

FEBRUARY 2023



THE *TOWN CRIER*

December marked the year anniversary of Administrator Melissa Williams. A longstanding Township of Schaumburg resident, Williams has always tried to find a public-service aspect in her career. Helping people is kind of her thing. She's held positions in victims' rights, special education, faculty assessment, collegiate instruction and more. Her work coupled with leaning on the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry after a bumpy return to Illinois in the mid 2000's, informs Williams' understanding of how crucial quality community services are. These experiences have led Williams to collaborate seamlessly with the Board of Elected Officials and staff towards various improvements.

Williams has taken the baton from previous Administrators to complete capital projects stalled by the pandemic including a new roof and HVAC system, updated lights, a new entrance railing and stairs and a renovated lobby. Many of these projects will save the Township considerable funds and will lesson our footprint on the environment. With the replacement of the HVAC units and the interior lights, the Township looks to save up to \$12k annually, reduce our CO₂ emissions by nearly 4,000 pounds and provide nearly 50% in energy savings.

Coming out of the depths of the COVID-19 pandemic, staff were worn-down. Williams led several internal initiatives to reset and right-size work-life balance and boundaries. She also led a refreshing of the organization's Mission, Vision and Values statements - guiding the Township into the future.

In the coming years residents can be excited for expansion in space, programs, services and hours. Look forward to seeing more community offerings and hopefully some new faces as the staff roster

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INCREASED PANTRY VISITS – MORE DONATIONS NEEDED

In 2022 the Township Food Pantry served an average of 775 households per month: a 17% increase from 2021. The Pantry has a great group of regular, generous donors and we are grateful for them. Unfortunately, the need is outweighing the donations. There are many ways to help. If you work for a local company, talk to your co-workers about doing a food drive! If you shop on Amazon, consider shipping us items from our wishlist: a.co/9YbUnas. Our most needed items are on our website: bit.ly/3uS8DI1.

If you have questions or would like to organize a food drive, please contact Marianne at mrogenski@schaumburgtownship.org or 847-285-4630.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE SEEKS MEMBERS

The Township of Schaumburg’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I) Committee is recruiting 8–10 members. The Committee aims to assess Township operations and services and recommend activities, trainings, actions, strategy and other ideas as deemed important by the Committee to the Township Board of Officials regarding diversity, equity and inclusion. The DE&I Committee meets every 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the Township of Schaumburg September – May. If you live, work or volunteer in Schaumburg Township, are over 14 years old and are not employed by any agency receiving funds from Schaumburg Township, you may be eligible for membership. Please email dgibson@schaumburgtownship.org to apply.

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 assist low- to moderate-income taxpayers in filing their state and federal returns at no cost. Appointments will be available from early February-April and will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served, first-available basis. Our Tax-Aide Appointment Call Line (847-285-4597) will be open Monday-Friday from 9-4 pm beginning January 24. Due to the large number of calls for this popular program, all appointments must be made through this call line and no wait list will be created. For up-to-date information, visit schaumburgtownship.org to subscribe to the Senior eNewsletter. Due to COVID-19, this program is subject to change.



MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC



The Northwest Community Healthcare’s Mobile Dental Clinic (MDC) aims to provide a dental home for community members who do not have access to care due to financial barriers. The MDC provides complete dental care for the entire family. There are eligibility requirements and fees:

- Resident of the Township of Schaumburg
- Income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
- Cannot have private dental insurance

The clinic does not accept walk-ins; potential patients must first be screened by a caseworker in Welfare Services. To enroll in this program, call 847-285-4503.



THE TRUSTEE TAKE

By Trustee Matt Steward

Volunteerism has been near and dear to my heart since earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Schaumburg Boy Scout Troop 493. In the spirit of doing more for our fellow neighbors, the Township of Schaumburg has many volunteer opportunities. We have several vacant committee positions. Find openings, committee contact information and committee information on our website: schaumburgtownship.org/services/committees/. We also have a newly formed Mental Health Board, which will need community involvement. Find out about the Board at schaumburgtownship.org/our-township/mental-health-board. Additionally, our Senior and Disability Services Departments search throughout the year for skilled volunteers to lead classes. Learn more on our website: schaumburgtownship.org/services/volunteer/ or call 847-285-4541 for more information. If you are able to help but don't happen to have the means to get to the Township, volunteers can utilize Township Transportation. Inquire at 847-882-1929. Please note transportation priority will go to medical appointments. If you are looking for ways to be more connected with your community, feel a sense of purpose and less-tethered to technology, please consider signing-up for any of our volunteer positions. We'd love to have you and thank you in advance to all who step forward!

HYPERTENSION BASICS

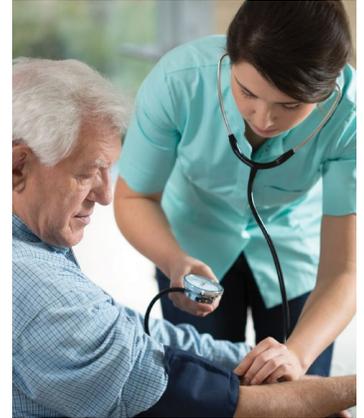
High blood pressure (BP), also known as hypertension, is a health condition that affects one out of three Americans over the age of 20 according to the American Heart Association (AHA). It often comes without symptoms, but can lead to heart attack, stroke, vision loss, sexual dysfunction and artery damage if left untreated.

How do you know if you have high BP? Your doctor can measure it, or you can even purchase a well-fitting BP monitor at your local pharmacy or online.

There are several lifestyle changes you can make to help control your BP such as maintaining a healthy weight, eating healthier, reducing sodium intake, getting active and limiting alcohol consumption. AHA Guidelines suggest a normal blood pressure level should be <120/80. Anything higher you could be at risk for hypertension and should call your doctor immediately.

Nurse Janet can check your blood pressure for free Tuesday-Thursday 8:30-4 pm at Schaumburg Township. Call 847-285-4551 to schedule an appointment.

Source: bit.ly/3hrmw10



LOW-COST TRANSPORTATION



If you are a Township resident aged 55+ or are permanently disabled (18+) you qualify for our low-cost, door-to-door transportation service. All riders must register, offering verification of age and residency. Riders with a permanent disability between the ages of 18 and 55 must ask their physician to complete and sign a form for registration. Our registration forms are available on our website: schaumburgtownship.org/services/transportation. You can call the Township's Transportation Department with any questions about the registration process at 847-882-1929.

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UPCOMING MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE EVENTS

Keep Calm and Cope: Coping with Anxiety

February 7 | 6 pm | Free | Zoom

Join Josselyn Segura, Bilingual Child & Adolescent Therapist at the Kenneth Young Center, for her virtual presentation of *Keep Calm and Cope: Coping with Anxiety*. The discussion will be for adolescents and parents alike and will divulge tips for young people to manage anxiety. No registration required. Join for free at bit.ly/3QqdYdl.

In Our Own Voice Presentation

March 6 | 7 pm | Free | Schaumburg Township District Library

(130 S. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60193)
The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) *In Our Own Voice* 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 at schaumburglibrary.org.

Minds Matter

May 2 | 4-7 pm | Free | Township of Schaumburg

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, the Township of Schaumburg Mental Health Committee will host their signature event Minds Matter and welcome local mental health agencies, advocates and subject matter experts to present relevant mental health topics concerning the community. No registration is required.

SENIOR & DISABILITY SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

CALL 847-285-4541 TO REGISTER FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS

Big Fish, Marriott Lincolnshire

March 8 | Check-in: 10 am | \$80

Registration Deadline: January 31

The musical tells the story of a frustrated son, Will, who tries to distinguish fact from fiction in his dying father's life. Lunch, admission and transportation included. Payment due at registration.

Basic Spanish – NEW!

Wednesdays, February 1 - March 8 | 10 am

\$5 per class

Registration Deadline: January 20

Join us for our new class to learn one of the most popular languages in the world. Registration required. Payment at the door; cash only.

Ballroom Dance – NEW!

Fridays, beginning February 3 | 3 pm | \$5 per class

Our instructor will teach you how to Cha Cha, Swing, Waltz and Fox Trot. No experience or partner needed. Registration required. Payment at the door; cash only.

Take Charge of Your Pain

Wednesdays, April 5 - May 17 | 9:30-12pm | Free

Registration Deadline: March 8

This six-week class is designed to help participants live a healthy life with chronic pain by managing their symptoms. This program teaches new strategies that will give participants the confidence, motivation and skills needed to manage living with chronic pain.

Bunny Brunch

April 1 | 10-11:30am | FREE

Registration Deadline: March 24

Disability and Senior Services is excited to announce the return of Bunny Brunch! Families of kids with disabilities are invited to come have brunch and take a photo with the Easter Bunny.



NEW TOWN CRIER DATES

February 1

April 15

July 1

September 15

December 1

CLERK'S CORNER : W. ROBERT VINNEDGE

NATIVE PLANT SALE



The Schaumburg Community Garden Club will welcome online pre-orders, only, for their Annual Native Plant Sale this spring. Starting March 1, schaumburggardenclub.org will show native wildflowers, grasses, perennials, trees and shrubs available for purchase. The pre-order deadline is Friday, April 21. Pre-orders can be picked up on May 20 – 21 at Spring Valley Nature Center. 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!

SHOW LOVE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY: VOLUNTEER!



Kenneth Young Center (KYC) is proud to work with more than 200 volunteers who support people of all ages as they live and flourish in our communities. We're calling on our neighbors to get involved and plant the seeds of volunteerism by serving on a committee, delivering Meals on Wheels, or calling an older adult who may need a little extra support. Through your volunteer service, you can gain self-confidence and self-esteem, learn new skills or sharpen existing ones, grow new connections and friends, and so much more. Sprout the spirit of generosity by emailing our team at volunteer@kennethyoung.org to get involved and learn how you can make a difference. Together, we can make a healthier and happier community for all our neighbors. #TogetherWeThrive

VETERAN'S HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS



Sergeant Ralph R. Burin was honored by the Board of Trustees for his service in the U.S. Army.

Sgt. Raymond Biliskov U.S. Army 1952 – 1954	ND1 Richard Nieves U.S. Navy 1998 – 2014
Sgt. Ralph R. Burin U.S. Army 1967 – 1969	SP5 Frederick Wilson U.S. Army 1966 – 1969

FREE NOTARY SERVICE

Many think to go to a bank to get a document notarized but did you know the Township offers notaries for free? Staff can notarize a wide variety of documents and there are several Certified Notary Publics on staff. If you have any questions about the notary service, please contact the Clerk's Office at 847-285-4561 or visit schaumburgtownship.org for a list of documents staff can notarize. Walk-in service only Monday-Friday 8:30 – 5 pm.

GET YOUR PASSPORT AT THE TOWNSHIP!



Call 847-285-4561 for information.

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

Winter snows bring with them the need to salt driveways and sidewalks. One of the most damaging environmental issues is excess salt application to private property. The amount of salt used for non-road application far surpasses that put down to help keep the driving surface clear of snow and ice. Please consider the use of a salt alternative. This material provides traction and melt actions. Because it can be swept up it is reusable, it saves you money and is environmentally friendly.

This year we are planning on replacing some aging equipment but feel we can do so while lowering the levy by utilizing reserves saved by prudent use of available funding. A project on the long-term horizon is joint participation with the Village of Schaumburg on the renewal of Spring South. The last time this street was renovated, the Road District worked jointly with the Village.

Rain barrels are available for purchase and free delivery by calling 847- 884-1727.

For any Road District concerns or question call 847-884-1727.



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



AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Senate Bill 1975 allows for automatic renewal for Persons with Disabilities Exemptions. Residents who qualify are those who received the Exemption in Tax Year 2022. If you did not receive the Exemption in Tax Year 2022, please apply and all future years will be automatically renewed. The new law also reduces interest rates and streamlines the process for the Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral Act - a program helping seniors remain in their homes while on a fixed income.

COOK COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES: FIRST INSTALLMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED

Residents will have until April 1 to pay their first installment of Cook County property tax bills. Preview property tax bills or pay early at cookcountytreasurer.com. Click on the purple box titled "Your Property Tax Overview" and enter the property's unique property identification number (PIN) to see what is owed in the first installment. Options available 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 April 1
- Mortgage escrow (Taxpayers should confirm payment with their mortgage-paying firm.)

TOWNSHIP CALENDAR



Please visit the township's website at www.schaumburgtownship.org for the most up-to-date event information.

RECURRING EVENTS

1 ST Tuesday	MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE 7 pm
1 ST Wednesday	COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** 10 am DE&I COMMITTEE 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

* RSVP required at 847-285-4541

** RSVP required at 847-285-4551

RECURRING EVENTS

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

*** 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 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

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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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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TRUSTEE
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 COMMISSIONER
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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

TOWNSHIP SERVES COMMUNITY THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

The Township worked with the community to bring joy to our neighbors with various holiday programs including:

- **Coats for Kids** – collected 599 new winter gear items for students in need in School District 54.
- **Thanksgiving Food Donations** – numerous business-run food drives and countless community members donated. The Township shared 700 Thanksgiving meals with food pantry clients.
- **Holiday Adoption Programs** – served over 400 families through our various Christmas programs.



Thank you to all donors who made the holidays a little brighter this season! The Schaumburg Township community is unbelievably generous!

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expands to facilitate the growth. The Township also hopes to improve current offerings, such as transitioning the Transportation fleet to electric buses, which would include building the infrastructure needed for charging stations. The future at the Township looks bright and the work done by staff at the thoughtful guidance of the Board and Administrator Williams will emanate throughout the community for years to come.