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# NEWSLETTER

March-April 2024

# **MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**



Wednesday, May 8 | 10am | \$40 Registration Window: March 1-May 1

Join us for a special Mother's Day Brunch at Chandler's Chophouse! Vicki Quade, star of the hit comedy, Late Nite Catechism, will provide the entertainment during an interactive afternoon of bingo. Quade plays Mrs. Mary Margaret O'Brien, a former nun, raising money at our bingo event. After this raucous event, you'll remember your Catholic education, win wacky prizes and have a hilarious time.





# BUNNY BREAKFAST



Saturday, March 16 | 9am | FREE

Registration Window: February 26-March 8

Kids with disabilities and their families are invited to join us at Chandler's Chophouse to have breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Please bring your camera to capture the fun memories to be had. This event is free, but advanced registration is required. Please call Disability & Senior Services at 847-285-4541 to register.

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#### RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Register in-person or by calling 847-285-4541. Payment due at registration: cash, check, credit card.



#### A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE



Wednesday April 10 | 10:45am | \$87 Registration Window: March 4-April 4

Based on the Tennessee Williams play, this drama follows troubled schoolteacher Blanche DuBois as she leaves small-town Mississippi and moves in with her sister, Stella, and her husband, Stanley, in New Orleans. The play explores the volatile relationships between Blanche, Stella and Stanley. Price includes lunch, admission and transportation.

## THE MUSIC OF JULIE ANDREWS



Thursday, March 21 | 10:45am | \$38 Registration Window: February 1-March 7

There is still time to sign up for the Music of Julie Andrews. Enjoy songs spanning her works from the last 70 years. Lunch is on your own at Armand's Pizzeria. Price includes admission and transportation.

#### **BARBIE**



Tuesday, April 23 | 9:30am | \$72

Registration Window: March 15-April 1

Launched in 1959 by Mattel, Barbie became an iconic part of the modern zeitgeist. Historian Leslie Goddard dives into the history of Barbie and her inventor Ruth Handler. Fee includes lunch, show and transportation.



#### TITANIC: THE EXHIBITION



Thursday, April 11 | 9:45am | \$42

Registration Window: March 11-April 1

This interactive experience will tell the story of the design, launch and tragedy of history's most notorious ship - the Titanic! We will explore the galleries, boiler room and grand staircase, look inside a millionaire's suite, and take a stroll on the promenade deck. Lunch is on your own at Hackney's on Harms. Fee includes exhibit and transportation.

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#### LIFF PLANNING SEMINAR LUNCHEON



Tuesday, March 19 | 11am | FREE Registration Window: March 1-15

Planning for your final days is an extremely difficult topic to address but proper planning greatly benefits your caregivers and loved ones. Don't wait until a medical crisis when emotions are running high. Studies show that when there is a meaningful conversation about end-of-life choices, survivors report feeling less guilt and depression and have an easier time processing grief. Kathy Ahlgrim will discuss the importance of pre-need funeral planning and will answer questions. Lunch follows the presentation. There is no service obligation or cost to attend.



#### **GUYS AND DOLLS**



Wednesday, April 17 | 10:15am | \$95 Registration Window: March 1-25

Guys and Dolls is about a couple of big city gamblers and the ladies who adore them. The show will take you into the golden age of Broadway with wit, charm and unforgettable songs like "Luck Be a Lady" and "Sit Down, You're Rockin the Boat." Cost includes lunch, show and transportation.

#### CHICAGO'S RIVERVIEW PARK



Tuesday, May 14 | 10:15am | \$72 Registration Window: April 1-May 3

Chicago's Riverview Park was once the "World's Largest Amusement Park." It held the world's first suspended roller coaster and parachute ride.

Now it's one of Chicago's best held memories.

Fee includes lunch, show and transportation.

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#### **NUNSENSE**



Thursday, June 13 | 8:15am | \$108 Registration Window: May 1-June 6

Nunsense is a "sinfully" hilarious, anything goes, good-natured musical comedy. The Little Sisters of Hoboken are in dire financial straits. They must raise enough money to bury the last four of 52 dearly-departed nuns who were accidently poisoned by the convent cook. Fee includes lunch, admission and transportation.

#### DIAMOND PAINTING



2nd Tuesday | 11am | \$5 plus cost of kit

Diamond painting requires no prior experience and is a relaxing and fun escape! Kits range from \$10-14. Class payment is due at the door or at registration via cash, check or card. Cost of kit paid to instructor by cash only.



# THANK YOU, SPONSORS

The Township of Schaumburg
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Department shares our gratitude to
Schaumburg Bank & Trust Company,
N.A. Wintrust Commercial Banking,
Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and
Cremation Services and Assisting
Hands Home Care for their generous
support of our annual Holiday
Luncheon at Chandler's Banquets on
December 8, 2023. The luncheon
was a success and we thank the
wonderful contributions of these
valued sponsors.

#### **USO TRIBUTE**



Tuesday, May 21 | 10:45am | \$38 Registration Window: April 5-May 4

Paying homage to those entertainers who sang and danced for our troops during the 1940's, this USO Salute honors artists such as Judy Garland, Bob Hope, Rosemary Clooney and more. Enjoy an afternoon of a recreated USO show with powerhouse singers and a 5-piece band. Lunch is on your own at Mago Grill and Cantina. Price includes admission and transportation.



CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM

Wednesday, March 27 | \$55 | 9:15am

Registration Window: February 26-

There is still time to register for a guided tour at the Chicago History

City on Fire: Chicago 1871. Learn about the monumental fire and the city's rebirth thereafter! Fee includes

Museum for the special exhibition tour

guided tour, lunch and transportation.

# RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Register in-person or by calling 847-285-4541. Payment due at registration: cash, check, credit card.

#### HAPPY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

April is National Volunteer Month! Disability & Senior Services relies on volunteers to successfully host many programs and services. We are sending our love and appreciation to you. If you are interested in joining our robust volunteer team, we are always looking for help. In particular, we are looking for skilled volunteers to lead classes/activities for older adults once or twice a month. They typically instruct a group of residents in an activity such as arts and crafts, photography, creative writing, a foreign language, jewelry making, woodworking, ancestry research, etc. If you are interested in volunteering to lead a class, please contact Caryn Remer at 847-285-4541 or cremer@schtwn.org.



#### **EVENTICON LEGEND**



On-site (1 Illinois Blvd. Hoffman



Off-site (Less than 20 miles)



Off-site (Over 20 miles)



None



Wheelchair & Walker Accessible



March 15

Light



Medium



Strenuous





\$0.01-\$20.00



\$20.01-\$50.00



\$50.00+



Donation



Registration Required



No Registration Required

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#### **BREAKFAST SOCIAL**



Did you know that socializing can lighten your mood and make you feel happier? Join us for breakfast! You may meet new friends and/or visit with old ones. Experience some great food while supporting local township restaurants.

#### HONEY BERRY PANCAKE CAFE

Tuesday, March 26 | 8am Registration Deadline: March 19 394 E. Irving Park Road, Roselle SWEET ORANGE

Tuesday, April 23 | 8am Registration Deadline: April 16 933 S Roselle Road, Schaumburg



# **RECCURING PROGRAMS**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fit for Life + 9:30am   \$5	Walking Group*	Walking Group *	Walking Group*	Fit for Life+
	8:45am	8:45am	8:45am	8:15am   \$5
Caregiver	Zumba Gold^	All About Health*	Zoom Bingo	Knit & Crochet
Support Group	9:30am   \$5	10am   1st Wed	10am   FREE	9am   FREE
11am	Diamond Painting	Diabetes Support	Zoom Bingo	Gentle Yoga^
2nd Monday	11am   \$5 + Kit	Group*	1pm   FREE	9:30am   \$5
Chair Yoga^	2nd Tuesday	10:30am		Meditation^
1pm   \$5	Tai Chi	2nd & 4th Wed.		10:30am \$5
Art Connections 2pm   FREE	1pm   \$5 Book Club 2pm 3rd Tuesday	Bridges to Memory* 2pm   3rd Wed.		3rd Friday  Chair Yoga^  1pm   \$5

<sup>\*</sup>Please call Nurse Janet at 837-285-4551 with questions or to register.

<sup>^</sup>Meets at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 202 E. Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg

<sup>+</sup>Meets at Alfred Campanelli YMCA, 300 W. Wise Rd, Schaumburg

MARCH 2024				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Get Township Disability & Senior Services news faster by signing up for our eNewsletters. The free email newsletter comes right to you. Senior eNews is delivered every Friday and Disability eNews is delivered every 1st and 15th day of the month. The newsletters include information on Township programs and services as well as relevant area news. Visit schaumburgtownship.org or call 847-285-4541 to subscribe.



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### NATIVE PLANT SALE

The Schaumburg Community
Garden Club will welcome online
pre-orders, only, for their annual
Native Plant Sale from
March 1- April 19 at
schaumburggardenclub.org.
Information regarding pick-up
location and time will be shared
at the time of your online order.

#### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Annual Town
Meeting on April 9 at 7pm at the Township of Schaumburg.

Clerk Vinnedge will present Township reports discussing 2023-2024 department highlights.

# **TOWNSHIP SERVICES**

#### **BRIDGES TO MEMORY**

3rd Wednesday | 2pm | FREE

Bridges to Memory is a free social program for people living with Alzheimer's Disease, dementia or memory loss and their care partners. Each month Nurse Janet curates activities such as reminiscence, arts and crafts, music and more. This support group offers a safe environment for care receivers and caretakers to reconnect and socialize. It is also an opportunity for care partners to connect with others in similar situations.

First-time registration is requested. For more information or to register call Nurse Janet at 847-285-4551.





#### **ALL ABOUT HEALTH**

1st Wednesday | 10am | FREE

Join Nurse Janet to learn about pressing health topics each month. No registration required.

March 6: Heart Health

April 9\*: Aging in Place (Guest Speakers)

\*Second Tuesday of the month.

# **TOWNSHIP SERVICES**

#### VOTER REGISTRATION

There are two elections in 2024: the Presidential Primary Election on March 19 and the Presidential General Election on November 5.

Visit cookcountyclerkil.gov to learn the multiple ways to register to vote, check your registration status, view who is on your ballot and locate your polling place. Need assistance registering online? Stop by the Township Clerk's Office.



#### DRUG TAKEBACK PROGRAM

The Township is excited to announce we are now 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 (photo above). This service is free and anonymous. No liquids or syringes are accepted. Drugs should not be brought into the Township building. Learn more about the Drug Take Back Program at tinyurl.com/yc69hj2s.

#### VETERAN HONOR ROLL

Are you a veteran who served in a time of conflict? We'd love to honor you at a future Township of Schaumburg Board of Elected Officials meeting in front of family and friends. During the meeting, a Township Board Member will introduce you by rank, name, military branch and years served. Additionally, your name will be included on our Veteran Honor Wall at the Township building. To apply please fill out an application (found on schaumburgtownship.org) and return it to the Clerk's Office with your DD-214 record. Eligibility requirements are:

- Served during a time of conflict
- Honorable Discharge
- Reside within Schaumburg Township
- Copy of DD-214 Form
- Completed Veteran Honor Roll Application



Boatswain's Mate Seaman John L. Selke (U.S. Navy 1963-1968) was honored at a Board of Trustee's Meeting.

# **SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The food pantry is in need of the following donations:

- March: Spam
- April: Condiments

Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday 8:30-5pm at the Food Pantry.



#### SENIOR FREEZE EXEMPTION

Typically, around March, the Cook County Assessor's Office mails the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze "Senior Freeze." This exemption freezes the assessed value of your home for one year. Eligibility includes:

- You or your spouse are 65 years of age or older during the tax year.
- The property must be your principle residence during the tax year of the assessment freeze.
- Your total household income did not exceed \$65,000 the prior year for which you are requesting the assessment freeze.

The automatic renewal of this exemption due to COVID-19 has ended and you must resume filing annually. Applicants need their 2022 Income tax returns or their Social Security (1099) Statements for year 2022 to file. All exemptions are reflected on the 2nd Installment Property Tax bill when issued. Call the Township Assessor's Office 847-285-4567 with any questions regarding property tax exemptions.



FOOD PANTRY APPOINTMENTS

Make a food pantry appointment by calling 847-285-4503. We operate a client-choice food pantry model that allows residents to select their own food. Due to the nature of our donation-based program, items vary daily/weekly.

#### TRANSPORTATION GROCERY SCHEDULE

Stores	Day(s)	Area Served
Walmart & Target	Monday and Friday	Whole Township
Jewel, Mariano's & Aldi	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Based on resident's location in the Township
Valli	Tuesday	Whole Township
Tony's	Friday	Whole Township

# **TOWNSHIP SERVICES**

#### 37TH ANNUAL PAINT-A-THON

Does the exterior of your home need to be painted? Consider applying for the 37th Annual Paint-A-Thon program! To qualify, homes must be owned and occupied by seniors aged 60 and older, people with disabilities, and/or veterans of any age. There are income and asset limits, but all are encouraged to apply. Current homeowners' insurance is required. For more information, or to receive an application, call Frances Borja at 847-285-4541.



#### CEDA FURNANCE PROGRAM

The CEDA Furnace Program is available to homeowners that are eligible or approved for the LIHEAP program. The Furnace Program helps customers repair or replace their heating system to return it to safe and effective operation. The furnace must be either non-operational or red-tagged by the utility company to receive assistance. This program runs until May 31, 2024, or until funds are exhausted. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call Disability & Senior Services.

#### RTA PROGRAMS



Disability & Senior Services staff can assist with the following RTA program applications and photos.

REDUCED FARE

Seniors aged 65 or older and people with disabilities can receive a discounted fare or ride free permit when using CTA, Metra or Pace. To apply, residents need to provide a valid government issued ID, proof of disability and a 2x2 inch photo of yourself.

#### RIDE FREE

Illinois Department on Aging's Benefit Access recipients are eligible to ride for free on the CTA, Metra and Pace. To apply, residents must be approved for Benefit Access, provide a valid government issued ID and a 2x2 inch photo of yourself.

#### RTA ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM

Access is a pilot program running through July 31, 2025, that provides a reduced fare on all Metra lines and zones for individuals enrolled in the SNAP program who live within the RTA's six-county region (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties). Documents needed: the completed application, SNAP eligibility letter, a 2x2 inch photo of yourself and a government issued ID with valid Illinois address within the RTA's six-county region.

# **DISABILITY SERVICES NEWS**

#### LOW-COST HEARING ASSISTANCE

Do you have difficulty hearing? The Americans for Better Hearing Foundation (ABHF) provides low-cost hearing services at the Township of Schaumburg on the 1st Wednesday of every month. ABHF provides hearing aid fittings, hearing aid repairs, hearing tests, wax removal and hearing aid batteries. ABHF accepts ALL insurance, including Medicare and Medicaid. They also have a Fair Pricing Program for those without insurance. For more information, or to obtain an ABHF intake packet, please contact Disability & Senior Services.



#### DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE (DSSC)

In 2023, the Committee for Persons with Disabilities and the Senior Citizens Services Committees were replaced with the newly-formed Disability & Senior Services Committee (DSSC). The DSSC partners with the Township's Disability & Senior Services Department to advise on efforts benefitting the Township's senior citizen and persons with disabilities populations. There are currently two committee member vacancies. To find out eligibility requirements and apply, please contact Becky Cordes at bcordes@schtwn.org.



# AGENCY SPOTLIGHT: RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

Resources for Community Living (RCL) supports adults with developmental and/or physical disabilities so they may achieve independent, purposeful lives in their community. RCL can help individuals learn basic life skills, search for independent or shared housing, pursue employment goals and stay connected to their community. Learn about RCL at rescoliv.org. Schaumburg Township is proud to support the services RCL provides to Township residents!





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#### MEDICAID MEDICAL COVERAGE CHANGES

Did your recent Medicaid medical redetermination reveal you don't qualify for Medicaid because you exceed the income and asset limits, resulting in a spenddown? Medicaid recipients who incur a spenddown should know spenddowns will not be paid for or "met" by Medicaid any longer without medical receipts. Please note, Medicaid is not ending for everyone with a redetermination – only recipients who exceed the income and asset requirements. If you no longer qualify for Medicaid and cannot afford a monthly spenddown, consider calling the Township's Disability & Senior Services Department to discuss Medicaid alternatives with a SHIP Counselor.

# **TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS**



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TRUSTEE Demetrius J. Gibson



TRUSTEE Lauren Saternus



TRUSTEE Matthew J. Steward



CLERK W. Robert Vinnedge



ASSESSOR John R. Lawson, CIAO



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