

**JULY 2024**



# THE *TOWN CRIER*

## **PACK THE BUS AUGUST 3 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 or Commissioner Kevin Morrison's Office (1325 Wiley Rd, Suite 141, Schaumburg, IL) now - August 2. Order from our wishlist for easy shopping: [tinyurl.com/2nduje68](https://tinyurl.com/2nduje68).
2. Bring donations to our Pack the Bus event at the West Schaumburg Target (2621 Schaumburg Road) on August 3 from 9 - 3 pm.
3. Consider monetary donations on our website ([tinyurl.com/5sn3brev](https://tinyurl.com/5sn3brev)) or deliver a check (made to "Schaumburg Township" with "Pack the Bus" in the memo section) to the Township.

List of needed supplies:

- Spiral notebooks (wide ruled)
- Folders (solid colors)
- Headphones/earbuds
- Dry erase markers

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- Markers (thin and thick)
- Post-It notes/sticky notes, 3x3
- Supply box, standard size
- Backpack/school bag (3 ring binder needs to fit inside) - gender neutral
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks/white glue bottles
- 1" 3-ring hard binders, white (with clear plastic cover)
- Binder dividers (set of 5)
- Crayons - 36, 24, and 16 count
- Pens (black, blue, red)
- Handheld pencil sharpener with 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)

## THANK YOU, COMMUNITY

A heartfelt thank you to all of the Township of Schaumburg Community Food Drive and Annual Mail Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger donors! Thousands of pounds of food were received this year. The Township food pantry is consistently serving over 1,100 households each month, and every donation is important and appreciated. The food collected directly supports neighbors in need, alleviating food insecurity in our community. If you are interested in being a regular donor and would like to receive an email with our monthly needs, please contact Marianne at [mrogenski@schtwn.org](mailto:mrogenski@schtwn.org).



## DEAF SERVICES AVAILABLE AT SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP

For 32 years the Township of Schaumburg has been the only township in Illinois to offer Deaf and Hard of Hearing services. Deaf Services Coordinator Sarita Phadke is fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) and provides free counseling on benefit programs such as Medicare, RTA, Social Security, Benefit Access Program, Medicaid and more. She also helps with advocacy, referrals and information.

Beyond these vital services, Coordinator Phadke hosts a monthly Deaf Social/Support Group that offers socialization, games and educational presentations. Deaf Services also coordinates monthly educational health presentations, a Diabetes Support Group for the Deaf, virtual bingo and coffee chat, field trips, cooking classes, breakfast social and much more - all in ASL or with a certified interpreter. The Deaf Services Coordinator is a bridge within the Township and assists clients when working with other Township departments.

Interested in learning more about Deaf Services? Schedule an appointment, sign up for the bi-monthly print newsletter Deaf Line or schedule an agency, school or community presentation on Deafness and Deaf Culture at 224-520-9763 or [sphadke@schtwn.org](mailto:sphadke@schtwn.org).



## CALLING ALL GARDENERS

Have a home garden? Looking for a place to bring your extra produce? Please consider donating to the Township of Schaumburg food pantry! The Township is committed to providing healthy options to our neighbors in need. The pantry accepts donations Monday-Friday, 8:30 - 5 pm. The North entrance can be used for easy access to drop off your harvest. Happy gardening!



By Trustee Saternus

To meet the growing demand for programming and services, Schaumburg Township is undergoing a transformative construction project. Splitting our multipurpose room into two levels with flexible floor plans will maximize usable space. This enables expansion of programming for seniors, events for people with disabilities, mental health services, community events and more.

This project has been designed to best use the space that we already have and will add 2,837 square feet to the Township. Its movable partitions make up to seven additional meeting rooms as well as several offices. This renovation essentially doubles our meeting spaces and can accommodate groups large and small.

From improving the accessibility of our building to kicking off the Mental Health Board's first fiscal year, progress has been abundant at Schaumburg Township. Through all the change, our Board's vision to improve the lives of all those we serve has held constant. We take great pride in acting on this goal, and we hope all residents share in that sense of pride for our township.



*New office space is constructed at the Township.*

## BRIDGES TO MEMORY

Are you the caregiver for someone with dementia or Alzheimer's disease or do you find that you're not as sharp mentally as you once were? Join Community Health Nurse Janet Stachula, RN, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 2-3:30pm for Bridges to Memory.

At Bridges to Memory, we use various tools to stimulate your mind in a calm and safe environment for both care recipient and caregiver. We play games such as shake loose a memory, crossword puzzles, bingo and word search. We also listen to music, complete craft projects and enjoy group discussions. The group is great for networking with other caregivers to build a village in our community.

Come by yourself or bring the person you're caring for. Contact Nurse Stachula, RN, to register at 847-285-4551 or [nurse@schtwn.org](mailto:nurse@schtwn.org).



## REMEMBERING MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEMBER KEN HAYCOCK

The Mental Health Board is saddened by the passing of Board Member Ken Haycock. Ken was an enthusiastic member and passionate advocate for mental health services. In his short time on the Board, he made a big impact by being an instrumental force in obtaining a free Narcan dispenser at the Township in partnership with the Kenneth Young Center. Ken's affable personality will be sorely missed.

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## DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

### Diamond Painting

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday | 10 am | \$5 plus the price of kit  
Township of Schaumburg

Diamond Painting is a fun, relaxing and easy to learn art form for people of all ages. It requires no prior experience in painting or drawing. Kits range in price from \$10 to \$14 each.

### Summer Celebration

July 20 | 11 - 1 pm | FREE

Registration Deadline: July 5

Poplar Creek Bowling Alley

Schaumburg Township invites individuals with disabilities and their families to show off their amazing bowling skills at Poplar Creek Bowling Alley in Hoffman Estates on July 20 from 11 - 1 pm. The free event will have games, prizes and food. Registration is required at 847-285-4541 by July 5.

### 50+ Active Retirement Fair

August 7 | 5 - 8 pm | FREE

Schaumburg Library (130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg)

Looking for ways to stay active and engaged in retirement? The 50+ Active Retirement Fair aims to connect individuals seeking an active retirement with agencies that offer local volunteer, recreational and lifelong learning opportunities for retirees. Sponsored by Schaumburg Township District Library, Township of Schaumburg and Institute for Continued Learning at Roosevelt University.

### Septemberfest Free Rides for Individuals with Disabilities

August 31 | 9 - 11 am | FREE | Registration Required

Registration Window: July 15 - August 30 OR until filled

Join the Township of Schaumburg Disability & Senior Services Department for the annual Septemberfest Free Rides Program for persons with disabilities and their immediate families and caregivers on August 31 from 9 - 11 am on the Septemberfest Carnival Grounds.

Registration will be open July 15 - August 30 or until filled. Registration is required by calling 847-285-4541 or emailing [disabilityservices@schtwn.org](mailto:disabilityservices@schtwn.org) and must include the disabled person's name and address along with how many persons will be attending. Walk-ups on the day of the event will **NOT** be accepted. This event is limited to the first 500 guests and will fill quickly, so please register early. Please note:

- The person with the disability must reside in the Village of Schaumburg or the Township of Schaumburg.
- 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 weather-dependent and may be cancelled or delayed. The event will not be rescheduled if cancelled. Free Rides is hosted by the Village of Schaumburg, sponsored by Fantasy Amusement Company, Inc. and coordinated by the Township of Schaumburg.



## CLERK'S CORNER : W. ROBERT VINNEDGE

## FREE RABIES VACCINE AND MICROCHIP CLINIC SEPTEMBER 14

In partnership with Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control, the Township is proud to host a free rabies vaccine and microchip clinic on September 14 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](http://cookcountyl.gov/service/rabies-vaccination-tags). Information about the microchips used can be found at [avidid.com](http://avidid.com). For more information about the clinic please contact the Clerk's Office at 847-285-4561.

## FREE DRUG TAKEBACK BOX COLLECTS 175 LBS



The Township is delighted to report that our Drug Takeback collection box, in partnership with Cook County Sheriff's Office, has been in place for seven months and has collected 175 lbs. of unused prescription drugs. The collection box is free, safe and anonymous for all unused and expired prescription and non-prescription drugs. No

liquids or syringes are accepted, and drugs should not be brought into the Township building. Remember when it comes to unused/expired prescription drugs:

- Don't toss or flush.
- Don't leave them lying around unattended.
- Don't throw them in the trash or down the sink.
- Don't flush them down the toilet.

## VETERANS HONOR ROLL RECIPIENT



*Staff Sergeant John Zielinski is honored by the Board of Elected Officials. Staff Sergeant Zielinski served in the U.S. Army from 2002 to 2023.*

## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM PASSPORT SCAMS

Beware of scammers taking advantage of the rising demand for passports and long processing times. You should never pay to fill out or download passport applications. All applications are available for free on [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org) or [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov). Consider these tips to stay protected.

**Avoid unsolicited offers:** Ignore unexpected emails, texts or calls offering passport services. Government agencies will not contact applicants out of the blue.

**Know the fees:** Processing fees for passports are the same across all acceptance agencies and applications are free online at any time.

**Apply in person:** You cannot apply for any passport online at this time. You must appear in front of a licensed passport acceptance agent in-person.

**Verify sources:** Only use official agency websites from the U.S. Department of State or the Township – scammers create fake websites that mimic official sources.

**Protect information:** Do not share personal or financial details with someone claiming to expedite a passport application, especially online or over the phone.

The Township passport service is walk-in only Monday - Friday from 9 - 4 pm. Call the Clerk's Office at 847-285-4561 with any questions!

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

Construction season has arrived. Engineering studies are now in process for Spring South. This roadway is approximately 50% incorporated and 50% unincorporated. The Village of Schaumburg and Schaumburg Township Road District have entered into an intergovernmental agreement to secure funding in support of this proposed project. The estimated cost of rebuilding one of the heaviest traveled roadways in the Township is \$5,000,000.00. As with all construction projects, this will be a temporary inconvenience to our residents but will yield long-term area improvements in traffic flow, parking and storm drainage. Not only will this area soon come under construction, but other residential roads in the unincorporated area are also scheduled for repair or milling and renovation. Please slow down in construction areas. Workers want to go home to family not the hospital. Our decennial report is complete and filed with the county. Thanks to our team for the professional efforts they accomplish on a daily basis. We are truly fortunate to have such dedicated staff working on behalf of Schaumburg Township taxpayers.



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



### NEW AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES EXEMPTION FOR TAX YEAR 2023

Residents who received the Persons with Disability Exemption last year (tax year 2022) will be automatically renewed going forward. New applicants for this calendar year will need to complete an application. The Person with Disabilities Exemption provides an annual \$2,000 reduction in the equalized assessed value (EAV) of the property. Residents with questions can call the Township Assessor's Office at 847-285-4567.

### SECOND INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAX BILLS MAILED IN JULY

Second installment property tax bills are typically mailed in July. The balance is calculated by subtracting the first installment from the total taxes due for the present year. Second installment bills should reflect all successful appeals and exemptions.

## SEPTEMBER IS RECOVERY AWARENESS MONTH

According to the National Institutes of Health, one in ten adults in the U.S. lives with a substance use disorder. National Recovery Month is an opportunity to build awareness and understanding of substance use recovery, and to celebrate those living healthy lives after struggling with addiction. Kenneth Young

Center offers both clinical and nonclinical prevention, intervention and treatment options for individuals and families working toward recovery. Recovery is possible! If you or someone you love needs support, visit [kennethyoung.org](http://kennethyoung.org) or call 847-524-8800.

## 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 (August and September)
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 (September)

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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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



SUPERVISOR  
Timothy M.  
Heneghan



TRUSTEE  
Robert N. Fiorio



TRUSTEE  
Demetrius J.  
Gibson



TRUSTEE  
Lauren Saternus



TRUSTEE  
Matthew J. Steward



CLERK  
W. Robert  
Vinnedge



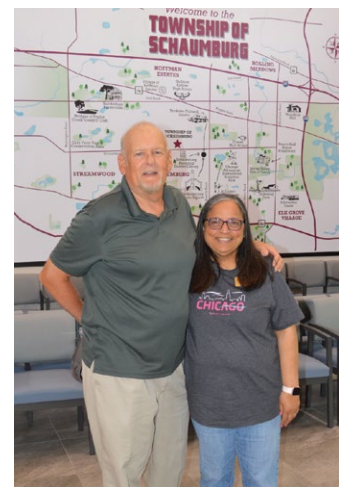
ASSESSOR  
John R.  
Lawson, CIAO



HIGHWAY  
COMMISSIONER  
Scott M. Kegarise

## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

Many people in the community know the Township of Schaumburg for our robust food pantry. Or perhaps they are familiar with our Assessor's Office during property tax appeals time. However, the Township has a litany of services that some may not know about. For example, did you know the Township offers FREE notary public service? We have several notaries on staff who will notarize documents without an appointment needed. A list of accepted documents for notarization can be found at [tinyurl.com/79a7p3a9](https://tinyurl.com/79a7p3a9). Residents may also be aware of our no-appointment-needed passport service but may not know we take passport photos for \$10. The Township also offers monthly support groups for the Deaf community, caregivers and people affected by Alzheimer's disease and dementia, diabetes, fibromyalgia and pregnancy and infant loss. Information on these free support groups can be found at [tinyurl.com/478xhbtt](https://tinyurl.com/478xhbtt). The Township is also one of the few Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) testing centers in our area! ITAC offers free phone equipment to qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. Qualified residents can test the phones at the Township to select the phone with the optimal hearing results for them. Each phone has varying levels of amplification and adjustments for tone and clarity. Make an appointment with Disability & Senior Services at 847-285-4541. This list merely scratches the surface of the amazing services the Township offers. Stop by to check us out and learn more by following us on social media.



Supervisor Heneghan and Deaf Services Coordinator Sarita Phadke. Coordinator Phadke celebrated her 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary at the Township in 2024.