

SEPTEMBER 2024



THE *TOWN CRIER*

COATS FOR KIDS OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 1

Schaumburg Township is collecting NEW coats, snow pants, winter boots, hats and gloves for low-income students in School District 54. Help us bring confidence and warmth to our kids by dropping off donations to the Township, Hoffman Estates Park District, Schaumburg Township District Library and Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison's Office. Additional locations and addresses found at schaumburgtownship.org. The generous support of our community is amazing and appreciated! For more information, contact Marianne at mrogenski@schtwn.org or 847-285-4630.



Marianne Rogenski accepts a Coats for Kids donation from Mike Rapp of the Schaumburg-Hoffman Lion's Club.

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HOLIDAY DONATIONS NEEDED

Make the holiday season a bit brighter by adopting a resident in need! The Township of Schaumburg hosts two holiday adoption programs:

Welfare Services Adopt-A-Family

- Serving families in need.
- Contact Marianne Rogenski (mrogenski@schtwn.org; 847-285-4630).

Disability & Senior Services Holiday Adoption

- Serving older adults and people with disabilities in need.
- Contact Becky Cordes (bcordes@schtwn.org; 847-285-4541).

Donors are matched with eligible community members in need and then asked to go shopping, wrap the gifts and deliver the gifts to Township staff in early December. If you are unable to adopt, but still want to make a difference this holiday season, please contact Marianne and/or Becky as there are additional ways to give. All interested donors should contact the Township by October 31.



TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 24

October 24 | 3 - 7 pm | FREE

Join us for an evening of fun at the Township's drive-through Trunk or Treat on October 24 at One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. Participation is easy! Drive-through our parking lot and local vendors will hand out candy through your car window. Due to overwhelming interest, the Trunk or Treat line will close at 6:30 pm.



BLOOD DRIVE SEPTEMBER 30

September 30 | 1:30 - 6:30 pm | FREE

In partnership with Vitalant, the Township is hosting a blood drive on September 30 from 1:30 - 6:30 pm at One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. For each presenting blood donor, Vitalant will give \$20 to the Township Food Pantry – thus, every donor will support two important missions! Sign up to donate at tinyurl.com/4pdk3frw or by scanning the QR code below.





By Trustee Steward

Did you know the Township has several support groups tackling tough issues such as caregiving for a sick family member, dealing with memory loss and pregnancy or infant loss? Support groups are a vital resource where people can share and learn from each other in a safe environment. Even if you aren't ready to share your own experiences, it can be helpful to hear from others facing the same problems. Regularly attending a support group can offer benefits* like feeling less isolated, reducing stress, improving coping skills, gaining empowerment, maintaining motivation and increasing understanding.

The Township's support groups are free and held at the Township building. Details on the groups mentioned above:

- **Caregiver Support Group:** Director of Disability & Senior Services Becky Cordes facilitates a group for caregivers on the 2nd Monday of each month at 11 am.
- **Bridges to Memory:** A social program, facilitated by Nurse Stachula, RN, for people living with Alzheimer's disease, dementia or memory loss and their care partners. Held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2 pm.
- **The Northwest Suburban Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group:** A bereavement support group for those who have lost their child during or after pregnancy is available every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Email jkottmeier@nch.org or call 847-285-4551 for more information.

A full list of support groups can be found on our website: schaumburgtownship.org/services/support-groups/

*Source: tinyurl.com/5n6ny4b9

FREE AND LOW-COST DIABETES SUPPORT

According to the CDC*, 11.6% of the U.S. population has diabetes. Diabetes can impact your total health and if unmanaged, it can reduce your life expectancy. Nurse Stachula, RN, offers many free and low-cost diabetes-focused services. Test your A1C for \$12 (cash only, by appointment), learn from others at our free Diabetes Support Group (Hearing 2nd/4th Wednesday at 10:30 am; Deaf and Hard of Hearing 4th Tuesday 10 am) and gain personalized education with a free diabetes consultation with Nurse Stachula, RN (by appointment). Diabetes doesn't have to be debilitating. Let us help you manage it with free and low-cost services! Learn more by contacting the nurse at 847-285-4551 or jstachula@nch.org.

*Source: tinyurl.com/52vxefbw



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

Medicare Annual Enrollment occurs every October 15 - December 7, wherein recipients can decide to review and make changes to Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) and Medicare Advantage (Part C) Plans. Coverage gets 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 are required and can be scheduled at 847-285-4541. Phone appointments are available. You can also call 800-MEDICARE or the State of Illinois SHIP Hotline at 800-252-8966 for assistance.

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MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Since forming in February 2023, the Schaumburg Township Mental Health Board (MHB) has jumped head-first into identifying barriers impacting underserved Township residents battling issues related to mental health, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders, as well as continuing grant funding to agencies that provide services to them. Through a needs-assessment conducted by the MHB, some of the most glaring hurdles to assistance are insurance, finances, transportation, language, cultural customs and stigma. The Board, made of seven volunteer members appointed by the Township Supervisor, aims to address these and any barriers to make care accessible to all. Whether you are a seeker of services, healthcare professional or simply curious of the work being done, the MHB values your input and partnership. Learn more about the MHB on our website (schaumburgtownship.org/our-township/mental-health-board), by attending a monthly meeting (1st Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm at the Township) or by contacting the MHB at info@tosmhb.org or 847-285-4517.



DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

Vaccination Clinic

September 24 | 10:30 am | 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 Open Enrollment Presentation

October 15 | 11 am | FREE

Medicare Open Enrollment starts October 15 and ends December 7. In this presentation, the discussion will focus on what can be done during the open enrollment period and Medicare updates for 2025. No registration required.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION (DE&I) DISPATCH

WEBSITE TRANSLATE BUTTON ADDED

In an effort to increase access, equity and inclusion to our services, we've added a Google translate button to our website. Visitors can now translate the information on our website in over 130 languages. Find the button on the top left of any page on schaumburgtownship.org.

DE&I COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

The DE&I Committee is accepting applications for membership. The group aims to assess Township operations and services and recommends actions to the Township Board of Officials regarding diversity, equity and inclusion. The group also identifies and facilitates ongoing DE&I educational and professional growth opportunities for staff and residents. The DE&I Committee meets every 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the Township of Schaumburg September-May. If you live, work or volunteer in Schaumburg Township, are over 14 and are not employed by any agency receiving funds from Schaumburg Township, you may be eligible for membership. Please contact us at dgibson@schtwn.org to apply.

CLERK'S CORNER: W. ROBERT VINNEDGE

WALK-IN PASSPORT SERVICE

Get your passport and photo at the Township with our no-appointment-needed service Monday-Friday 9 - 4 pm. Not sure what to bring? Give us a call at 847-285-4561 or visit our website at schaumburgtownship.org/services/us-passport.



VETERANS HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS



Specialist Charles E. Poremba honored at a Township Board of Elected Officials meeting.

Specialist Charles E. Poremba

U.S. Army 1989 - 1991

Sergeant Roy Svenson

U. S. Army 1966

Specialist 4 Kenneth W. Bassett

U.S. Army 1967 - 1972

RECOVERY MONTH, NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

As we honor Recovery Month and National Suicide Prevention Month this September, Kenneth Young Center (KYC) and the Township want residents to know that they are not alone, and that there are caring professionals available 24/7 to help whenever you need support. Following the nationwide model of best practice, KYC provides:

- Someone to call. Residents can call 988 or KYC's crisis line at 847-383-0406 any time to talk with a trained mental health professional. Callers who are Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened can call 1-800-273 TALK (8255) from a videophone.
- Someone to respond. Mental health professionals can be dispatched to help you anywhere in the Township by calling 847-383-0406.
- Somewhere to go. Adults needing a safe place to go for mental health support can visit KYC's Living Room, located at 1585 W. Dempster, Suite 110 in Mt. Prospect, IL. The Living Room is staffed with specialists who can help day or night, with no appointment and no cost.

Learn more about KYC at kennethyoung.org.



BARN TOUR OCTOBER 19

October 19 | 12:30 pm | \$25

Join the Schaumburg Township Historical Society, the Schaumburg Township District Library and the Township of Schaumburg on the BARNs: Then and Now historical tour. Ticket sales start September 4 and seating is limited. Purchase tickets, learn more about the tour and find event contact information at tinyurl.com/43enbm7n.

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

Another summer full of activities has passed and hopefully yours was safe and fulfilling. The Road District paved Half Lane, Roslyn Road, Valley View Road, Crest Avenue, Pleasant Drive and Parkview Drive. We appreciate your cooperation during the construction. Additionally, we are also participating in an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Schaumburg for the renovation of Spring South.

For the third year in a row, we reduced the levy while working within our budget and being prudent with expenditures. Seven municipalities are within the Township boundaries, and each receives a share of collected taxes, which is sent to their public works effectively redistributing half of the collected levy. Our dedicated employees are preparing for winter, and we hope that your fall has been safe. Please contact 847-884-1727 with your Road District questions and concerns.



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



EMAIL OR IN-PERSON APPEALS IN SEPTEMBER

The Cook County Assessor’s Office will open property tax appeals this fall, likely in September. Township Assessor’s Office staff can assist with appeals for free, via email or in-person, without an appointment. Email Victor Morales at vmorales@schtn.org your name, home address, property index number (PIN #), phone number and email address. This is the fastest and most convenient way to appeal – no visit to the office is required. Emails must be received at least one hour before closing on the last day of appeals. Walk-in service is also available. Please bring your pin number, phone number, email and home address.

While we do not have a timeline or actual dates on when appeals will open for our township, feel free to check the Cook County Assessor’s website at cookcountyassessor.com under Appeal and Deadlines for the actual date or await for the notice letters to arrive at your mailbox. All successful appeals are always reflected on the following year’s 2nd Installment Property Tax bill only.



L to R: Kevin Snow, Victor Morales, Assessor Lawson, Joe Kolodziej and Mary Pat Follet.

REMEMBERING DEPUTY ASSESSOR JOE KOLODZIEJ

The Township of Schaumburg is terribly saddened to share the passing of Deputy Assessor Joe Kolodziej. Joe was a true master in the art of assessment. He was a fierce advocate for residents and cared deeply about offering great and accurate service to the community. Residents who came to the Township Assessor’s Office will remember Joe for his expansive knowledge and helpfulness. We will miss him dearly and send our thoughts to his family and friends.

TOWNSHIP CALENDAR



Please visit the township’s website at www.schaumburgtownship.org for the most up-to-date event information.

RECURRING EVENTS	
Every Tuesday	SENIOR WILLS* Appointment only
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
	DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE 7 pm

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	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7 pm Cancellation possible if no agenda items.
	FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP 7 pm
4 TH Wednesday	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 7 pm

* RSVP required at 847-285-4541

** RSVP required at 847-285-4551

*** 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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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



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



Supervisor Heneghan observes gym expansion construction.

Construction continues at the Township with many exciting developments. I am thrilled to announce with support from Illinois Senator Laura Murphy, the Township has been awarded \$200,000 to be used toward infrastructure improvement. This investment in the Township will help community members come together for education and social enrichment and will allow the Township to expand vital programs and services. We'd like to extend a special thank you to Senator Laura Murphy for her advocacy!

The Township gym expansion project is well underway and we are in the final stages before breaking ground on the infrastructure needed to power our new electric transportation fleet. The Food Pantry also recently received a \$95,000 grant from the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) toward the instillation of a single-unit, 6-glass-door walk-in refrigerator. The new unit allows staff and volunteers to stock from behind, which increases efficiency and decreases disruption to food pantry clients. It also offers more storage, which is a constant concern in the Food Pantry. Thank you to the GCFD for its partnership in elevating the Township Food Pantry and its tireless efforts to end hunger.

The changes implemented are moving the Township toward more programming, environmentally conscious improvements and increased choices in healthy options for our food insecure neighbors. We appreciate our visitors' patience as we navigate the construction and cannot wait to unveil the renovated spaces.