

**APRIL 2024**



# THE *TOWN CRIER*

## **FOOD PANTRY DRIVE NOW – MAY 11!**

This spring the Township is hoping you'll shower the food pantry with donations! We are launching a new community-wide food drive starting April 13, ending with the annual National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 11. We will have donation bins throughout the community – a full list is on our website – or you can send a donation to us via our Amazon wishlist (<https://a.co/9YbUnas>). Financial donations are also welcome through our website (<https://tinyurl.com/yc4bjsfh>), via check made to Schaumburg Township Foundation with "Food Pantry" listed in the memo or via cash at the Food Pantry reception desk.

If you'd prefer to donate during the Letter Carriers' Food Drive on May 11, simply fill a bag with non-perishable food items and place near your mailbox - your letter carrier will pick it up and deliver your donation to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry!

In 2023, the pantry experienced its highest number of visits in the last 10 years – over 13,000 visits. This was a 35% increase over 2022. Any donation, big or small, can make a difference. Thank you for your support!



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## JUNETEENTH JUNE 22



Don't miss the annual Juneteenth Celebration at Harper College at Drs. Kenneth and Catherine Ender Pavilion (1200 W. Algonquin Rd. Palatine IL) on June 22 from 2 - 6 pm. This year's theme is block party and will feature local organizations and businesses, food and entertainment! Get updates via the event Facebook page at <https://fb.me/e/48r75nKuR>.

## PAINT-A-THON APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 1

Do you own your home and does the exterior need to be painted? You might qualify to get your home painted for FREE as part of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Paint-A-Thon. To qualify, homes must be owned and occupied by seniors aged 60 and older, people with disabilities, and/or veterans of any age. Owners must be financially disadvantaged or physically unable to paint the exterior of their homes. Homes must be owner-occupied and in sufficient condition so that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed. Applications are due by July 1 for painting on September 7.

Paint-A-Thon is also a major volunteer event and we're always looking for teams of volunteers! Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age.

If you're interested in applying to get your home painted, or to learn more about volunteering, contact Frances Borja, Assistant Director of Disability & Senior Services, at 847-285-4541.

## FREE HEALTH CLASSES

Nurse Janet Stachula hosts a free, monthly health-focused class called All About Health. Every first Wednesday of the month at 10am at the Township (One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates), Janet takes a deep dive into the health issues and pressing health questions plaguing our residents.

Each session includes a presentation and time for questions. Registration is not required but is requested at 847-285-4551. Learn how to better take care of yourself at these free events! Future topics include:

- May 1: Vitamins, Minerals and Nutrients
- June 5: Skin Cancer
- July 3: Common Lab Values
- August 7: What is the Gut Microbiome?
- September 4: The Scoop on Sugar
- October 2: Arthritis
- November 6: End of Life Decisions
- December 4: Talking with Your Doctor



*Visit our website to learn about all of Nurse Janet's services.*

## DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES UPCOMING EVENT

**Mother's Day Brunch at Chandler's Chophouse**  
**May 8 | 10 am | \$40**  
**Registration deadline: May 1**

What a better way to celebrate Mother's Day than to experience a delicious 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. At this raucous event, you'll remember your Catholic education, win wacky prizes and have a hilarious time. Contact Disability & Senior Services to register at 847-285-4541.





By Trustee Gibson

The Township has spent much of the last year working on our building, improving accessibility and creating more space for the increase in clients. One area where we could use more community involvement is with business partnerships. The Township partners with businesses in a variety of ways but here are a few in case you've not considered working with us before:

- Host a food drive or participate in our seasonal drives like Pack the Bus or Coats for Kids.
- Connect your Employee Resource Groups with the Township for staff learning and growth opportunities.
- Create a Benevity account for employees to donate directly from their paychecks to the Township Foundation.
- Host educational programs for older adults or people with disabilities. Sales pitches are not allowed, however.
- Schedule a large group volunteering day (limited availability).
- Sponsor an event or program.
- Host a Community Service Day Project with the Township.

More business partnerships like these will help us maximize our efforts to best meet the needs of our constituents. There is nothing more heartbreaking than seeing a need that could've been met if we just made one or two more connections. So, if it's you or someone you know who can help make those connections please reach out or give us a call (847-884-0030). When we all work together, we can do great things.

## PLANT SALE JUNE 7



The Hoffman Estates Garden Club will have their annual plant sale on June 7 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](http://hoffmanestatesgardenclub.com). A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry.

## KYC HUSTLE FOR HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAININGS

Go for the gold with Kenneth Young Center (KYC) at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hustle for Health 5K Run/Walk! Enjoy a fun run or walk in honor of the summer Olympic games at 10 am on June 22 at Busse Woods Grove 26. This free rain-or-shine event supports the comprehensive behavioral health, older adult and community health resources available through KYC. Families and people of all ages are invited for a morning to champion stronger, healthier communities - and enjoy plenty of snacks and goodies! Register at [give.kennethyoung.org/2024](http://give.kennethyoung.org/2024).

Did you know that KYC also offers Mental Health First Aid Trainings in English and Spanish? These trainings teach participants the skills to identify and provide initial support to someone who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use issue. To learn more about these monthly events, please visit [kennethyoung.org/events](http://kennethyoung.org/events).

## FINANCIAL HELP AND GUIDANCE

Do you need help making ends meet? The Township can assist with many programs, including General Assistance (GA) and Emergency Assistance (EA), that could help. Carefully read the guidelines below for each program and if you have questions call Schaumburg Township Welfare Services at 847-285-4503.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE?

GA provides monthly direct to vendor financial assistance for eligible clients who do not have enough income or resources for basic needs such as shelter, utilities, food, transportation and personal items.

To qualify, the individual must:

- Reside in Schaumburg Township
- Be 18 or older
- Be a U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant
- Meet financial and non-financial requirements and be ineligible for any other state or federal welfare program. GA has strict income guidelines with a threshold below 100% of the federal poverty level.

GA is a program of last resort. Applicants must first apply for unemployment, social security and state programs through the Department of Human Services for GA eligibility. GA is primarily for adults without minors. Agency and program details below.

- **Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)**
  - Unemployment Insurance (UI)
  - 800-244-5631
  - <https://ides.illinois.gov>
- **Social Security Administration**
  - Retirement, Survivors, Disability Insurance (RSDI)
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - 800-772-1213
  - <https://www.ssa.gov>
- **Illinois Department of Human Services**
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP)
  - Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AABD)
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - Medicaid
  - 800-843-6154
  - <https://abe.illinois.gov/abe/access>

### • Township of Schaumburg Welfare Services

- General Assistance (GA)
- Emergency Assistance (EA)
- 847-285-4503
- <https://schaumburgtownship.org>

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE?

EA provides direct to vendor financial support through a crisis such as an eviction or utility disconnection. To qualify, the individual must:

- Reside in Schaumburg Township
- Be a U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant
- Meet financial and non-financial requirements and the grant must alleviate the emergency situation.
- 200% of the federal poverty level; income exemptions may apply.

EA can only be issued once in any twenty-four (24) month period.

### WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Not sure if you qualify but want to learn more? Call Schaumburg Township Welfare Services at 847-285-4503 to make an appointment with a caseworker.



## CLERK'S CORNER : W. ROBERT VINNEDGE

## COMMUNITY PAPER SHRED AND SMALL ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT JUNE 1



In partnership with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, join us for a free Paper Shred and Small Electronics Recycling event for Township residents on June 1 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, binder clips and rubber bands must be removed. Small electronic items accepted are:

- Cables (all types)
- Cell Phones/Telephone Devices
- Computers/Laptops
- Hardware/Motherboards
- Holiday Lights
- Monitors/Calculators
- Printers/Fax Machines
- Game Systems/Stereos
- Televisions (1 per household)
- Toasters/Blenders
- Toner Cartridges
- UPS Batteries/Car Batteries

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.

## VETERANS HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS



1LT J. Michael Gelburd is honored at a Board of Trustees Meeting.

BMSN John L. Selke  
U.S. Navy 1963 – 1968  
1LT J. Michael Gelburd  
U.S. Army 1969 – 1971

## DRUG TAKEBACK PROGRAM AT THE TOWNSHIP

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. 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](https://tinyurl.com/yc69hj2s).



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

Spring is not far over our horizon. Warmer weather and spring showers bring flooding concerns to the front of our focus. Swale (ditch) maintenance is equally important to property owners and your road district. Each year the road district deploys resources for swale maintenance to ensure that the subdivision drainage flows smoothly and efficiently. This ensures clear roadways and helps to prevent flooding. While normal waterfall events drain quickly, a 100-year downpour takes more time for the swales to recover. In the unlikely event of standing water please call 847-884-1727 so that appropriate signage can be deployed. Thanks again for safe driving on our township roads and enjoy a safe spring.



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



### SENIOR FREEZE EXEMPTION

The Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze "Senior Freeze" 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 at 847-285-4567 with any questions regarding property tax exemptions.

### KYC HARM REDUCTION RESOURCES

In the February 2024 Town Crier, the Kenneth Young Center's harm reduction resources website address was misspelled. It should have been [kennethyoung.org/resources/harm-reduction](http://kennethyoung.org/resources/harm-reduction).

### VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES EXEMPTION

The Veterans with Disabilities Exemption is for veterans with a service-connected disability as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA). Per new legislation, any veteran deemed 100% disabled and classified as "permanently and totally disabled" by the USDVA, will be automatically renewed during Tax Year 2023 (in 2024). Please note: all veterans not included in these designations must renew his/her exemption annually.

## TOWNSHIP CALENDAR



Please visit the township’s website at [www.schaumburgtownship.org](http://www.schaumburgtownship.org) for the most up-to-date event information.

RECURRING EVENTS	
1 <sup>ST</sup> Tuesday	<b>MENTAL HEALTH BOARD</b> 7 pm
1 <sup>ST</sup> Wednesday	<b>ALL ABOUT HEALTH**</b> 10 am <b>DE&amp;I COMMITTEE</b> 7 pm
2 <sup>ND</sup> Monday	<b>CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP*</b> 11 am
2 <sup>ND</sup> Tuesday	<b>NORTHWEST SUBURBAN PREGNANCY/ INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP***</b> 7 pm <b>SENIOR WILLS*</b> Appointment Only <b>DISABILITY &amp; SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE</b> 7 pm

RECURRING EVENTS	
2 <sup>ND</sup> & 4 <sup>TH</sup> Wednesday	<b>DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**</b> 10:30 am
3 <sup>RD</sup> Wednesday	<b>DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP ****</b> 10 am <b>BRIDGES TO MEMORY**</b> 2 pm <b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b> 7 pm   Cancellation possible if no agenda items.
4 <sup>TH</sup> Tuesday	<b>FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP</b> 7 pm
4 <sup>TH</sup> Wednesday	<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING</b> 7 pm

\* RSVP required at 847-285-4541

\*\* RSVP required at 847-285-4551

\*\*\* Email [jkottmeier@nch.org](mailto: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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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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 Timothy M.  
 Heneghan



TRUSTEE  
 Robert N. Fiorio



TRUSTEE  
 Demetrius J.  
 Gibson



TRUSTEE  
 Lauren Saternus



TRUSTEE  
 Matthew J. Steward



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 John R.  
 Lawson, CIAO



HIGHWAY  
 COMMISSIONER  
 Scott M. Kegarise

## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

Each year Townships across the state host Annual Town Meetings (ATM) in April. This meeting is run by the Township Clerk. At these meetings Township residents can review the Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement and learn about what the Township has accomplished in the previous year. The Annual Financial Statement includes information on the previous year's Town, Capital, General Assistance and Road and Bridge Funds. These meetings are vital in communicating how taxpayer dollars are being put back into the community through Township programs and services. If you were unable to attend this year's meeting, find all the documents presented on our Township website's transparency page: [schaumburgtownship.org/transparency/budgets-financial-reports/](http://schaumburgtownship.org/transparency/budgets-financial-reports/).

The next ATM will be April 8, 2025.



*Supervisor Heneghan visits with AARP Tax-Aid Local Coordinator John at the Township's popular tax program.*