

SEPTEMBER 2023



THE *TOWN CRIER*

COATS FOR KIDS OCTOBER 23-27

Help bring joy and confidence to children in our township through our annual children's winterwear drive Coats for Kids. We will be collecting new coats, snow pants, winter boots, hats, warm socks and gloves for low-income students in District 54. New items can be dropped off October 23-27 at:

- Township of Schaumburg: One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates | Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-9 pm & Friday 8:30 am-5 pm (after 5 pm, drop-off at the main building entrance only)
- Cook County Commissioner Kevin B. Morrison's Office: 1325 Wiley Rd, Suite 141, Schaumburg | Monday-Friday 9-5 pm
- Triphan Center: 1685 West Higgins Rd, Hoffman Estates*



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- Willow Recreation Center: 3600 Lexington Dr, Hoffman Estates*
- Schaumburg Community Recreation Center: 505 N. Springinsguth Rd, Schaumburg | Monday- Friday 5:30 am-9 pm & Saturday-Sunday 6 am-8 pm
- Schaumburg Township District Library:
 - o Central Library: 130 S. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg**
 - o Hanover Park Branch: 1266 Irving Park Rd, Hanover Park**
 - o Hoffman Estates Branch: 1550 Hassell Rd, Hoffman Estates**
- Diamonds Direct: 1701 E. Golf Rd, Schaumburg | Monday-Friday 10-7 pm & Saturday 10-6 pm

For more information, contact Marianne Rogenski at mrogenski@schtwn.org or 847-285-4630.

*Hoffman Estates Park District branch hours found at heparks.org.

**Library branch hours found at schaumburglibrary.org.

TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 26 FROM 3-7PM



Enjoy an evening of frightful fun on October 26 from 3-7pm at the Township (One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates). Participation is easy! Our parking lot will be filled with Halloween-themed decorated trunks. Drive the lot to collect candy through your car window and enjoy the ghoulish creativity from local organizations and agencies. This event is FREE. Learn more at schaumburgtownship.org closer to the event.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY AND TOY DONORS NEEDED

Giving back is a huge part of the holiday season. The Township needs donors to participate in our annual Adopt-a-Family Program. Provide hope and happiness this season by “adopting” families experiencing hardships. The Township matches eligible residents in need with caring individuals and businesses. Donors receive a wish list from the family, go shopping, wrap the gifts and deliver them to the Township in early December.

If you or your organization are interested in being a donor, or if you are unable to adopt but would still like to contribute, please contact Marianne Rogenski at mrogenski@schtwn.org or 847-285-4630 by October 28. Thank you for helping make the holidays brighter for our neighbors in need.



SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUS TOUR

The Schaumburg Township Historical Society, in partnership with Schaumburg Township and the Schaumburg Township District Library, will conduct a bus tour of four local, historic cemeteries on October 14. Buses depart at 1 pm from Schaumburg Township (One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates) and will return around 3 pm. The docent-led tour costs \$20 and is intended for adults 18 and older. Purchase tickets from September 1-October 7 at www.s-t-h-s.org. Space is limited. For additional information, contact Pat Barch at 847-755-9630.



By Trustee Lauren Saternus

The new Schaumburg Township Mental Health Board is hard at work! We are learning about vital community needs regarding mental health, substance use disorders and developmental disabilities. In our community there are agencies with long waitlists for therapy, people battling opioid addictions and families worried about long-term supportive housing as their children enter adulthood. Service barriers come in many forms and include stigma, availability, cost and transportation.

We have the immense opportunity to lift each other up and out of these overlapping crises. The cost of inaction is simply too great. I am proud to serve alongside volunteer members who are passionate about bettering the lives of others and to be part of a community that is ready to raise those in need so that we all may thrive.

The Mental Health Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Township. Meetings are open to the public and volunteer support is welcome!

NEW SIGN-IN PROCESS LAUNCHING THIS FALL

The Township will launch a new visitor sign-in process at the main entrance this fall. All visitors, except those pre-registered for scheduled events, will be asked to sign-in and sign-out at our new security desk. Signing in will alert staff of your arrival for appointments and walk-in services and will keep a more accurate count of persons in the building in case of emergency. Guests will be asked to input their name and a general reason for visiting – entering an email is optional. Visitors are then asked to sign-out before exiting.

Township security staff will be available to help all guests through the transition. Visitors to the north entrance will continue to check-in at our Welfare Services reception desk upon entry. Any questions about the new process can be directed to Administrator Williams. As the Township grows and changes, we appreciate your flexibility. This new process will help staff better manage the increase in visitors we anticipate with our increase in space, programs and services.



THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER

Did you know your body is about 60% water? Your body uses water in its cells, organs and tissues to help regulate temperature and maintain other bodily functions. Your body loses water through breathing, sweating and digestion, so it's important to rehydrate by drinking fluids and eating foods that contain water. Thirst is the first sign of dehydration.

Your recommended water intake depends on the climate you live in, how physically active you are and whether you're experiencing an illness or have other health problems.

The Mayo Clinic recommends that men consume 3.7 liters (15.5 cups) and women consume 2.7 liters (11.5 cups) of fluids per day. This means drinking water or other beverages and eating food such as fruits and vegetables. The color of your urine can determine how well your fluid intake is. If it's very pale yellow to light yellow – you're well hydrated. Darker yellow is a sign of dehydration. Drink up!

Source: everydayhealth.com

www.schaumburgtownship.org

MEDICARE PART C/D ANNUAL ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 15-DECEMBER 7

Medicare Annual Enrollment occurs every October 15-December 7, wherein recipients may enroll, change or disenroll from their Part C (Advantage) plan or change their Part D (prescription drug) plan. Plans get added and changed every year – if you have increased costs, non-covered prescription drugs or problems paying for your medications, it's worth reviewing your options. The Township has several Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselors who can provide free, unbiased Medicare information and education. Appointments can be made at 847-285-4541 and are required. Phone appointments and limited evening appointments are available. You can also call 800-MEDICARE or the State of Illinois SHIP Hotline at 800-252-8966 for assistance. We look forward to assisting you!



DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES HOLIDAY ADOPTION DONORS NEEDED

Help spread holiday cheer by adopting someone in need this year! The Holiday Adoption Program is in search of donors to be matched with a Senior or person with a disability in our township to purchase items on their holiday wish list. If you or your organization are interested in being a donor, or if you are unable to adopt but would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Becky Cordes at bcordes@schtwn.org or 847-285-4541 by October 27.

DISABILITY RESOURCE FESTIVAL

Join Disability & Senior Services for the annual Disability Resource Festival on September 16 from 10 - 12 pm in the Township parking lot. Local disability service providers and vendors will be onsite with information about their services and products. Touch-A-Truck, games and other fun will be available for kids of all ages. In case of inclement weather, this event will be moved inside.



SENIOR & DISABILITY SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

Vaccination Clinic

September 28 | 11 am – 1 pm | FREE

Jewel-Osco will be at the Township to offer vaccinations including flu, COVID-19, shingles and tetanus. Other vaccines may be available. Medicare recipients can now receive shingles and tetanus vaccines for FREE. Anyone interested in receiving a vaccine must bring insurance information. No registration or appointment is necessary.

Medicare Educational Seminar

October 4 | 11 am | FREE

Whether you are newly eligible for or already on Medicare, join us for an Educational Seminar where we break down Medicare enrollment, what is and isn't covered by Medicare and how you can get the most out of your Medicare coverage. In addition, we will review what steps you can take during the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period to make sure you have the best Medicare coverage to meet your unique healthcare needs for the upcoming year. The presentation will be one hour followed by a Q&A session. This Educational Seminar is presented by K&B Financial, Inc. and Árachas Group.

Property After Death (Estate Planning) and Property Fraud Prevention

Wednesday, November 8 | 6 pm | FREE

Representatives from the Cook County Clerk's Office will discuss Property After Death and how residents can avoid costly and time-consuming hurdles after their death or the death of a loved one. Representatives will also discuss the Clerk's Property Fraud Alert System, which allows homeowners to prevent fraud against their property. Registration is required by calling Disability & Senior Services at 847-285-4541.

CLERK'S CORNER : W. ROBERT VINNEDGE

VETERANS HONOR ROLL

The Township honors veterans for their service through our Veterans Honor Roll. Contact the Clerk's Office at 847-285-4561 or visit our website for information and how to apply.

Eligibility requirements:

- Served during a time of conflict
- Honorable discharge
- Reside within Schaumburg Township
- Copy of DD-214 service record
- Completed Honor Roll application

TRANSLATION SERVICES

Did you know that the Township Clerk's Office offers translation services for passports and notaries? This free service is offered in over 200 languages. Appointment times will vary in length. Translation appointments are available Monday-Friday from 2-4 pm for passports and from 2-5 pm for notary services.

Call 847-285-4561 for more information or to make an appointment.



DRUG TAKEBACK PROGRAM

The Township is officially a Cook County Sheriff's Office Drug Takeback Program collection site. Drop off your unused and expired prescription and non-prescription drugs in the container on the south side of the Township building across from the handicap parking spaces. This service is free to use and completely anonymous. No liquids or syringes are accepted. Drugs should NOT be brought into the Township building. Senior and homebound residents may dispose of their unwanted medicine by calling 844-688-7379 and request a free, pre-paid and pre-labeled mail-back envelope sent to their home.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY OCTOBER 10

World Mental Health Day is October 10. This day is dedicated to raising global awareness about mental health. Consider supporting yourself and others in the following ways:

1. Check in on a friend, family member or neighbor. Ask them how they're doing and practice active listening to let them know you care. Building trust and open lines of communication are key first steps when helping someone feel like they're not alone. Create space for them to ask for help.
2. Learn about the resources available in our community to support someone navigating a challenging time. Kenneth Young Center (KYC) is honored to partner with the Township to provide mental health services to residents looking to achieve their mental health goals. To learn more about programming for those ages three and up through individual, group and family therapy, visit kennethyoung.org.
3. Check in on yourself! Take a moment to assess how you're feeling and identify if there are any opportunities to improve your own health and wellness. Be confident in your goals and ask for help when you want it.

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

Summertime has passed, concerts are but fond memories and the leaves have turned signaling that winter and snow are on the way. This year we have seen many changes such as higher prices, long delays for supplies and equipment purchases.

We completely renewed the unincorporated streets of the subdivision south of I-390. The renewal was accomplished expeditiously and will provide residents with smooth roads for many years to come.

There is currently a supply chain issue with rain barrels. If you wish to be placed on the waitlist for the spring, please call the Road District at 847-884-1727.

Thank you to all residents for your thoughtful consideration in observing posted speeds in our residential neighborhoods. If you have any concerns regarding the Road District, please contact us.



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



DELAYED SECOND INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Cook County second installment property tax bills are delayed this year and are expected as late as winter 2023. All exemptions filed in this year will be reflected on the upcoming second installment property tax bill. Contact the Township Assessor’s Office at 847-285-4567 for more information.

UPCOMING COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW APPEALS

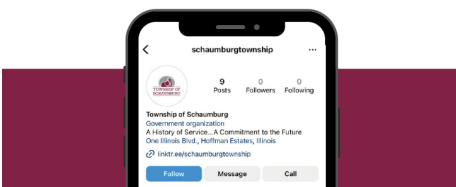
Residents can appeal their property taxes once more in 2023 with the Cook County Board of Review. Appeal dates are typically in the fall and can be confirmed on the Cook County Board of Review website (cookcountyboardofreview.com). Residents can also sign up for Township Assessor eNews on schaumburgtownship.org for free, up-to-date notices about appeals periods.

Residents can still file an appeal with the Board of Review regardless of previous successful or unsuccessful appeals from the Cook County Assessor’s Office.

You can file an appeal for free with the assistance of our staff during the appeals period via email or in-person. E-appeals are the fastest and most convenient way to file - a visit to our office is not required. Email Victor Morales (vmorales@schtwn.org) your name, home address, property index number (PIN #), phone number and email address.

We're on Instagram!

 @SchaumburgTownship



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 pm
1 ST Wednesday	COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** 9 am DEI COMMITTEE 7 pm
2 ND Monday	CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP* 11 am
2 ND Tuesday	NORTHWEST SUBURBAN PREGNANCY/ INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP*** 7 pm SENIOR WILLS* Appointment Only DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE 7 pm (October/November)

* 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 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
Assessor's Office	847-285-4567
Clerk's Office	847-285-4561
Disability & Senior Services	847-285-4541
Welfare Services	847-285-4503

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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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

Did you know the Township of Schaumburg has a Foundation that oversees all monetary donations gifted to the Township? The Schaumburg Township Foundation was established by our Board of Trustees to guide donations from donors to various Township departments. These donations provide direct support to residents experiencing hardship. Financial donations address needs not covered by other programming and program fee assistance to clients unable to afford programs. Some such needs are food insecurity, lack of transportation, utility assistance, etc. One of our most visible donation recipients is the Food Pantry. Monetary donations to the pantry help us fill our shelves when in-kind donations cannot and also make collaborating with partners like the Greater Chicago Food Depository, local retailers and farms possible. The 501(c)(3) Foundation also targets donations for special events like our Pack the Bus school supply drive and our popular Adopt-a-Family Program. The Schaumburg Township Foundation Board is presently made of President Bob Vinnedge, Treasurer Julie Bosshart, Secretary John Caporale, Director Bob Bernas and Director Marilyn Karr. They meet once a month. To learn more



Front Row L to R: Julie Bosshart, Bob Vinnedge and Marilyn Karr. Back Row L to R: John Caporale and Bob Bernas.

about all the ways to donate to the Township, visit schaumburgtownship.org/services/donations.