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THE *TOWN CRIER*

2024 PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Renovation projects are expected to continue at the Township heading into the new year, including the addition of a second floor over the gym. This additional space, plus the ability to divide our current gym into smaller spaces, will allow the Township to respond to the growing need for programs.

Beginning in January 2024, Disability & Senior Services will be partnering with St. Peter Lutheran Church and School in Schaumburg to continue offering Fit for Life, Chair Yoga, Zumba Gold, Gentle Yoga and Meditation. Participants will experience the same high-quality programs and instructors they are used to in this temporary location.

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Food Pantry Needs By Month

January - Beef stew or chili

February - Boxed cereal

March - Spam

April - Condiments

May - Snacks for kids

June - Single-serve mac & cheese

July - Pancake mix & syrup

August - Kids lunch foods

September - Applesauce or canned fruit

October - Canned chicken

November - Canned pumpkin & yams

December - Baking supplies

Donations can be dropped off or delivered to the Township Monday-Friday from 8:30am-5pm. Scan the QR code to order through our Amazon wish list:



SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Township Transportation Department offers door-to-door transportation services to qualifying Seniors (55+) and people who are permanently disabled (18+) to a variety of places throughout the township. All riders must be registered and provide verification of age and residency. Registration forms can be found on our website (schaumburgtownship.org/services/transportation) or in the Transportation Department.

Service is typically provided within the boundaries of Schaumburg Township, or 7 miles beyond township boundaries for medical purposes only. Medical appointments can be scheduled 5 to 30 days in advance and personal appointments up to 10 days in advance. Reservations are first come, first served.

The Township also offers the Township Riders Initiative Program. This program allows eligible residents to receive transportation services from PACE in Elk Grove, Hanover, Palatine, Schaumburg and Wheeling townships for medical purposes only.

Contact the Transportation Department at 847-882-1929 Monday-Friday from 9-4 pm for more information.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)



LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with their home energy expenses. Qualified residents can receive a utility bill credit based on household size and income.

An appointment is needed to apply. Schedule an appointment with Welfare Services at 847-285-4503 or Disability & Senior Services at 847-285-4541. Call today to discuss program eligibility, details and requirements.



By Trustee Matthew Steward

The Township was no stranger to change this year. We saw the completion of several building renovations including our main level bathrooms, reception area and a new ramp outside of the main building entrance. These changes were necessary for several reasons, most importantly to align with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) building requirements, allowing staff and customers a safe and comfortable visit to the Township. We now have inlaid mats rather than rugs in the entryway to prevent trip hazards. Our new bathrooms aren't just pretty – the selection of surfaces allows the entire bathroom to be sanitized easily, reducing the spread of germs. The security desk is entry-facing, allowing for faster customer service. There is more to come in the new year including elevator repairs, electric vehicle infrastructure and work on the second floor in the gym. As stewards of tax dollars, the decision to make these improvements is always weighed in the best interest of the Township. Having a more modern building, updated with safety, comfort and accessibility in mind for our residents, makes this a worthy investment.



BOOST YOUR MEMORY

Exercising your mind is equally as important as physical fitness to keep your brain functioning at its best. The brain tends to atrophy when it's passive. Sedentary and passive activities, like sitting in front of a TV for several hours a day, can be detrimental to brain health over time.

Keep your mind and memory sharp with exercises to train your brain. Test your recall with simple games like Sudoku and crossword puzzles, make a grocery or to-do list and memorize it or take up a new hobby that involves using fine motor skills. Activities like tai chi, knitting and painting keep your hand-eye coordination sharp. You can also try taking a new route home or brushing your teeth with your opposite hand. Exercising your body and your mind are the best practices to stay healthy.

Source: tinyurl.com/4f9cjb7

2024 Programming Update continued from page 1

St. Peter Lutheran Church and School is located at 202 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg. Residents can park in the main parking lot and enter through the church's main entrance. Disability & Senior Services staff will be onsite at St. Peter during programs to ensure a smooth transition.

All other programs will continue to be offered at the Township unless otherwise noted. To stay up to date on programs offered by Disability & Senior Services, call 847-285-4541 to sign up for the bimonthly Access Point Newsletter and the weekly Senior eNewsletter.

www.schaumburgtownship.org

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN OPEN ENROLLMENT

Individuals who currently have a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) can change their coverage during the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MA-OEP) January 1 - March 31. This enrollment window is only available if an individual is already enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan. First time enrollment is not available. Disability & Senior Services staff are certified Senior Health Insurance Program Counselors and can help provide information about different MA plans available in our area. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 847-285-4541.

AARP TAX-AIDE

AARP Tax-Aide seeks to assist low- to moderate-income taxpayers file their state and federal returns at no cost. Each year, the Township partners with the AARP Foundation to provide free income tax assistance. Appointments will be available from early February through early April and will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served, first available basis. To help as many people as possible, taxpayers must have all their tax documents collected before scheduling an appointment.

The Tax-Aide Appointment Line will be open Monday - Friday from 9 am-4 pm beginning Wednesday, January 24. Please call 847-285-4597 to schedule an appointment. Due to the large number of calls for this popular program, all appointments must be made through this call line and no wait lists will be created.

For up-to-date information, visit schaumburgtownship.org to subscribe to the Senior eNewsletter. Appointment availability and a list of required documents will be provided in each edition throughout all of tax season.



SENIOR & DISABILITY SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

Tai Chi

Tuesdays | 1 pm | \$5

Tai Chi, sometimes called "shadowboxing," is an internal Chinese martial art practiced for defense training, health benefits and meditation. It focuses on muscle control, stability, balance and flexibility. When practiced regularly, it can also help reduce pain from osteoarthritis, back problems and fibromyalgia. No experience necessary; the movements are very gentle. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Cash payment or Class Pass at the door.

Gentle Yoga

Fridays | 9:30 am | \$5

Join instructor Camille as she leads this stress-relieving class. After a few sessions you will enjoy better flexibility, improved memory, increased circulation and higher levels of energy. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat to use in class. All skill levels welcome! No registration required. Cash payment or Class Pass at the door.

In the Heights

Wednesday, February 7 | 10 am | \$95

Registration window: Dec. 15 - Jan. 5

Marriott Lincolnshire

In the Heights tells the story of the corner bodega where the coffee is hot and filled with cream and sugar. The community is on the edge of change and is struggling to decide which traditions should be left behind and which ones should be taken with you. Fee includes lunch, show and transportation. This event is wheelchair and walker accessible.

CLERK'S CORNER : W. ROBERT VINNEDGE

VOTER REGISTRATION

The Township Clerk's Office can help with voter registration Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 5 pm. Bring a valid ID that shows your current address. Visit schaumburgtownship.org or call the Clerk's Office at 847-285-4561 for more information.

REAL ID UPDATE

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the Real ID deadline until May 7, 2025. Current Illinois driver's licenses or ID cards will continue to be accepted at airports, military bases and secure federal facilities. After the deadline, you will need to either have a REAL ID driver's license, REAL ID state ID, valid U.S. Passport Book or valid U.S. Passport Card to fly domestically, visit military bases and visit secure federal facilities. Visit the following link for more information: cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/drivers_license/REAL_ID/.



VETERANS' HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS

SGT Wayne E. Miller
U.S. Army 1967 - 1969

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR LGBTQ+ YOUTH AND ALLIES AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

LGBTQ+-identified and allied high school students dedicated to LGBTQ+ advocacy, leadership and community organization are invited to help build stronger, more inclusive communities. Kenneth Young Center's Rainbow Room Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a year-round leadership opportunity for students in the northwest suburbs. Rainbow Room YAC students design and lead impact-focused projects that support local LGBTQ+ people. Email lgbtqcenter@kennethyoung.org to learn more about the Rainbow Room YAC.

If you are an adult looking to make change in your local community, consider joining the Communities for Positive Youth Development (CPYD) Coalition. The Coalition is comprised of key stakeholders who represent diverse sectors of our communities and work alongside youth led YACs to promote health and wellbeing for youth and families.



Visit kennethyoung.org/volunteer to learn more or message Kenneth Young Center's team at cpyd@kennethyoung.org.

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

Cold temperatures, falling leaves and rain showers all contribute to tricky driving conditions. No circumstance is worth an accident that could have been prevented by simply taking your time and being courteous to your fellow drivers. During the winter season, respect our drivers who are working diligently to provide you with safe passable roadways. Do not pass or crowd snowplow trucks while they are clearing the road. Please also be prudent with salt application. Consider using an environmentally friendly black volcanic sand that is available at local commercial outlets. It is recyclable and non-toxic to our environment.

This season also elevates the importance of keeping the drainage ditches in front of your homes clear of debris and leaves, which prevents blocked travel due to flooded roadways.

Brush collection is done and will resume in spring. This season the Road District processed several hundred loads of branches throughout the township. If you want wood chips, contact the Road District at 847-884-1727 so that you can be added to the list for next season. Enjoy your holidays and be well.



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



FIRST INSTALLMENT COOK COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES

First installment Cook County property tax bills will be mailed in February. Any successful reductions approved by the Board of Review will be reflected on this bill. To avoid fees, taxpayers must pay by the due date. Information is available on cookcountytreasurer.com. Click on the purple box titled "You 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 March 1



COFFEE WITH THE ASSESSOR

This program, offered to all Township of Schaumburg residential property owners, allows homeowners to host a Town Hall-style meeting in a public venue of their choosing for a minimum of 3 to 10 or more people. The outreach event can be held in the resident's yard, at a local library, Village Hall, condo/townhome club house and/or at the Township gymnasium. To schedule a seminar, contact the Assessor's Office at 847-285-4567 or email Victor Morales at vmorales@schtwn.org.

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	ALL ABOUT HEALTH** 10 am DE&I 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 (December/January)

* 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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COMMISSIONER
Scott M. Kegarise

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

There are many things to be thankful for during the holidays. I'm blessed with a great family, friends and grateful to be part of the Schaumburg Township where we are able to help people every day. This season is difficult for many families, so it's important to help our neighbors in need. We see a great deal of generosity from our residents through our Adopt-A-Family program, wherein caring residents and companies in the community donate gift cards and toys. Lavelle Law shows an outpouring of community support through their annual food drive, which largely benefits the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry. This year they made a \$12,780 monetary donation, donated \$10,000 worth of food from Tony's Fresh Market and collected food donations from the community to stock our bare pantry shelves.

The employees of Schaumburg Township have always stepped up and worked hard to care for others that need it. Our ongoing construction projects will help implement additional services as the demand grows. So, please pardon our dust while renovations are complete. Enjoy your families this holiday season. We hope to see you at the Township soon!



L to R: Supervisor Tim Heneghan, Marianne Rogenski, Trustee Lauren Saternus and Lavelle Law Attorney Ted McGinn.