

MAY 2022



# THE *TOWN CRIER*

The Township is pleased to announce we have updated our mission, vision and values statements. We made edits to our longstanding objectives with thoughtful consideration to the growth and diversification of our community, while also considering our reputation as the government closest to the people. The updated statements are:

## MISSION

The mission of the Township of Schaumburg is to provide quality resources, assistance and information to empower our diverse community through innovative programming, data-driven decision-making, and fiscally mindful leadership.

## VISION

The vision is to establish the Township of Schaumburg as Illinois' most responsive, dependable, inclusive, and responsible local government, while improving the lives of all those we serve.

## VALUES

**Accountability:** We are responsible to, and a reflection of, the community we serve.

**Integrity:** We believe in doing what is right for our clients.

**Equity:** We ensure all those seeking assistance are heard and cared for with honor, compassion, respect, and dignity.

**Excellence:** We provide high quality services in a competent, enthusiastic, professional, and ethical manner

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## FOOD PANTRY NUTRITION GUIDANCE



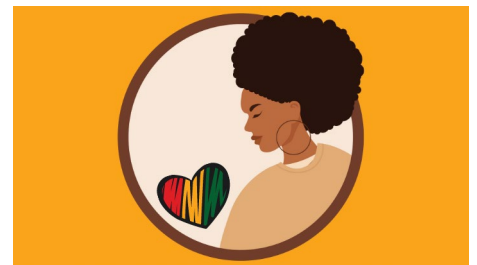
The Schaumburg Township Food Pantry, in partnership with the Illinois Department of Public Health Institute, has developed written nutrition guidelines. These guidelines have been created for donors to promote health and nutrition for our pantry clients. They will help educate donors on the best foods to donate and on how nutritious food options in the pantry can combat issues like chronic dietary diseases. Donor support will help us in

providing nourishing options for our clients resulting in a healthier community. The guidelines are also inclusive of religious and ethnic food options to support our diverse residents.

One simple way for donors to help is to plant an extra row or two in your garden and donate the surplus to the pantry. The cost of fresh produce is particularly expensive and are popular pantry items. Your donations benefit children, seniors and families in need. We accept donations Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 5 pm and appreciate our generous community!

## JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION JUNE 19

The Township is collaborating with the Schaumburg Township Library and other area organizations to host a Juneteenth Celebration on June 19 from 1 - 4 pm at the pavilion area by the Library. Check our website closer to the event for more details!



## PACK THE BUS RETURNS AUGUST 6

Schaumburg Township's Pack The Bus school supply drive will be held on Saturday, August 6 from 9 - 3 pm at Target (2621 W. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg). The event will benefit low-income District 54 students. Additional details on the event, supply lists, online ordering options and more can be found at [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org) and on social media beginning July 1.



## SUMMER CELEBRATION RETURNS!

The Disability Services' annual Summer Celebration will return June 18 from 11 - 2 pm. The outdoor event at the Township is for people with disabilities and their families to enjoy a day of picnic favorite foods, entertainment and more! Registration is required at 847-285-4541. Check [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org) closer to the event for more information.





## THE TRUSTEE TAKE

By Trustee Robert Fiorio

Greetings from Trustee Fiorio! I recently had the opportunity to visit all our Township Departments to meet our wonderful, hard-working and knowledgeable teams and leaders! It was a great experience and I learned quite a bit about the vast array of services that our Township offers.

Our Township Assessor's Office helps residents with property tax exemptions and appeals. The Clerk's Office assists with U.S. passports, notaries and voter registration. Our Community Health Nurse conducts low-cost to no-cost screenings for blood pressure, bone density, cholesterol and more. Disability Services offers help for Deaf residents and support groups. Welfare Services runs our food pantry, coordinates Mobile Dental Clinic applications and other assistance programs. Our Road and Bridge maintains unincorporated roads. Senior Services offers programs for residents aged 55+ such as exercise classes, cultural trips and educational workshops. Transportation Services help get residents to medical and dental appointments, shopping and social outings.

This is just a small listing of all the services offered. The best way to get up-to-date information about programs, services, events and resources is to sign up for our eNewsletters and follow us on social media. You can sign up for eNews on our website ([schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org)) and follow us on Facebook (@SchaumburgTownship) and Twitter (@SchaumburgTWP). Residents can also sign up for our FREE print Senior Newsletter, Ablegram or Deaf Line newsletters by calling 847-285-4541.

## GET A RIDE TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

The Township of Schaumburg is one of the few low-cost transportation options in the area for medical appointments like dialysis or cancer treatments. If you are a Township resident aged 55+ or have a permanent disability aged 18+, you qualify for our service. To start getting rides, you need to register with Transportation Services. Medical rides are offered up to 7 miles beyond Township borders. For more information call 847-882-1929. Registration forms can be found on our website: [schaumburgtownship.org/departments/transportation-services/](http://schaumburgtownship.org/departments/transportation-services/).



## SUNSCREEN SAFETY

In just a few short weeks, summer will be upon us, and we will be anxious to soak up the sun. The warmth of the sun provides a wonderful feeling but it's important to note that it can be damaging to your skin and if you aren't careful it can cause skin cancer, and/or wrinkled, dry, discolored and leathery looking skin. Here are some suggestions on how to use sunscreen effectively to minimize damage:

- Sunscreen should be applied 20 minutes before going outdoors.
- Don't be too stingy! Coat your body with at least 1 ounce of sunscreen.
- Remember to include your ears, scalp, eyelids, lips, neck, chest and feet.
- Sunscreen is not a one-apply-and-done product. It should be reapplied at least every 2 hours and more often if you sweat heavily or go swimming.
- Apply sunscreen evenly.
- Apply even on a cloudy day.
- Expired sunscreen may not provide the amount of protection listed on the bottle.

Contact Nurse Janet at 847-285-4551 with any questions. Have a healthy, sunny summer!

## SENIOR AND DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Did you know that Senior and Disability Services each have an advisory committee made up of community members appointed by the Board of Trustees? Each committee meets once a month, September – May, and works with the respective departments to meet the needs of the community.

The Senior Citizens Services Committee (SCSC) meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 pm. This committee currently has three vacancies.

The Committee for Persons with Disabilities (CFPD) meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. This committee currently has two vacancies. Committee members should be a person with a disability, a primary caregiver or guardian of a person with a disability, or a person with advance skill, knowledge or experience serving people with disabilities.

Contact Becky Cordes, Director of Senior and Disability Services at 847-285-4541, if you're interested in applying for either committee and for more information.



## MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

With guidance from the Mental Health Committee, the Township of Schaumburg funds several agencies that offer mental health services in our area. They are:

- **Kenneth Young Center** provides preventative programs, assessment, counseling and psychiatry to Schaumburg Township residents of all ages. Contact: [kennethyoung.org](http://kennethyoung.org); 847-524-8800
- **SHARE Program** offers residential alcohol and drug abuse detoxification and rehabilitation treatment. Contact: [leydenfamilyservice.org](http://leydenfamilyservice.org); 847-882-4181
- **Life Span, Inc.** assists with comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Cook County, including counseling, advocacy and legal representation in the area of family law and immigration. Contact: [life-span.org](http://life-span.org); Counseling Services: 847-824-0382; Legal Services: 312-408-1210
- **The Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault (CASA)** is available to help adults and children in need of counseling, medical advocacy and emotional support if they fall victim to sexual violence. Contact: [nwcasa.org](http://nwcasa.org); 847-806-6526
- **Boys and Girls Club of Elgin** at the Schaumburg Teen Center offers development programs to produce positive outcomes in a supportive and safe environment. Contact: [bgcelgin.org](http://bgcelgin.org); 331-235-1353

## SUMMER WITH KYC

Kenneth Young Center (KYC) is grateful to partner with the Township in supporting and celebrating the vibrancy of our communities. Residents are invited to join us in the work of creating stronger, healthier places to thrive at several exciting events next month. Save the date to join us on June 11 for the second Northwest Pride Fest, the premiere Pride festival of the northwest suburbs. The following weekend, we're honored to partner with the Township for their Juneteenth celebration event honoring Black culture, education, and community on June 19. Last but not least, join us for our signature event and largest annual fundraiser, the Hustle for Health 5K Run/Walk, on Saturday, June 25. Our 5K will be a colorful celebration of all of KYC's mental health, older adult and community health programs. You can find information about all of these events and the depth of services KYC proudly offers on our website at [kennethyoung.org](http://kennethyoung.org) or by scanning the QR code here. We'll see you soon!



**CLERK'S CORNER : W. ROBERT VINNEDGE****VETERAN SERVICES RETURNS TO THE TOWNSHIP**

The Township Veterans Service Officer (VSO), Shynae Murphy, assists veterans and their families with federal and state benefits, resources and more. The service is walk-in only on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 - 2:45 pm, (no service from 12 - 1 pm). The last resident will be seen at 2:45 pm. Contact our VSO at [Shynae.Murphy@illinois.gov](mailto:Shynae.Murphy@illinois.gov) or 847-485-2772.

**COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT ON JUNE 4**

Join us for a free Community Shred Event for Township residents on June 4 from 9 - 11am or until the trucks are full at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates. Paper shredding is limited to four boxes or paper bags per person (1 cubic ft. or 15" x 12" x 10"). No plastic bags please. Boxes must be unsealed. Paper clips, staples and rubber bands do not need to be removed. We ask that participants enter our parking lot heading southbound on Illinois Blvd. so as not to block traffic on Schaumburg Road. Residents do not need to exit their vehicles to participate. Visit our website or contact the Clerk's Office at 847-285-4561 for more information.

**GET YOUR PASSPORT AT THE TOWNSHIP**

The Township of Schaumburg offers passport services for brand new passports and renewals Monday - Friday from 9 - 4 pm. No appointments are needed! Applicants are encouraged to visit [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org) or [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) for document requirements, instructions and processing times. There are two sets of fees for each application—one to the U.S. Department of State and one to the Township. Each application must include a check or money order. Neither cash nor debit/credit cards are accepted for the application fee that goes to the U.S. Department of State. The fees to the Township can be paid via cash, check or card. The best time to visit the Township is in the morning as afternoons can become quite busy. Questions? Call us at 847-285-4561.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The Township held its 172<sup>nd</sup> annual Town Meeting on April 12. Clerk Vinnedge presented Township reports discussing 2021 - 2022 department highlights. The next Town Meeting will be held on April 18, 2023.

**ABILITIES EXPO JUNE 24 - 26**

Township of Schaumburg Disability Services staff and volunteers will participate as an exhibitor at the 2022 Abilities Expo June 24 - 26 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center. Admission is free and allows people with disabilities, family and providers to check out new, state-of-the-art technology, learn from experts and participate in interactive events and presentations. Expo hours are Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25 from 11 - 5 pm and Sunday, June 27 from 11 - 4 pm. Up-to-date information about the expo and registration can be found at [abilities.com/chicago](http://abilities.com/chicago).





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

April showers bring May flowers. This is a season of rebirth, renewal and discovery. While the blooming flowers are a feast for the eyes, the rains that brought them can create a myriad of problems. Swales need to be cleared of winter debris. The Highway Department's right-of-way extends 33 feet from the centerline of the highway. While the Township isn't authorized to address backyard drainage issues, we can assist in determining where clogs are with our camera systems. It is good practice for homeowners to conduct routine maintenance in their own swale drainage pipes.

Wood chips are available for spring landscaping needs first-come, first-served. Supplies are limited. We also have rain barrels available for sale for \$55. Rain barrels save you money by storing water to be used for watering grass or gardens. Wood chips and rain barrels are delivered to Township residents at no cost.

Enjoy the spring and as always if you have any questions regarding your Highway Department please call 847-884-1727

Correction: In the February 2022 issue the Village of Palatine was incorrectly listed as the government in a snow plowing and salt agreement with the Township. Palatine Township is the correct unit of government.



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



## PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Did you know you can call or visit the Township Assessor's Office to verify that your exemptions for Tax Year 2021 were properly applied before the second installment bill is mailed this summer? If you haven't yet applied, all qualified, new homeowners, veterans with disabilities, or residents with disabilities may also visit our office to apply for exemption(s) if you haven't already.

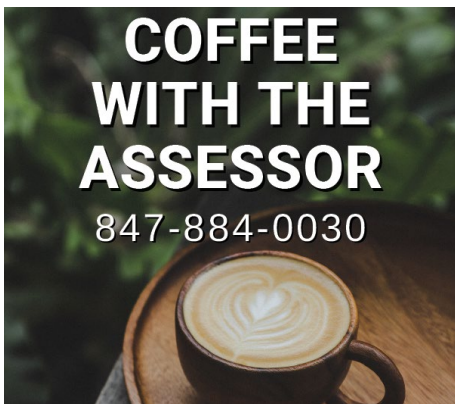
Two common property tax exemptions are the Senior Citizen and/or Senior Freeze Exemptions.

- **Senior Citizen Exemption:** Residents born in (or prior to) 1956.
- **Senior Freeze Exemption:** Residents born in (or prior to) 1956 and have a total household income of \$65,000.00, as noted on the IRS 1040 form in Tax Year 2020.

All exemptions are applied only on the second installment of your property tax bill. Contact the Assessor's Office to find out more information.

## COFFEE WITH THE ASSESSOR PROGRAM

Any resident can call to book a Coffee with the Assessor seminar, where Assessor John Lawson hosts a private meeting, of 5 - 15 guests, to discuss property tax appeals, exemptions and more. This program allows for personalized questions and offers tips for successful appeal/exemption applications. Call 847-884-0030 ext. 3023 to make your Coffee with the Assessor appointment.



## 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

1 <sup>ST</sup> Wednesday	<b>COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**</b> 9 am  <b>DEI TASK FORCE</b> 7 pm
2 <sup>ND</sup> Tuesday	<b>NORTHWEST SUBURBAN PREGNANCY/ INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP***</b> 7 pm  <b>SENIOR WILLS*</b> Appointment Only
2 <sup>ND</sup> & 4 <sup>TH</sup> Wednesday	<b>DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**</b> 10:30 am

\* RSVP required at 847-285-4541

\*\* RSVP required at 847-285-4551

## RECURRING EVENTS

3 <sup>RD</sup> Monday	<b>CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP*</b> 11 am
3 <sup>RD</sup> Wednesday	<b>DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP ****</b> 10:30 am  <b>BRIDGES TO MEMORY**</b> 2 pm
4 <sup>TH</sup> Tuesday	<b>FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP</b> 7 pm
4 <sup>TH</sup> Wednesday	<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING</b> 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 60160 | Mon-Fri 8:30-5PM

Assessor's Office  
 Clerk's Office  
 Disability Services  
 Senior Services  
 Welfare Services

847-884-0030

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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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

**Community:** Together with our employees and volunteers we work cooperatively with community, state, and national agencies to use our resources responsibly and sustainably.

"These modernized statements better align with where we are and where we want to be. Refreshing the words that we use to describe our work was overdue. The direct and simple language makes it clear that the Township is here for the people of Schaumburg Township," said Supervisor Heneghan. "Thank you to the Township Trustees and Administrator Williams for their hard work crafting our new mission, vision and value statements."

The mission, vision and values statements can be found at [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org).



Help stock the food pantry from home! Households can place non-perishable food donations at their mail box on May 14. Post Office staff will pick up and then drop off all donations to the Township to be used in the food pantry.