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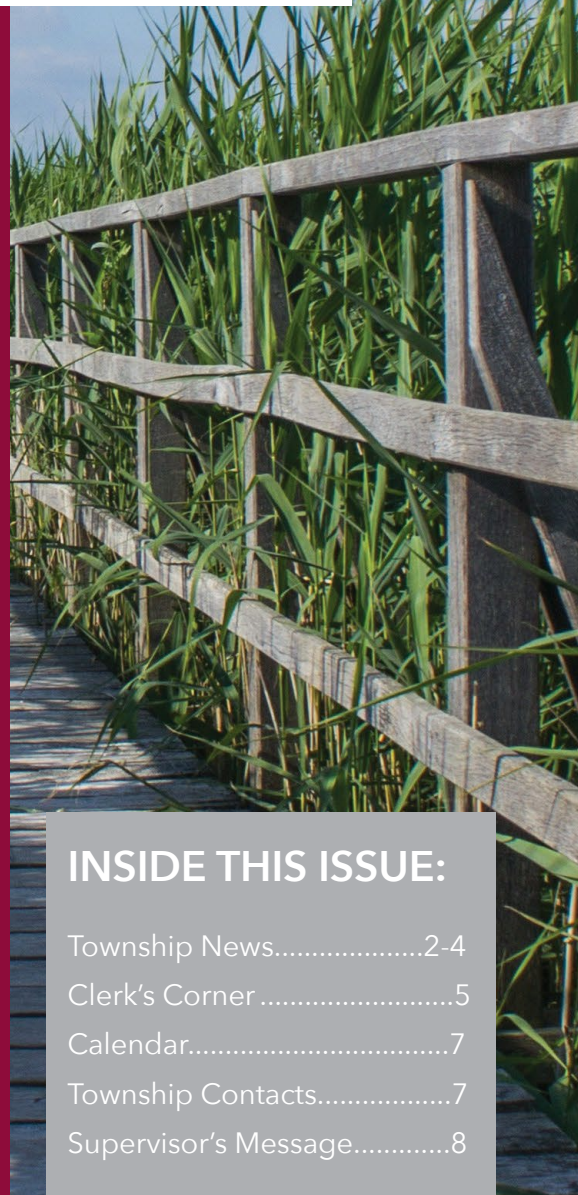
THE *TOWN CRIER*

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP LAUNCHES MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

In late 2022, constituents passed a local ballot referendum establishing the Township of Schaumburg Mental Health Board (MHB). The MHB oversees an annual levy to provide services related to mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse and addiction (MHB Service Areas). The newly formed board has a total of seven members and voted Bob Ogilvie as Chairperson, Kathy Reed as Vice-Chairperson and Maryann Ogilvie as Secretary to lead their inaugural year. The Board will first conduct a community needs assessment to determine what programs and services are most needed related to MHB Service Areas. Once an assessment is complete, the MHB will administer levy funds ensuring services to Township residents. The Board will meet every first Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm at the Township of Schaumburg. Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend the public meetings to get involved in providing needed services to the community.



L to R: Trustee Demetrius Gibson, Supervisor Tim Heneghan, Maryann Ogilvie, Bob Ogilvie, Kathy Reed, Gina Raza, Trustee Lauren Saturnus, Trustee Matt Steward and Trustee Robert Fiorio.



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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS' STAMP OUT HUNGER MAY 13

Help fight hunger on May 13 for the annual National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Fill a bag with non-perishable food items and place it near your mailbox – your letter carrier will pick it up and deliver your donation to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry! In-kind food donations are in great need. Rising food costs, along with housing and utility cost increases, are affecting both food pantry use and donations. In the last six months the food pantry has seen a 21% increase in usage. Over that same time, donations have decreased by 28%. Thank you for your support!



Trustee Demetrius Gibson gives a powerful speech about fatherhood at the 2022 Juneteenth Celebration.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION JUNE 17

The Township is collaborating with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Schaumburg Township Library, the Northwest Suburban Peace Affiliation and many other local organizations and businesses to host a Juneteenth Celebration on June 17 from 1-4 pm in the Schaumburg Town Square pavilion area. Check our website closer to the event for more details.

SNAP EMERGENCY ALLOTMENTS ENDED IN FEBRUARY

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits returned to pre-pandemic levels in March 2023. This reduction was the result of a federal policy change, not because of changes in individual SNAP cases. The Illinois Department of Human Services recommends that all SNAP recipients visit www.abe.illinois.gov and make sure all information is current. If there has been an increase in housing costs, a decrease in income, an increase in childcare costs, or more, this could change the benefit the recipient is eligible for. If you would like assistance applying for SNAP benefits, please call Schaumburg Township Welfare Services at 847-285-4503 or Disability and Senior Services at 847-285-4541.

UPCOMING MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE EVENTS

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.



THE TRUSTEE TAKE

By Trustee Robert Fiorio

The Township of Schaumburg Transportation fleet is going electric! Starting in later 2023, the Township will begin building the necessary infrastructure and will begin flipping our fleet from all gas to all electric vehicles. We hope to have a completely electric fleet by 2027.

The benefits to our local environment are staggering, electric buses with zero-tailpipe-emission do not release direct emissions or harmful fumes; simply put, an electric bus on average releases 60% less emissions than its gas equivalent. Lower emissions mean a lower carbon footprint in our area and better air quality in our Township. These busses typically require less maintenance and have a longer life cycle, which means less interruption to services for our constituents. The lower operating and maintenance costs means the Township will save money over time. Electric busses are also often quieter than gas busses, meaning less noise pollution and have increased comfort for our riders. All the electric busses will be new or nearly new at the time of purchase.

This transition will be greatly beneficial for the health of our constituents and illustrates the Township's future-forward approach to services. We are excited to see this project come to fruition over the next several years.

Source: <https://bit.ly/3SK9iAe>

DONATING BLOOD PROVIDES BENEFITS TO BOTH THE DONOR AND RECIPIENT

Approximately 30,000 units of blood are used in the U.S. each day and every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs a blood transfusion.

If you have never donated blood before, you should know that blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person - the gift of life. It's a pretty simple and relatively painless procedure. One person's donation could save a life or up to three if the blood is separated into red blood cells, platelets and plasma. Only three teaspoons of blood could save a baby's life. The donation itself doesn't take long and afterwards you can relax and refuel with some snacks.

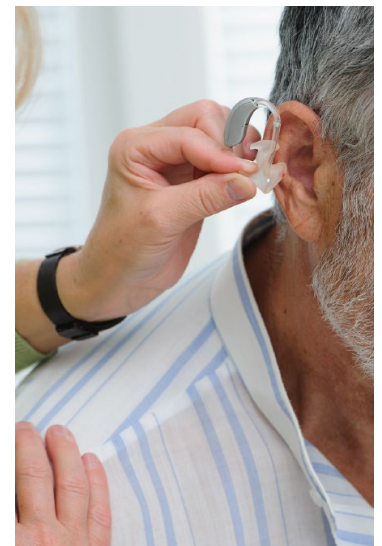
If that isn't motivation enough, donating blood offers some personal benefits for the donor. If you've ever wondered what blood type you are, donating blood is a great way to find out. Second, you get a mini check-up before you donate, including having your temperature, pulse, blood pressure and hemoglobin level checked. Your blood is also tested for several diseases. Just the act of donating can improve your wellness. Helping others has a positive effect on your mental health. Donating blood is one of the easiest, most rewarding ways to give back.

Source: eehealth.org and vitalant.org

NEW HEARING SERVICES AVAILABLE

Starting in May, the Americans for Better Hearing Foundation (ABHF) will be at the Township every 1st Wednesday of the month from 9-4 pm to administer low-cost hearing services. ABHF accepts ALL insurance, including Medicare and Medicaid. They also accept clients with no insurance and offer a Fair Pricing Program to help those who self-pay. Services include:

- Hearing Test
- Aural Rehabilitation
- Hearing Aid Fittings & Repairs
- Wax Removal
- Hearing Aid Batteries



Appointments are required, with a physician medical referral. Contact the Township to begin the paperwork process at 847-285-4541.

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CONNECT WITH SUBSTANCE USE RECOVERY SUPPORT

If you or someone you know are looking for support with substance use or addiction, Kenneth Young Center (KYC) is here to help. KYC offers a variety of clinical and peer-led supports for people of all ages, identities and religious backgrounds who are looking to reach their recovery or substance use prevention goals. Their SUPR (Substance Use Prevention and Recovery) and SMART (Self-Management and Recovery Training) Recovery programs are available for youth and adults. New and existing clients looking to jumpstart their recovery journey should call their intake line for more information: 847-524-8800 ext. 136. KYC also has a summer full of events for guests of all ages. To learn more, visit their website: kennethyoung.org.



ANNUAL PLANT SALE JUNE 2



The Hoffman Estates Garden Club will have their annual plant sale on Friday, June 2 from 7-1 pm at the Schaumburg Farmer's Market (190 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg). Members will offer locally grown plants from their own gardens as well as some grown from seed. There will be a wide variety of sun and shade plants including perennials, annuals, dahlias, grasses, hostas, vegetables and herbs. A limited number of native plants like milkweed and coneflower will be available to help support our pollinators. For more information on the plant sale and the club's monthly programs visit hoffmanestatesgardenclub.com.

DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

Meditation

Third Friday of the Month | 10:15 am | \$5 (cash only)
No registration required. Pay at the door.

In this 45-minute class you will learn the foundational practices of mindfulness. Suitable for any level of experience, Camille will lead you through a gentle warm-up, followed by an introduction and brief instruction leading into a guided meditation.

Rules of the Road

June 9 | 10 am | FREE

Registration Deadline: June 8

Worried about taking your DMV written test? Take this refresher course to help you pass the written exam the first time. Class will be held in-person. Registration is required.

St. Charles Riverboat Tour

June 28 | Check-in: 9:45 am | \$45

Registration Deadline: June 16

Relax and enjoy the ride on a riverboat! Experience a delicious lunch buffet while viewing the beautiful scenery going up the Fox River. The price includes a narrated cruise, buffet lunch and transportation to and from the riverboat. Registration is required. Payment due at registration.

TEMPORARY PARKING PLACARDS

Disability Services can provide temporary parking placards to individuals with a disability. An application signed by a physician is required and is good for up to six months. Placards are authorized for three months at a time. Individuals needing a permanent placard can come to the Township with their application and receive a temporary placard to use while waiting for their permanent one. Please call 847-285-4541 for more information on how to apply.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 18

Mark your calendar for the 173rd Annual Town Meeting on April 18 at 7 pm at the Township of Schaumburg. Clerk Vinnedge will present Township reports discussing 2022-2023 department highlights.

CLERK'S CORNER : W. ROBERT VINNEDGE**PASSPORT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS 15 AND UNDER**

Passports for minors aged 15 and under are valid for five years. Even if the minor has had a previous passport, they will need to submit a DS-11 application. They will also need to bring an original birth certificate listing both parent's names, passport photos* and a previous passport if applicable. Both parents or legal guardians must accompany the applicant. If one parent is unable to come to the passport office, that parent must complete a DS-3053, have it notarized and provide a copy of the front and back of the photo ID that was used in the notary process. If one parent is deceased, please bring the original death certificate. The cost for minor applications is:

- \$100 paid via check, money order or cashier's check to the U.S. Department of State.
- \$35 paid via check, cash or card (4% service fee) to the Township of Schaumburg.

Optional Fees

- *The Township offers a passport photo service for \$10 for two photos. Residents can take photos at the Township or bring photos in. If you choose to take photos at the Township, \$10 can be paid via check, cash or card (4% service fee) to the Township of Schaumburg with the above (\$35) processing fee.
- Residents can elect to expedite service for an additional \$60 per application. Routine service is 8 to 11 weeks and expedited services 5 to 7 weeks. The additional \$60 would be paid via check, money order or cashier's check to the U.S. Department of State with the above (\$100) passport fee.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at 847-285-4561. Passports are available for walk-in service only from 9-4 pm Monday - Friday. For more information and passport applications, please visit the Township website at www.schaumburgtownship.org/services/us-passport.

VETERAN'S HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS

The Board of Trustees honored SFC Larry Miezio at a Board of Trustee's Meeting.

SFC Larry Miezio
U.S. Army 1965-2005

**COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT
JUNE 24**

Join us for a free Community Shred Event for Township residents on June 24 from 9-11 am 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.

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

Winter is a fading memory and now comes another season. The dreaded construction season will soon be upon us. Every year we read or hear of accidents which can be devastating but so preventable. This year we look to pave the area south of the Elgin O'Hare Tollway. Once again, we ask for your patience and vigilance regarding our road workers.

Your tax bill should soon arrive, and I am pleased to announce a reduction of the Road District tax levy to .93. The amount of the levy collected is shared by the Road District and the municipalities within the Township with distribution of collected revenue being half to Road District and half to the seven municipalities' public works departments. With prudent use of collected funds and utilization of reserves, we will be replacing aging equipment.

Once again, we will be offering free wood chips delivered to your home on a first come first served basis while they last. We are hopeful that we can continue to supply rain barrels predicated upon securing a new supply source. Brush pickup will also begin again shortly.

If you have any Road District concerns, please call 847-884-1727.



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



FIRST INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAX BILLS DUE APRIL 3

Cook County property tax owners will have an extra month to pay their first-installment property taxes as the deadline has been extended to April 3. This extension is a result of last year's late arrival of second-installment 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 a checking or savings account
- At 400 Chase Bank locations in Illinois
- By mail, in enclosed return envelope postmarked no later than April 3
- Mortgage escrow (Taxpayers should confirm payment with their mortgage-paying firm.)

ADD AN EXTRA ROW OF PRODUCE TO YOUR GARDEN THIS YEAR FOR THE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY! WE ACCEPT GARDEN-FRESH ITEMS ALL SUMMER LONG.

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 (May) MENTAL HEALTH BOARD 7:45 pm
1 ST Wednesday	COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** 10 am DE&I COMMITTEE 7 pm (May) AMERICANS FOR BETTER HEARING FOUNDATION Appointments Only (Starting in May)
2 ND Tuesday	NORTHWEST SUBURBAN PREGNANCY/ INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP*** 7 pm SENIOR WILLS* Appointment Only COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 7 pm (May)

* RSVP required at 847-285-4541

** RSVP required at 847-285-4551

RECURRING EVENTS

2 ND & 4 TH Wednesday	DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP** 10:30 am
3 RD Monday	CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP* 11 am
3 RD Tuesday	SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES COMMITTEE 7 pm (May)
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	Community Nurse	847-285-4551
Assessor's Office	847-285-4567	Food Pantry	847-285-4503
Clerk's Office	847-285-4561	Highway Department	847-884-1727
Disability & Senior Services	847-285-4541	Kenneth Young Center	847-884-6212
Deaf Services - Videophone	224-520-9763	Passport Services	847-285-4561
Welfare Services	847-884-0030	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



SUPERVISOR
Timothy M.
Heneghan



TRUSTEE
Robert N. Fiorio



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Demetrius J.
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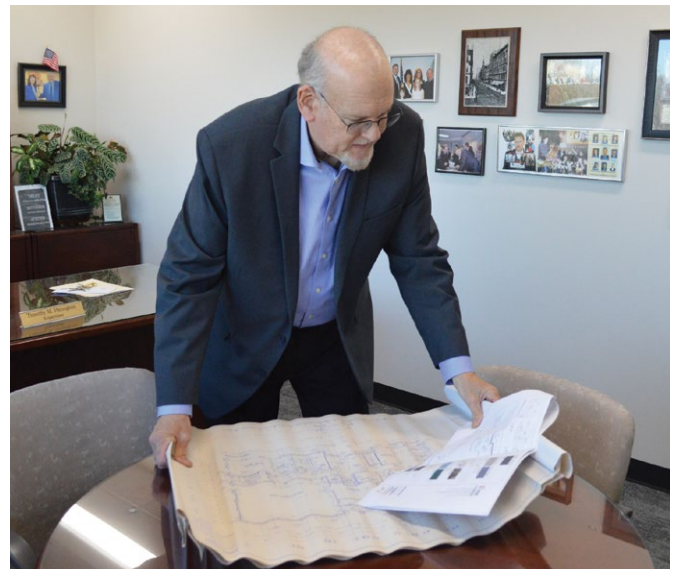


HIGHWAY
COMMISSIONER
Scott M. Kegaris

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

LOBBY RENOVATION SET TO BEGIN THIS SPRING/SUMMER

The Township's lobby will be under construction this spring/summer. Our new and inviting space will be a warm welcome for residents new and old. The reception area will transform to a comfortable seating area for those waiting for programs to begin, upcoming meetings or to hop on one of our transportation busses. Our reception and security desk will be more central to the lobby space to help direct foot traffic and answer questions. A new sign-in system will be launched this year to improve security and safety. Speaking of safety, the movable rugs will be updated to inlayed rugs, which are easier to walk over or roll over with wheelchairs and walkers. We also have some exciting visual updates to further make the Township a more inclusive and friendly space to gather. We appreciate the community's patience as we are under construction and apologize for any inconveniences. Once the project is complete, we hope you'll stop by to see it!



Supervisor Heneghan reviews lobby renovation blueprints.