



THE TOWN CRIER

THANK YOU HOLIDAY DONORS

The Township supports families, seniors and people with disabilities all year, but arguably the most magical support we give is during the holiday season. The magic is in how the community comes together to donate to their neighbors and the memories our clients make with their families. This year, 175 donors gave gifts in our holiday adoption programs to 336 households including families, seniors and people with disabilities in need. Thirty-eight percent of donors were new this year across all programs. Our Welfare Services Toy Store invited over 200 families to pick out toys for their loved ones. In addition, food pantry clients were able to pick out holiday meal main and side dish ingredients. In total, we gave out 1,931 whole turkeys, hams, turkey breasts and whole chickens during the holidays.

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Schaumburg Fire Department donated \$5,000 and adopted 12 families.

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NEED HELP BUYING FOOD?



SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is a federal program that helps people with limited income purchase food. There are Township caseworkers in both the Welfare Services (WS) and Disability & Senior Services (DSS) Departments available to assist with the application process. Please call for an appointment or with questions WS: 847-285-4503; DSS: 847-285-4541.

TOWNSHIP OPEN HOUSE



Come see the newly renovated Township building on March 19! We've made some incredible changes and invite the public for a tour and to learn about our programs and services. For more information check our website.

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Individuals, community groups and businesses made financial donations to the pantry, bought gifts, held food drives and volunteered their time this winter. We appreciate your generosity and thank you for your unending love for Schaumburg Township!



L to R: Each Disability & Senior Services adoptee was given a gift and home staples this holiday. Schaumburg High School staff donated gifts to 15 families.

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE AND LETTER CARRIERS' STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE APRIL 12 - MAY 10



Join us for a community food drive starting April 12 and ending with the annual National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 10. The Township food pantry is currently serving over 1,300 households per month. Donations are needed, and every donation makes a difference! A list of collection sites will be listed on our website or wait until May 10 and leave your donations in a bag by your mailbox for your mail carrier to pick up.

Please contact Marianne at 847-285-4630 or mrogenski@schtwn.org by March 20 if your organization is interested in being a collection site.



By Trustee Gibson

Scottish poet Robert Burns famously wrote, "The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry." This common saying speaks to many organizations when reflecting on goals or strategic plans, but not if you're the Township of Schaumburg. As we finish up our most recent strategic plan, I'd like to provide some highlights to illustrate all we've accomplished.

Staff piloted extended hours for high-demand services like the food pantry and Medicare Open Enrollment. We leaned into our Mission, Vision and Values and bolstered our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts by offering more inclusive foods to meet the needs of our food pantry clients, adding accessibility options and a translation button on our website and partnering with the Translation & Interpretation Network to offer translation support during client appointments.

Other key areas of focus were sustainability and infrastructure. We added solar panels and launched our electric vehicle bus transition. The Township also made many building updates to stay compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and increase space due to more programs and services offered to the community!

Each of these goals and more was accomplished in a fiscally responsible manner. This Board of Elected Officials never increased the levy during our term.

There are even more success stories around training, technology, programming, etc., which we are so excited to share with you, but there is not enough space to share here. We encourage you to join us at our monthly Township Board Meeting to get real-time updates and to attend our Annual Town Meeting on April 8 to learn about everything the Township does for you.

NATIVE PLANT SALE PRE-ORDER



The Schaumburg Community Garden Club welcomes online pre-orders for their annual Native Plant Sale starting the first week of March. Visit schaumburggardenclub.org to review available native wildflowers, grasses, perennials, trees and shrubs for purchase. The pre-order deadline is April 25. Pre-orders can be picked up the weekend of May 17-18 at Spring Valley Nature Center. Information regarding pick-up time and location will be shared after submitting your online order. Native plants enhance your landscape while nourishing nature!

DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SUPPORT



Every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2 - 3:30 pm, Community Health Nurse Janet Stachula, RN, hosts Bridges to Memory, a group where care recipient and caregiver can enjoy activities together. The free group gathers to craft, listen to music, reminisce, play games and have group discussions. Members can also network with other caregivers to build a village of support. Dementia and Alzheimer's disease can be daunting ailments to manage and care for, but support is available! Contact Nurse Stachula, RN, to register at 847-285-4551 or nurse@schtwn.org with any questions.

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LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE WITH KYC

We all play important roles supporting mental health in our communities. Increase your skills by taking a free mental health first aid training with Kenneth Young Center (KYC) – offered for youth and adults in English and Spanish. Mental Health First Aid teaches you the skills to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. The skills you learn can help you connect a person in need to appropriate care. Visit kennethyoung.org/events for upcoming trainings and to register. This training is great for organizations, too! Book a training at training@kennethyoung.org.

DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES MONTHLY COFFEE CHAT



3rd Wednesdays | 10 am | FREE

Join us for our Monthly Coffee Chat – an informal and welcoming opportunity to learn more about the range of disability and senior services available in our community. You'll have the chance to:

- Connect with the Director, Assistant Director and Committee Members of Disability & Senior Services. Share your thoughts, ask questions and engage in meaningful conversation about existing services.
- Learn about disability and senior services. Discover new programs, resources and supports.
- Offer suggestions. We value your input! Help shape future programs by providing feedback.

This monthly event is sponsored by the Township of Schaumburg's Disability & Senior Services Committee.

DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

In-person Bingo is Back

Thursdays | Doors open: 12 pm | Play begins: 1 pm
\$1 per card or \$5 for 6 cards (8 cards max; Cash only*)
Registration is required at schaumburgtownship.org or 847-285-4541.

Following a hiatus as we completed construction inside the former gym space, in-person bingo is back at the Township! Here is a reminder of our bingo procedures:

- Saving seats and/or tables is not allowed. Arrive at the same time as friends to find seats together.
- 15 games will be played each Thursday. Money collected for cards will be split into cash prizes for each game.
- A 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to the Schaumburg Township Foundation to support seniors in need is also available.

**Bills larger than \$10 will not be accepted.*

Tai Chi

Tuesdays | 1 pm | \$5 cash or Class Pass

Tai Chi is a low-impact, relaxing form of exercise to improve your muscle control, balance, flexibility and stability. This exercise can help lower your fall risk. No experience necessary. Registration preferred at 847-285-4541; walk-ins welcome.

Diamond Painting

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday | 10 am | \$5 plus price of kit

Diamond painting is a fun and easy-to-learn art form. Kits range in price from \$10-14. No experience necessary. Registration is required at least two days before each class at 847-285-4541 and a \$5 class payment is due at the door or at registration via cash, check or card. Cost of the kit will be paid directly to the instructor by cash only.

Chairobics

Wednesdays | 1 pm | \$5 cash or Class Pass

This sit-down exercise class includes low-impact aerobics with a blend of yoga stretches. You will develop friendships while bolstering your cardio fitness, muscular strength and flexibility! No experience necessary. Registration preferred at 847-285-4541; walk-ins welcome.

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD: INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES RESOURCES

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. According to University of Minnesota’s Residential Information Systems Project, as of 2019, there were 7.39 million people in the United States with an intellectual or developmental disability. Did you know that of those 7.39 million people, only one in five is getting publicly funded support? Intellectual and developmental disabilities are one of the three service areas the Mental Health Board (MHB) funds in our area. We are fortunate to work with several incredible community-based agencies who serve our residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The MHB funds: Center for Enriched Living, Clearbrook, GiGi’s Playhouse, Little City, Ray Graham Association, Resources for Community Living and Special Leisure Services Foundation. A full list of funded providers can be found at tinyurl.com/ys4czncv. If you need help finding support, contact the MHB at info@tosmhb.org or 847-285-4517.

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CLERK’S CORNER: W. ROBERT VINNEDGE



PASSPORT PHOTOS \$10

Township passport agents can take passport-approved photos for \$10 every Monday-Friday 9-4pm. Applicants will get two photos, one to send with your application and another to keep in case the Department of State asks for a second copy. No appointment needed. Questions? Call us at 847-285-4561 or visit our website: tinyurl.com/46kxzc9a.



NEW CHECK-IN PROCESS FOR GUESTS

Township visitors are now asked to sign in at the security desk using Greetly. You’ll get a nametag and be asked to wait in the lobby until staff are ready to see you. This new process will help manage the flow of clients as well as keep the building safe. One exception to this process is residents coming to pre-registered events, such as bingo, will not need to sign in. Questions? Reach out to Administrator Williams at 847-884-0030.

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

How do I know which agency maintains which roads? Negotiating the maze of highway jurisdiction can be both challenging and frustrating. Within a community you can have multiple jurisdictions. For example, in Schaumburg, Route 72 (Higgins Road) is a state highway; Wise and Schaumburg Roads are county highways; Salem, by Schaumburg High School, is a village road; 390 is a Toll Authority road; and unincorporated streets are plowed and maintained by your Township Road District. The color of the plow trucks also tell you whose road it is. In our area, white is township, red is village, green is county, orange is state and yellow is tollway. If you're still perplexed give us a call at 847-884-1727 and we will be glad to be of assistance. Be safe. Spring and construction season is near.



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



COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW APPEAL RESULTS

Cook County Board of Review appeal results will arrive to residents in late February or early March. Any successful appeals will be applied to the 2nd installment property tax bill issued in late summer.

FIRST INSTALLMENT COOK COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES

Cook County property taxes are typically due March 1. There are many ways to pay your 1st installment, including:

- Online at cookcountytreasurer.com, with checking or savings account
- At 400 Chase Bank locations in Illinois
- By mail, in enclosed return envelope
- Mortgage escrow (Taxpayers should confirm payment with their mortgage-paying firm.)

Taxpayers should remember all exemptions and appeals appear on the 2nd property tax installment. Questions? Call the Township Assessor's Office at 847-285-4569.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 8

Mark your calendar for our Annual Town Meeting on April 8 at 6 pm at the Township of Schaumburg. Clerk Vinnedge will present Township reports discussing department highlights and a review of goals accomplished and services rendered to the community.

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

* 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 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7 pm Cancellation possible if no agenda items.
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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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.

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Scott M. Kegarise

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

In late 2024, the Township was awarded the Best Township Innovative Program by the Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers for the Welfare Services Nutrition and Dietetics Internship Program. In partnership with Dominican University, graduate level dietetics interns share nutritional information with clients, educate staff and volunteers on cultural diversity and inclusion, and supply nutritious recipes using pantry staples. Thus far, the program has also seen success in the expansion of the Supporting Wellness at Pantries (SWAP) ranking system, which is used in our client choice pantry. SWAP helps educate and highlight nutrition with a color-coded system: Choose Often (green), Sometimes (yellow) and Rarely (red). Cultural education, understanding and inclusion have also been effective results of this program following the influx of pantry clients from different cultural backgrounds. Their research has had a tremendous impact on staff and volunteers' understanding and empathy for cultural differences. Future projects will include finding culturally focused food donations and additional client education. Congratulations to the Welfare Services team!



Highway Commissioner Kegarise, Director Cordes, Administrator Williams, Supervisor Heneghan, Director Nelson, Associate Director McGinn and Specialist Kettel accept this year's Best Township Innovative Program award.