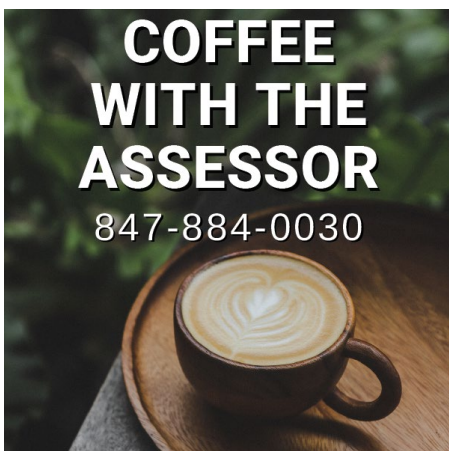
SENIOR CITIZEN REAL ESTATE TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

The Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral program, offered by the Cook County Treasurer, is a tax-relief program that works like a loan. It allows qualified seniors to defer a maximum of \$5,000 per tax year (this includes 1st and 2nd installments) on their primary home. The loan from the State of Illinois is paid when the property is sold, or upon the death of the participant. For more information or assistance applying for the program, please contact the Township Assessor's Office at 847-884-0030.

FIRST INSTALLMENT COOK COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES

First Installment property tax bills are due March 1. Cook County residents can preview and pay their bill now at cookcountytreasurer.com. There are several ways to pay your first installment bill:

- Online at cookcountytreasurer.com, with checking or savings account
- At 400 Chase Bank locations in Illinois
- By mail, in enclosed return envelope postmarked no later than March 1
- Mortgage escrow (Taxpayers should confirm payment with their mortgage-paying firm.)



TOWNSHIP CALENDAR



Please visit the townships’s website at www.schaumburgtownship.org for the most up-to-date event information. The township will continue to host FREE virtual programs every weekday, please check the website for details.

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

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

* RSVP required at 847-285-4541

** RSVP required at 847-285-4551

*** 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 60160 | Mon-Fri 8:30-5PM

Assessor’s Office	} 847-884-0030
Clerk’s Office	
Disability Services	
Senior Services	
Welfare Services	

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



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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



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Heneghan



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COMMISSIONER
Scott M. Kegarise

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

I was appointed as Township Supervisor two years ago and have been blessed to oversee a dedicated Welfare Services Department who cares about every person they serve. The Department offers much more than the community may realize. If you are struggling, please consider the services below:

General Assistance (GA): GA offers financial support for Schaumburg Township residents to meet basic monthly needs such as shelter, utilities, food, transportation and personal items. Primarily, the program is available to adults with little to no income.

Emergency Assistance (EA): EA provides financial support through a crisis circumstance such as an eviction or utility disconnection.

Access to Care: A non-profit primary health care program offering low-cost healthcare services for low-income, uninsured individuals residing in suburban Cook County. This program is available



to individuals who are ineligible for public health programs such as Medicaid and Medicare.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): LIHEAP is a federal program that helps residents pay for heating and electric bills.

CEDA Weatherization: This program assists households in becoming more energy efficient to help reduce energy costs and to address health and safety issues for income-eligible residents.

Call Welfare Services at 847-884-0030 to discuss each program's qualifications and more!