

JULY 2023



THE *TOWN CRIER*

PACK THE BUS AUGUST 5 FROM 9–3 PM

Support District 54 students in-need with our annual school supply drive! There are three ways to donate:

1. Drop off or ship new school supplies to the Township (One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates) or Commissioner Kevin Morrison's Office (1325 Wiley Rd., Suite 141, Schaumburg) now–August 4. Order from our wishlist for easy shopping: bit.ly/3VU7yG5.
2. Bring donations to our Pack the Bus event at the West Schaumburg Target (2621 Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg) on August 5 from 9-3 pm.
3. Consider monetary donations via our website (schaumburgtownship.org) or via check (made to "Schaumburg Township" with "Pack the Bus" in the memo section) brought to the Township. Monetary donations help District 54 purchase items not received.



L to R: Representative Mussman, School District 54 Board Member Prusnick, School District 54 Board Vice President Scipione, Cook County Commissioner Morrison, Hoffman Estates Village Trustee Newell, Supervisor Heneghan, Trustee Steward, Trustee Gibson and Trustee Saturnus.

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List of needed supplies:

- Spiral notebooks (wide ruled)
- Folders (solid colors)
- Headphones/earbuds
- Dry erase markers
- Markers (thin and thick)
- Post-It notes/sticky notes, 3x3
- Supply box, standard size
- Back pack/school bag (3 ring binder needs to fit inside) – gender neutral
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks/white glue bottles
- 1" 3 ring binders, white with clear plastic cover
- Binder dividers (set of 5)
- Crayons – 36, 24, and 16 count
- Pens (black, blue, red)
- Handheld pencil sharpener w/ cover for shavings
- Colored pencils – 24 count
- Gym shoes – all sizes
- Art smocks
- Scissors
- Pink erasers
- Zippered pencil pouch
- 12" plastic ruler (inches and centimeters)



SEPTEMBERFEST FREE RIDES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Join the Township of Schaumburg Disability & Senior Services Department for our annual Septemberfest Free Rides Program for persons with disabilities and their immediate families and caregivers on September 2 from 9-11 am on the Septemberfest Carnival Grounds.

Registration is required at disabilityservices@schtwn.org or 847-285-4541 from July 17 – August 30 or until the first 500 guests register. The person with a disability's name and address, along with how many people are attending, is required for registration. Registration is limited, please register early.

Please note:

- The person with the disability must reside in the Village of Schaumburg or the Township of Schaumburg. An address is required to verify residency.
- All persons with disabilities must have an able-bodied adult to accompany them on the rides. No exceptions.
- NOT ALL RIDES WILL BE OPEN! The carnival operator is a separate entity and has sole discretion on which rides will be open.

The event is dependent on the weather and may be cancelled or delayed. It will not be rescheduled if cancelled. This program is not open to the public. Free Rides is hosted by the Village of Schaumburg, sponsored by Fantasy Amusement Company, Inc. and coordinated by the Township of Schaumburg Disability & Senior Services Department. Significant changes will be communicated to registrants. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Disability & Senior Services at 847-285-4541.

**SUMMER CELEBRATION**

Saturday, July 22 | 11 am

\$10/family or \$3/individual

Registration Deadline: July 7

Disability & Senior Services invites individuals with disabilities and their families to our annual Summer Celebration. Join us for a classic summer picnic lunch, music, dancing, crafts, games and lots of fun. Advance registration and payment is required by calling 847-285-4541 or stopping in to Disability & Senior Services.



THE TRUSTEE TAKE

By Trustee Demetrius Gibson

From the Schaumburg Township family to yours, we hope you have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July holiday. As Americans, we enjoy the 4th as a reminder and celebration of our independence. It is the same spark and fire found in bursting fireworks that we find in each of us.

Unfortunately, even today, all of us are not independent. Too many of our neighbors, friends and family are bound by insecurities. These include basic needs like food, finances, utilities and beyond. The Township continues to assist residents facing these struggles. Some of our programs are spiking to over 100-150% of our pre-pandemic numbers.

The team at the Township does a tremendous job going above and beyond when helping clients, but this cannot be done alone. We benefit from dedicated volunteers and gracious community donors. Thank you for making our spark at the Township burn a bit brighter.

So, again, our celebration of independence is a wonderful, exciting and joyful day, but let us also keep in mind those who we work hard to empower into their own celebration of independence.

HEAD TO THE GROCERY STORE WITH THE TOWNSHIP

The Township Transportation Department offers low-cost rides for seniors (55+) or people who are permanently disabled (18+) to a variety of places throughout the Township. On a weekly basis, the Department makes trips to local grocery stores.

The schedule is:

- Mondays or Fridays (residents pick one) : Walmart & Target : 11-1 pm
- Tuesdays, Wednesday & Thursdays : Jewel, Mariano's & Aldi : 9-10:30 am
- Tuesdays : Valli : 10:30-12 pm
- Fridays : Tony's Fresh Market : 10:30-12 pm

All riders must register to make an appointment and verification of age and residency is required. Forms for registration can be found on our website (schaumburgtownship.org/services/transportation/) or in the Transportation Department. Grocery store trips can be booked 10 days in advance. Reservations are taken on a first come-first served basis. Call us at 847-882-1929 Monday-Friday from 9-4 pm for more information.



PRODUCE DONATIONS FOR FOOD PANTRY

Do you have a home garden and more produce than you know what to do with? The food pantry accepts produce donations! Donate Monday - Friday, 8:30-5 pm. Come to One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates and use the North Entrance.

www.schaumburgtownship.org

GET BETTER SLEEP WITHOUT YOUR PHONE

Did you know that health experts warn that being on your phone right when you wake up or before you go to bed can have negative consequences?

Phone use before bed can sabotage your ability to fall asleep and get a good night's rest. The blue light from phones suppresses melatonin. With each notification you check, you are disrupting your sleep patterns.

Grabbing your phone first thing in the morning poses other problems. Your brain needs time to transition from deep sleep to full wakefulness. Checking your phone first thing in the morning triggers the brain to its wide awake state, bypassing the more relaxed state. Focusing on your breathing or meditation for even a few minutes before you pick up your phone is a much healthier way to start the day. We all feel the need to be on our phones, but beginning and ending the day with dedicated time for yourself or your family can pay dividends later in productivity.

Source: NorthShore University HealthSystems Healthy You

DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

Fit for Life

Mondays | 9:30 am | \$5

Fridays | 8:15 am | \$5

Due to popular demand, we are adding a second class! Fit for Life is a cardio conditioning class for all fitness levels, where you'll focus on cardio, strength and balance. No experience necessary. Registration is not required.



Secretary of State Mobile Unit

Friday, August 11 | 10-2 pm

The Secretary of State Mobile Unit can help patrons to renew, replace or correct Driver's License and State ID cards; purchase vehicle registration renewal stickers (for regular, Illinois State specialty, passenger vehicle and B-truck license plates); register vehicle titles; and receive parking placards for persons with disabilities. Proper identification is required. Applications for Real IDs cannot be processed. No registration or appointments are required. Payments by check or credit card only – no cash. For more information on required documents and fees, visit ilsos.gov.

SUICIDE PREVENTION SUPPORT AT KYC

September 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day. According to the CDC, suicide is a leading cause of death among individuals 10 to 24 years old. Signs may include talking about wanting to die, feelings of guilt or shame and withdrawing from family and friends. The National Institute of Mental Health highlights that starting the conversation about suicide with an at-risk individual can be lifesaving.

If you or someone you love is struggling with your mental health, you can call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline by dialing 988. Trained operators are available 24/7 to provide counseling and support when you need them most. Kenneth Young Center (KYC) also has crisis teams trained to provide phone support or in-person interventions. To be connected to KYC's Crisis Teams, call 847-383-0406.

If you are concerned about someone you care about, open lines of communication and directly ask them if they are OK or if they are considering harming themselves or others. Keep the person in a safe place and stay with them to ensure they know they are supported. Contact professionals like 911, 988, or KYC's Crisis Team for more support and once the crisis has subsided, follow up with the person to show you still care. Together, we can save lives.



CLERK'S CORNER : W. ROBERT VINNEDGE**RABIES VACCINE AND MICROCHIP CLINIC SEPTEMBER 9**

The Township will host a free Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinic on September 9 from 10-1 pm or until vaccines run out 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 seen on a first-come-first-served basis. Owners will be given a vaccine certificate and can order a rabies tag post event here: cookcountyl.gov/service/rabies-vaccination-tags. For more information about the clinic please contact the Clerk's Office at 847-285-4561.

HELP REDUCE WAIT TIME AT THE PASSPORT OFFICE

The Township's Passport Office is busiest in the afternoon between 2:30 and 4 pm. Reduce your wait time by coming in the morning. We recommend having your application completed upon arrival. We have everything you need available on our website: schaumburgtownship.org/services/us-passport/, including passport requirements, applications, checklists and instructions. Finally, make certain that you have all the needed documents and a personal check or money order when you arrive at the Township. If you are unsure what you need to bring, give us a call at 847-285-4561.

VETERAN'S HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS

Specialist 4th Class Ralph Edward Hayford accepts the Veteran's Honor Roll recognition from the Board of Trustees.

SP4 Loreto Manzella
U.S. Army 1965-1967

SP4 Ralph Edward Hayford
U.S. Army 1966-1968

**TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Residents of Schaumburg Township, the newly appointed Mental Health Board (MHB) needs your help! In the November 2022 election, voters approved a referendum that allocates tax dollars to help improve and expand services for those with substance use disorders, mental illness and intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Before spending tax dollars, the MHB is conducting a community needs assessment. Scan the QR code to the right to let your voice be heard. The anonymous survey will only take a few minutes. To inquire more, please email info@tosmhb.org.

Needs Assessment
Scan to complete



Evaluación de Necesidades
Escanea para completar



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

Summer is here and with the season comes picnics, hiking, bike rides and oh yes construction season.

A frequent sign that I see is "construction workers have families too, slow down so that they can go home at night." We will be paving a subdivision again this summer so please pardon our dust—we will be done shortly.

There is a developing traffic issue at the south end of Spring South. Drivers have begun to park in the northbound lane of Spring South. This practice creates a hazardous traffic situation. Please park in designated areas when attending services.

Wood chips are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Please call 847-884-1727 with your requests.

Drive safely and have a productive and safe summer.



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



NEW AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES EXEMPTION

Due to new state legislation, those that received the Persons with Disability Exemption last year (tax year 2021) will receive an automatic renewal going forward. New applicants for this calendar year will need to complete an application. A Person with Disabilities Exemption provides an annual \$2,000 reduction in the equalized assessed value (EAV) of the property. Contact the Township's Assessor's Office for more information at 847-285-4567.

SECOND INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Second installment property tax bills are typically due in August as set by Cook County. This installment will reflect any increases or decreases, including exemptions. Please note second installment bills are for last tax year. All exemptions filed in this year will show on the 2024 second installment bill. Contact the Township's Assessor's Office for more information at 847-285-4567.

TEMPORARY PARKING PLACARDS

Disability & Senior Services can provide temporary parking placards to individuals with a disability. An application signed by a physician is required and is good for 6 months or less. Placards are authorized for three months at a time. Individuals waiting for a permanent placard can come to the Township with their application and receive a temporary placard to use in the meantime. Call 847-285-4541 with any questions.

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 BOARD 7:00 pm
1 ST Wednesday	COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** 10 am DE&I COMMITTEE 7 pm (September) AMERICANS FOR BETTER HEARING FOUNDATION* Appointments Only
2 ND Tuesday	NORTHWEST SUBURBAN PREGNANCY/ INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP*** 7 pm SENIOR WILLS* Appointment Only

* 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 Wednesday	DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP **** 10 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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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



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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

The work we do at the Township is incredibly impactful. While we share accomplishments at the Annual Town Meeting, we don't spend enough time sharing stories of instances when the staff and volunteers go above and beyond. This spring the Township was wrapping up our popular AARP Tax-Aide program when one of our volunteers couldn't reach one of our clients. This was unusual for this client and didn't sit well with the volunteer – so he contacted our Disability & Senior Services staff to see if the client was in our records. They weren't. Not giving up, the volunteer went to our Manager of Transportation Mel Maldonado to find more information. Mel tried the client's emergency contact, but that was a dead end. He was able to track the client down through their apartment building management – having worked with the management before. In the end, it took a bit of extra work, but the client's taxes were completed on time. This story is an everyday example of our care for our clients. It is also a reminder to keep your emergency contacts updated. Because of this experience, our Transportation staff made a point to call all their clients to update their emergency contact information. I'd like to thank our team and engaged volunteer for their creative thinking and genuine commitment to our residents. It is this kind of care that makes the Township a unique and valuable local resource.



*Supervisor Tim Heneghan and Transportation
Manager Mel Maldonado*